COVID-19 UPDATE: Though our buildings have normal hours of operation, we continue to monitor the frequent changes to CDC guidelines as well as observe NY State laws and NF City Hall regulations regarding COVID-19 protocols. Thank you for your patience and support during this time.

Masks Still Required at Main and LaSalle Libraries

The masking policy for city-owned buildings established upon our opening to the public on July 1, 2020 remains in place. All visitors are required to wear a surgical mask, N95 mask or fabric face covering when in the building. No face mask = no service. Unmasked patrons must leave the building. Masks may be purchased from the library for a fee of $1.00.

View our 2020 Annual Report online www.niagarafallspubliclib.org

Library Closures

Library Day - Saturday, September 4 and Monday, September 6 2021
Columbus/Indigenous People’s Day - Saturday, October 9 - Monday, October 11 2021

Local History

The local history department is now open. Appointments are still encouraged, and will be required for archival material. Please email nlh@nioga.org or call 716-286-4899 to schedule an appointment today!

Main Library
1425 Main Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

A Message from the Director

Dear Patron,

Now that the summer heat has broken and we are feeling the crisp autumn air, why not re-discover your library? Library memberships are open to anyone living, working or studying in the three-county area of Niagara, Orleans, and Genesee. Bring in your ID and proof of residency. The resources of the 22 member Nioga Library System are open to you.

This Fall promises to be a busy one. During the month of September, both LaSalle and Main branches will be honoring the 20th anniversary of 9/11 with a poster exhibition, supplied by the 9/11 Museums in New York City. Or, visit our new monthly Civics Corner online www.niagarafallspubliclib.org to learn more about a relevant topic in American society. September’s theme will be ‘Voting’. Or join a reading group with one of our talented library staff.

The excitement is building for our new makerspace services. Through a generous grant from both the American Library Association as well as the Grace Foundation of Buffalo, we will begin offering tech and makerspace services this November. Improved printer services, a boosted wifi signal beyond our library walls, lending of hotspots to access wifi at home, 3D printers, tech classes, and more. More info to follow. We extend a huge thank you to the Grace Foundation and to the American Library Association for their support.

Thank you to Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, District 145, for his generous support of a $25,000 New York State Bullet Aid grant.

Finally, we welcome new staff to better serve you: Librarians Tom and Bridge as well as Library Clerks Assunta and Elizabeth.

Drop by our Main or LaSalle Branches and discover your library.

Sincerely,

Sarah Potwin
Executive Library Director
Each month you can try our themed challenge.

*Registration is required for all programs. Main Branch: 716-286-4902, LaSalle Branch: 716-283-8309

### Lego Club for Children in Elementary School
We provide the bricks, you provide the creativity!
Each week you can try our themed challenge - or just free build using your own ideas. The choice is yours!

LaSalle Library
Thursdays @ 10:30am
September 9 through December 16
(No class 11/11 & 11/25)

### Fall into Art for Children in Elementary School
Explore your creative side after school!
Each week we'll work on a new autumn-themed project.

9/22: Learn to draw cute animals
9/29: Create beautiful fall leaves using 4 watercolor paint techniques
10/6: Learn to paint and paint autumn trees
10/13: Create a cozy fall cat decoration
10/20: Create a funny face ghost and pumpkin decoration
10/27: Learn to draw a Day of the Dead Catrina

Main Library
Wednesdays @ 4:00 pm
September 22 - October 27

### Graphic Novel Club for Grades 4 - 6
If you love graphic novels, you have to join this club! At each meeting we'll talk about the book we've read, play a fun trivia game, and do other fun activities based on the book!

Main Library
Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, September 28 @ 4:00pm
Pick up our first book, vote on the next one, and discover your reading personality!
Regular club meetings: Tuesdays @ 4:00pm

October 12: Ghosts by Reina Telgemeier, November 9: Title TBD, December 7: Title TBD

### Stories and More for Ages 2 - 4
Loads of early learning fun - stories, songs, movement, crafts and more!

LaSalle Library
Thursdays @ 10:30am
September 9 through December 16
(No class 11/11 & 11/25)

### CIVICS CORNER
on display at the Main Library September - October 2021
Online at our website www.niagarafallspubliclib.org

#### October 2021

**Friday, 10/15 10am-11:30am. Writing Group.** Main Library Conference Room. Masks, social distancing, and registration required. Sign up at the Info Desk or email nfluibrarypro@gmail.com.

**Friday, 10/29 2pm – 3pm. Main Book Club.** Main Library Conference Room. We Need to Talk: How to Have Conversations that Matter by Celeste Headlee. Masks, social distancing, and registration required. Sign up at the Info Desk or email nfluibrarypro@gmail.com.

**On Display in October: Scary Good Reads; Civics Corner: Conversations**

**Take & Make (while kits last): Fall Door Decor**

**LaSalle Branch**

Welcome to *ap·er·ture*, a reading club meeting at noon on the second Thursday of every month at the LaSalle branch of the Niagara Falls Public Library, starting October 14th.

*ap·er·ture* attendees will delve into lively discussions around narratives that shed light on characters and cultures.

The first reading selection is *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros.

Masks, social distancing, and registration required. Sign up at the checkout desk or call 283-8309.

We welcome one and all to join us!