

January 06, 2024

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Introduction to Laser Cutting



Interested in using a laser cutter but have no idea where to start? In this session, we will show you the basics of 2D design using CorelDraw specifically with the laser cutter in mind. We will also teach you how to draw vector lines, cut out shapes and letters, and saving your design. When finished, you will feel comfortable enough to make designs for cutting and engraving. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Technology —Tech Training —Makerspace —DIY —

Snow Science at Schneider Haus!



Start your New Year off with some sensational snow science! Join us from January 3rd to January 7th and take part in examining snow under mini microscopes, making ice bubbles, and experimenting with a snow volcano! After an afternoon in the snow join us inside the museum to warm up with hot chocolate and cookies.

Queer Craft Circle



LGBTQ2S+ identifying individuals are invited to explore a different creative project each month in a fun and safe space. Join us for this fun, casual program. Together we will explore a new creative project with a guest artist each month. Registration is limited to 2S LGBTQ+ identified people in the Waterloo Region. No experience is necessary and all materials are provided. About the instructor: Brittany Sostar is an emerging artist who makes drawings, photographic series, collages, zines, and performance pieces. These works aim to explore identity, relationships, and perceptions. In reconfiguring the familiar and society's deemed 'norms', Brittany draws attention to areas of disruption that can be made within repetitive or habitual behaviors and modes of thinking. Most recently, these areas of focus are being applied to a body of works and research projects focusing on gender, queerness, and kinship. This program is offered in partnership with Spectrum, Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community

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Shake, Rattle, and Read



Come shake, rattle, and read with us! Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. Explore fun, active, and hands-on activities with your little one. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. This will help us provide the best possible experience. COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Preschool —Baby —

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Sensory Tales



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Kindergarten Connections



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Knit 'n' Chat Meet-Up



Share your ideas and creations with fellow knitters. Whether you’re an expert, or just starting out, everyone is welcome to participate or just have some friendly conversation. Cost: FreeAGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Knitting —

INSPIRE



Group activities focused on friendship building and empathy. We’ll be focusing on the power of empathy and developing that superpower within us. Group activities focus on friendship building, what empathy is, how can we show empathy, barriers to showing empathy, bullying etc. The groups are highly interactive through the use of cooperative games, video clips, and group activities that create an environment that promotes building self confidence, developing communication skills, making new friends, and of course, having

some fun. This program is facilitated by Women's Crisis Services. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Tween —School Aged —Arts —

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Preschool Picassos



Draw out your child's inner Picasso with amazing art

projects. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. Each week, you and your child will use imagination and fun art supplies to explore and create. Please dress to get messy. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. This will help us provide the best possible experience. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —Preschool —Arts —

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Sensory Break

We welcome families to join us for an hour of sensory exploration. Whether you need to move your body, or rest in a calming environment, this is a great opportunity to explore sensory toys and activities. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Preschool —

Baby and Me

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The Art of Math

Have you ever wondered how art and math are related? Each week we will take a look at a new math concept, take part in games and activities, and create a math-based art project. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —Arts —

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Paws for Reading

It is fur-r-rreal! Join a class of therapy dogs for the ultimate reading practice program. Children learn about therapy dogs from volunteers then get to read to the doggies. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Therapy Dog —Animals —

Simple Machines

Each week we will create a different simple machine. Explore levers, pulleys, wheels, and gears in this fun and interactive STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) based craft program. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —Crafts —

Ukulele Meet-Up

Enjoy singing and smiling while strumming your ukulele with this casual group. All skill levels are welcome. If needed, you can borrow a ukulele with your Idea Exchange membership. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Kids —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Ukulele —Music —Meet-Up —Instruments —

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PJ Tales Under the Rainbow

We are happy to host PJ Tales Under the Rainbow. Read along with stories, make crafts, and have fun playing together in a safe and supported environment for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth, families, and allies. This program is generously funded by a grant from the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation. In collaboration with SPECTRUM, Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community Space. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —SPECTRUM —School

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Music n' Motion



A high-energy dance party where we will move our bodies and create musical-themed crafts. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. We will sing, dance, read a story, and then make an instrument using household objects. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. This will help us provide the best possible experience. COST: Free AGE GROUP: — Kids — EVENT TYPE: — Programs + Workshops — TAGS: — Preschool — Music —

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Move and Groove



Get ready to move and groove! Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. We will practice jumping, crawling, balancing, dancing, and more at this station-based gross motor program. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. This will help us provide the best possible experience. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —School Aged —Preschool —

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Around the World



Grab your passports and boarding passes as we travel to a different country every week. We will play games, read stories, and create crafts that are from different countries around the world. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Storytime —School Aged —Games —Crafts —

Collaborative Comics



Collaborative comics/manga writing and drawing exercise. Each member writes and draws a single comic panel and then passes to the next person to complete an improvised sequential art story. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Writing —Manga —Drawing —Comics —Arts —

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friendly Idea Exchange volunteers. These weekly sessions cover various topics, featuring group activities and one-on-one or one-on-two practice in a fun and helpful environment. For this program you are welcome to bring children aged 3+ with you to play and engage with our volunteers in the children's program room. Children 3 and under must remain with their parents in the program. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Newcomers —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Learn English —Language —ESL —Conversation —

Fibre Arts Meet-Up



Join other fibre arts enthusiasts as you work on your own project in a social environment. Share ideas and tips with like-minded folks related to knit, crochet, embroidery, macrame, sewing, and other fibre arts for a weekly social meet-up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Meet Up —Fibre —Crafts —Arts —

Mixed Up Masterpieces



No rules, no pressure, lots of glitter, and lots of fun. Disasterpieces are the name of the game as we explore our creative side through recycled items, destroyed dolls, wreck-it journals, and more. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Tween —School Aged —Crafts —Arts —

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Homeschool Makers

An interactive opportunity to explore a wide range of maker equipment. From innovative technologies to traditional art forms, explore something new each week. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Technology —Arts —

The SWAG Club

Snacks with arts and games! Hang out with a cool group of like-minded peeps and bring out your creative side. Every week has a different theme featuring unique take-home projects or games in a chill atmosphere. Grab your friends and join us for The SWAG Club! COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Tween —Games —Arts —

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SPECTRUM Cambridge Transgender Peer Support Group



Join SPECTRUM for a discussion and to meet other local gender-diverse folks. Funded by a grant from the Cambridge and North Dumfries Community Foundation, the bi-weekly Cambridge Transgender Peer Support Group is an informal, discussion-based, drop-in program. This group is a space for adults that identify within the trans/gender variant umbrella. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —SPECTRUM —Queer —Pride —2SLGBTQIA+ —

Pyjama Tales



Wear your pajamas and bring a stufie to this evening storytime for families. Wear your pajamas and bring a stufie to this evening storytime for families. Hear a bedtime story, sing songs, and make a craft to take home. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Storytime —School Aged —Preschool —

Bad Craft Night



Create a beautifully bad artwork, all fun and no pressure! All craft materials provided. AGE GROUP: —Teens —Cambridge Art Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Arts —

Kindness Rocks



Sing, dance, and practice self-confidence. It's time to sing and dance together to celebrate love! This music-based program encourages self-confidence as your little one practices new skills. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Singing —School Aged —Preschool —Music —Dancing —

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As a primary settlement agency in Cambridge, YMCA Immigrant Services acts as a "first stop" for newcomers. Through the YMCA Library Settlement Partnerships (LSP), our Settlement Workers are located within the libraries to continue to support newcomer and immigrant needs. Our Settlement Workers can provide support with citizenship, housing, education, English language assessments, connecting with community resources, and much more. Through our collaboration with Idea Exchange, together we are working to foster a smooth transition into the Cambridge community. The Library Settlement Partnership program is a partnership of Idea

Exchange, the YMCA's Immigrant Services Program, and Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). Services Offered: Virtual settlement support to newcomers. Information Sessions relevant to newcomer needs in collaboration with Idea Exchange. LSP staff provide orientation to Library Services and referrals. Services available virtually, over the phone, and

Time for Twos and Threes



Bring your tot for some late-morning fun. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. Join us for fun and engaging stories, songs, and activities for 2 and 3-year-olds and their caregiver each week. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. This will help us provide the best possible experience. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Preschool —

Old Post Office Book Club



Meet monthly to discuss a pre-selected title, share thoughts, and learn more about the books we love. Winter Book Titles: Pick up a copy of the next month's book from the Old Post Office starting the 2nd Friday of the month prior. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Book Clubs —TAGS: —

Explore on the Floor



Let's Play! Let your little one play, discover, and explore in a variety of fun-filled, hands-on learning activity centers. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —Preschool —

The Imagination Station



Let your imagination run wild! From playing dress-up, to flying in a make-believe airplane, children will have the opportunity to explore themselves and the world around them. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Preschool —

Dough Rae Me



Learn how to make different sensory doughs using everyday ingredients. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. Learn how to make different sensory doughs using everyday ingredients. Interaction through songs and self-expression activities will have you returning each week. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. This will help us provide the best possible experience. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —School Aged —Preschool —

Preschool Picassos



Draw out your child's inner Picasso with amazing art projects. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. Each week, you and your child will use imagination and fun art supplies to explore and create. Please dress to get messy. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. This will help us provide the best possible experience. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —Preschool —Arts —

Shake, Rattle, and Read



Come shake, rattle, and read with us! Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. Explore fun, active, and hands-on activities with your little one. Complete a registration for EACH CHILD attending the program. This will help us provide the best possible experience. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Preschool —Baby —

Teen Trivia



From hit TV shows to professional sports, we will put your knowledge to the test. New themes weekly, and prizes to be won! COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Trivia —

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Practice Your English



Meet new friends, learn about your community, share your culture and customs, and practice your English. Join us for casual conversation and connection led by experienced and friendly Idea Exchange volunteers. These weekly sessions cover various topics, featuring group activities and one-on-one or one-on-two practice in a fun and helpful environment. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Newcomers —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Learn English —Language —ESL —Conversation —

Pokémon Allegiance



Pokémon fans unite! Join fellow Pokémon enthusiasts for an hour of trading, gaming, and crafting. Please note: Participants are responsible for their own trades. Idea Exchange is not liable for any trades deemed unfair. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Tween —School Aged —Pokemon —Pokémon —Gaming —Crafting —

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