

December 15, 2024

Christmas Concert



Kick off your 2024 Christmas Season with a traditional Christmas Concert by the Galt Kiltie Band with Guest Artists Chambridge Girls' Choir.

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Community Desk: Welcome Kinbridge!



Are you a newcomer trying to get ready for the Canadian workforce? Kinbridge is here to help. Kinbridge's Newcomer Employment Outreach offers support with resume and cover letter writing, interview preparation, job search advice, and integrating into the Canadian workplace. Drop in or contact Lily Magnus to book an appointment for referrals to workshops and training. 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 pro-

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Art and Wellness



Enjoy a creative evening in the Gallery Studio with a focus on improving mental health. Therapist Ali Burke will lead participants through a mindfulness exercise and art activity. Presented by CAGE. 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 Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —CAGE —Arts —

Intermediate Photography



So you know the basics of how to make your SLR-style camera works but would like to learn more? In this four-week course students will learn the difference between a snap shot and great photography. The tricks of shooting will be examined in composition, macro photography, and simple portraiture. 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 Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Photography —CAGE —Art —

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Art Cart



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Ukulele Holiday Concert



Warm your heart and get into the holiday season with this ukulele sing-along. The Ukulele Holiday Concert has become a Queen's Square tradition. If you haven't made it out in past years, be sure to put it on your calendar and participate with this amazing group of entertainers. 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 —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Live Performances —TAGS: —Ukulele —Music —Concert —

Youth Advisory Committee



Teens can join the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). YAC helps to make the library a special place for teens. As a member of YAC, you have a chance to have your say, become involved in the community, and meet new friends. YAC members earn volunteer hours for attending

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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. 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 —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Fibre —Culture Days —Crafts —Arts —

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Pet Portrait Ornament



Draw your pet to create a one-of-a-kind ornament. Decorate for any holiday celebration with a custom ornament of your pet or another loved animal. Bring in a few pictures of your pet or chosen animal to work with. 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 Galleries —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —CAGE —Arts —

Queer Reading Circle



Join us this December to celebrate the joy of 2SLGBTQIA+ stories. The Queer Reading Circle provides a welcoming and safe space for individuals to connect and discuss materials by 2SLGBTQIA+ writers. Enjoy book show and tells, group readings, discussions of poetry, short stories, and more. There is no need to prepare in advance. All reading materials are provided. Drop-ins are welcome but registration is encouraged. 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: —Queer —2SLGBTQIA+ —

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