

September 02, 2024

Labour Day Closure



All Idea Exchange locations will be closed September 2 for Labour Day. 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: — —

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Board Game Café



From cards to Catan, this is a warm and friendly atmosphere for fans of low-tech table games. Try new games or bring your favourites with you. From deep strategy to goofy fun, all interest levels are welcome. 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: —Games —Gamer —Culture Days —Board Games —

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Queen's Square Book Club



Read with us and have great discussions about amazing books. Read with us and have great discussions about amazing books. A traditional book club where we meet the first Wednesday night of every month. Great for people who work during the day but still want to enjoy a book club at night. Note: Books will be distributed at the previous meeting for the next meet up. If you were unable to attend would like a copy of the book, please ask at the Member Services desk at Queen's 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: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Book Clubs —TAGS: —Culture Days —

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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. 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: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —SPECTRUM —Queer —Pride —2SLGBTQIA+ —

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Connections 50+ Queen’s Square



Connect with other adults while enjoying concerts, crafting, chats, and more. As part of our Connections 50+ suite of programming, this older adult-focused program features a variety of entertaining activities such as local musicians, guest speakers, art activities, and much more. Accessibility: If

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Introduction to 3D Printing



Explore the different 3D printers available in the Makerspace. You'll learn the basics of 3D printing, including what it is, the materials used, where to find designs, what various acronyms mean, and how to set up your first 3D print. 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: —Technology —Makerspace —Maker —

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Creative Oasis: Unplugged and Screen-Free



Drop in and unplug: read, draw, colour, crochet, or do a puzzle in a relaxing atmosphere. Hang out in a relaxing room where you can read, draw, colour, crochet, knit, do a word or a jigsaw puzzle, or play a game of Chess. 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: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Games —Activities —

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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 Cambridge Public Library 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. 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: —Newcomers —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Learn English —Language —ESL —Conversation —

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Connections 50+ Hespeler



This older adult-focused program features a variety of entertaining activities such as local musicians, guest speakers, art activities, and much more. Join us this week for tabletop board games both old and new. Upcoming Connections 50+ Events at Hespeler: September 25: Intro to Memoir Writing with Larry Brown October 9: Music Trivia Bingo October 23: Intro to Painting with Virginia November 6: Generative Artificial Intelligence with guest speaker Amanda Tkaczyk November 20: Guest Speaker: Wildlife Photographer Paul Gains 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: —Cambridge Art Galler

Community Weaving Project Launch and Demonstration



Drop in to learn how to weave with Cambridge Art Galleries. Much like a tapestry, the city of Cambridge is made of

countless threads woven together in unexpected ways. The original communities of Galt, Hespeler, and Preston are the warp threads connected by the weft of shared experience and identity. As Cambridge grows, its citizens add new threads to the fabric of the city. These unique threads complement and contrast each other to form a dynamic tapestry. Participate by weaving colourful strips of fabric into an oversized loom to create a community tapestry representing the city of Cambridge. Cambridge Art Galleries staff will demonstrate and teach fabric weaving techniques. No registration necessary! Tapestry of Cambridge: Community Weaving Project is offered in conjunction with Next In Fibre: 20th Anniversary of Fibreworks at Queen's Square Gallery (August 24 to November 10, 2024) and Fibreworks 20th Anniversary Collection Show at Preston Gallery (September 7 to December 1, 2024).

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