Cambridge Events 2024-06-29

June 29, 2024

DIY Rainbow Earrings



Show your PRIDE with a pair of adorable macrame-style rainbow earrings! Create a pair of macrame-style rainbow earrings in this self-directed workshop. Instructions and supplies will be provided. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Queer —Pride —Maker —Crafts —Arts —2SLGBTQIA+ —

June 30, 2024

Sunday Closures 2024



All Idea Exchange locations will be closed on Sundays starting May 19, 2024 through to and including September 1, 2024. Though our buildings are closed, you can access our online resources such as eBooks, audiobook, magazines, movies, and educational materials at any time. If you are not currently a member, sign-up for a free online membership to start borrowing digital materials and accessing online resources. Items can be renewed online or over the telephone (519-740-3000) while we are closed. You can also visit the Cambridge Art Galleries online to view the Fibre Art Collection digitally. AGE GROUP: —Teens —Newcomers —Kids —Cambridge Art Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Special Events —TAGS: —

Strawberry Tea by the Grand at McDougall Cottage



Who can resist juicy red strawberries and whipped cream, piled high on a freshly made scone, served alongside fresh cucumber and cream cheese tea sandwiches, smoked salmon cream cheese pinwheels, bottomless tea, and more, served in the cozy comfort of our cozy, 165 year old stone Cottage? Don't even try to resist! Plan to join us for this everpopular annual tea when we celebrate these succulent little

jewels of summer. Please note: If you have questions regarding dietary restrictions please contact us before purchase at mcdougall@regionofwaterloo.ca. Gluten-free options are only available at our specialty gluten-free teas. Check our website for upcoming dates or please email us. To assist staff with event set-up: If the members of your party are purchasing tickets individually, rather than under one reservation please email us in advance of the tea, so we can be sure to seat all the members of your party together mcdougall@regionofwaterloo.ca Children under the age of three do not

Galt Jazz



Galt Jazz is back with another FREE show and street party on Sunday, June 30, 2-5pm. Bring your friends, parents, and kids! Lots for kids to do!....bring a chair, relax, enjoy enjoy!

July 01, 2024

Canada Day Closure



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Cambridge Celebrates Canada Day



Starting with the Fishing Derby at 8:00 am followed by Canada's longest standing Canada Day Parade that walks down King Street into Riverside Park, this day is packed with activities for all. The opening ceremony begins at 1:00 pm from the Main stage that will then be filled with local bands, The midway will be running and of course the Children's area is in full swing. Visit the marketplace where vendors and community groups are happy to talk to visitors. Grab some food from one of several Food Trucks, have

a seat and wait for the spectacular fireworks show!!

Blast from the Past!



You've heard of the Eras tour, now join us for our July 1st "Blast from the Past" event at Schneider Haus as we explore foods, music, games, and local history from different decades! You are not going to want to miss this! Step back into the past with retro caricature art and classic face painting all day long. Groove into the start of Summer with LIVE music performances from a variety of artists and decades and enjoy games and crafts onsite perfect for the whole family. This summer kick off event is included in the price of admission, so come on down and enjoy everything our eras have to offer you!Schedule for Musicians:Cassidy - Women of Music throughout the Decades- 11 am to 11:30Kelvis and the Burnin' Love Band, 1950's Music- 12 pm - 12:45 pm and 1 to 1:45Tolazee, 1930's Saxaphone - 2 to 2:30 and 2:45 to 3:15 pmCassidy - Liberty Music - 3:30 to 4:15 pm

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Royal City Soccer Club - Day Camps



The Royal City Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 32nd annual grass-roots summer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a more soccer focused morning with a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoon. The program operates during all weeks in July

and August for children aged 5 to 13. For more information or to register, visit royalsoccer.com or call 1-800-427-0536.

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Stories and Stretches



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Art Through the Ages



Come learn about and recreate historical art with your own twist! Join us for fun with various art mediums as we recreate and learn about famous art pieces throughout history. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids—EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops—TAGS: —Arts

Art Cart



Drop in to create a unique craft!Colour a drawing, make a collage, build a sculpture! Try something new each time you visit the Cambridge Art Gallery Education Art Cart.Presented by CAGE:AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP:

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Kindergarten Bootcamp



Get ready for Kindergarten!Starting school in September? This school readiness program is for kids starting Kindergarten or current Kindergarten kids who want to practice their skills. The best part is, you'll make new friends and have fun!AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Preschool —

Pokà (Ĉ)mon 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.AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Tween —School Aged —Pokemon —Pokémon —Gaming —Crafting —

Maker Madness



Enjoy this fun crafternoon with us while we make... anything!Try out some new skills with a different hands-on activity each week!AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP:

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Get ready for an electrifying robotics adventure with this LEGO Spike Prime workshop. Step into the shoes of NASA engineers, scientists, and astronauts as we embark on a mission like no other. We're calling on you to help design and build autonomous rovers to accompany the Artemis Team on their lunar exploration! Are you ready to accept the challenge and reach for the moon? Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE $GROUP: -Kids - EVENT\ TYPE: -Programs + Workshops$ —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —School Aged

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. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP:

—Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Ukulele —Music —Meet-Up —Instruments

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Pyjama Tales



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Messy STEAM



Explore the messy side of STEAM.Dress for the mess and get hands-on with fun STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) experiments and art projects.AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered

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Idea Exchange at the Preston Towne Market



Play outside at the Preston Towne Market. Together we will play outside, do some crafts, and learn about what Idea Exchange has to offer. The Preston Towne Market is located at Central Park on King Street in downtown Preston. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be orga-

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Hespeler Knitting Circle



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. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Adults—EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Knitting —Arts —

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Babytime



Learn new songs and rhymes, share stories, and meet other parents and babies. Join us for some circle time fun while your little one is discovering the exciting world around them. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support

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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. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: FreeAGE GROUP:

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—Singing—School Aged—Preschool—Music—Dancing—

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. AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP:

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—Baby and Parent—Baby—

Bringing the Inside Out



Will we be inside or out?We'll play in the sunshine, get messy, and enjoy the summer in this energetic program!AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP:

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Calling all builders and designers!Join us with hands-on creativity as we explore engineering at its finest.AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —School Aged —

Life in a Dreamhouse



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Queen's Square Book Club



Read with us and have great discussions about amazing books. A traditional book club where we meet the first Wednesday of every month. Great for people who work during the day but still want to enjoy a book club at night.May 1 - Introductory meetingJune 5 - The Pull of the Stars by Emma DonoghueJuly 3 - Five Little Indians by Michelle GoodAugust 7 - The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson*Books will be given out at the previous meeting for the next meeting. For example, when you come to the May meeting, you'll get your copy of June's book, The Pull of the Stars.Please email Leah (lmcquire@ideaexchange.org) with any questions or if you need a copy of the book. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least twoweeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date.

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Sensory Tales



All the senses are celebrated in this inclusive sensory experience. Join us for an immersive sensory story time filled with adventure. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP:

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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.AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —Preschool —

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Babies in the Garden



Relax with your baby in our garden. Sing songs, share rhymes, and read treasured tales. The program will move indoors in inclement weather. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Garden —Environment —

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Lofty the Magician



Magic! Juggling! Puppets!This hilarious show features amazing magic that will entertain all ages. The show begins with some silly juggling followed by magic and for the grand finale, Lofty's puppets will even perform some magic tricks!AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP:

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—School Aged—

Ultimate Makers



Take your maker skills to the next level. From innovative technologies to traditional art forms, explore something new each week. AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Tech Training —School Aged —

Rainbow Storytime



We are happy to host Rainbow Storytime in collaboration with SPECTRUM Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community Space!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. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops -TAGS: —SPECTRUM —School Aged —Pride —Preschool -2SLGBTQIA+ -

Nature's Art



Exploring creativity in nature using a variety of art techniques and mediums. Lets use the nature around us to inspire creativity and imagination to create a one-of-a-kind, colourful, nature-inspired masterpiece. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —School Aged —Arts —

Practice Your English: Virtual



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-onone or one-on-two practice in a fun and helpful environment. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the If you are attending a registered program program date. with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Newcomers —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Learn English —Language —ESL —Conversation

Main Street Music Series



Rock Painting



Enjoy a relaxing evening of rock painting! A summer evening program where participants can enjoy some creative time, painting rocks, and listening to music. Design your own or take inspiration from a design provided. All supplies will be provided. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Crafts —Crafting —Arts —

Sculpey Summer Treat Magnets



Create a mini dessert magnet!Using Sculpey, also known as polymer clay, we will sculpt mini desserts like popsicles, ice cream, and gummy worms to use as fridge magnets.No experience needed for this fun hands-on workshop.AccessibilityIf

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Yoga in the Park with Iman Grewal



T-H-I-R-T-E-E-N



Swifties unite!Get creative with Tay-Tay-inspired crafts, activities, and the best jams around.AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Music —Crafts —Crafting —Activities —

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. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP:

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July 05, 2024

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Sensory Break



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Storytime



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STEAM Storytime



Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are...Songs, rhymes, stories, and fun learning activities that inspire curious little minds to explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) and more.AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —School Aged —Preschool —

Explore on the Floor: Fun in the Garden



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NFB Movie Minutes



Screen short films this summer with the TD SRC theme: To the Stars!Watch free and short movies from the National Film Board (NFB) with the TD SRC Theme: To the Stars!AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP:

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—School Aged —

Ultimate Gaming Showdown



Drop in for some casual, tournament-style gaming. Calling all gamers! Join us for an exciting gaming showdown every Friday this summer, with a new featured game each week. Showcase your skills and compete for bragging rights in this friendly, casual video game tournament. This week we're playing: FIFA/EAFC for the Nintendo Switch. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST:

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Make and Take



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Hespeler Village Market



The Hespeler Village Market is an urban farmers' market that focuses on the importance of building community connections and supporting local businesses. Village Market vendors represent a diverse mix of local food, artisan crafts and information booths for charities, not-for-profits and community groups. We focus on integrating the entire community into our Friday night market.

Idea Exchange at the Hespeler Village Market



Play outside at the Hespeler Village Market. Together we will play outside, do some crafts, and learn about what Idea Exchange has to offer. The Hespeler Village Market is located outdoors in the square. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Kids —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Commuity —

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Cambridge Farmers' Market



The Cambridge Farmers' Market is open year round 7am-1pm. We have something for everyone! Hot-prepared foods, meats, seafood, cheese, chutneys, pies, confections, preserves and seasonal vegetables.

Hespeler Village Music Festival



Hespeler Village Music Festival is an annual event held at Forbes Park every summer. This year the event is on Saturday, July 6, 2024 running from 10 a.m.-11 p.m. in Forbes Park Hespeler Featuring live entertainment, music, local vendors, and so much more. Family friendly event.

Stay and Play



Come and stay and play! Join children and other caregivers while they explore stations throughout the children's area. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP:

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—Stem —Steam —School Aged —Preschool —

Smokin' Hot Pizza Parties



Who doesn't love wood fired pizza?Dive in and roll out pizza dough or toss it in the air, if you dare! Top with sauce and fixings to your liking and leave the hard work to us. We have two options for toppings, cheese pizza or cheese and pepperoni. We'll bake your pizzas in our circa 1850 wood fired oven while you enjoy outdoor games on our newly renovated greenspace or visit the historic Haus with your group!This event is great for groups up to 6 people. Larger groups please reach out to us at 519-742-7752. One drink per person and four 12 inch pizzas included with the pizza package.We are unable to accommodate dairy or gluten allergies due to cross contamination.Space is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance for all those attending. \$90 plus HST per group of six.

Community Quilt Workshop



Create a unique quilt square to become a part of the larger Grand River Quilt. There are no rules for creating a square aside from a final size of 10 x 10 inches. Any approach is welcome (sewing, painting, applique, felting, etc.), and we encourage experimentation and creativity. The most important thing is that each square should tell your story or depict your relationship to the river. Rather than a traditional rectangular quilt, each of your squares will be tied together to create the shape of the river and be displayed with a map of the Grand River watershed identifying where each square came from. We will also display a matching "quilt" of your stories about each square. About our Partner: The Grand River Community Play Project: The Voice of a River is an interdisciplinary piece that will connect the communities and inhabitants that live along the length of the Grand River - a river that starts in the highlands of Dufferin County, travels 310 km, before emptying into Lake Erie at Por

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Sunday Closures 2024



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Totstime



Dance, sing, rhyme, and craft with your tot. Enjoy stories, songs, and movement—an excellent program for meeting other children and caregivers in your community. Accessibility If you

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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. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP:

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—Singing—School Aged—Preschool—Music—Dancing—

Chess Club



Have fun with friends playing the world's most popular board game.Boards and pieces will be provided. No experience necessary.AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP:

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—School Aged—Board Games—

Kindergarten Bootcamp



Get ready for Kindergarten!Starting school in September? This school readiness program is for kids starting Kindergarten or current Kindergarten kids who want to practice their skills. The best part is, you'll make new friends and have fun!AccessibilityIf you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up.COST: FreeAGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Preschool —

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Critters and Crafts



Explore the garden while participating in nature crafts and activities. Calling all big kids who love the creativity and the outdoors! Let your imagination run WILD with crafts and activities in our beautiful outdoor garden. This program will move indoors in inclement weather. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event,

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