

July 06, 2024

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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: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids— EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops— TAGS: —Stem—Steam—School Aged—Preschool—

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CANCELLED 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 Port Hope.

Practice Your English: Queen's Square



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. 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 —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Learn English —Language —ESL —Conversation —

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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: — —

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Totsttime



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 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: —Preschool —Baby and Parent —Baby —

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Chess Club



Have fun with friends playing the world's most popular board game. Boards and pieces will be provided. No experience necessary. 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 —Board Games —

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Make and Take



Paper, scissors, glitter, GO! Join us for a crafting free-for-all and see what wonders you can create. 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 —Crafting —

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, 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 —Outdoors —Garden —Arts —

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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

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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. 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 —Cambridge Art Galleries —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —CAGE —Arts —

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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. 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,

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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! 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 —

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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

Conceptualizing Governance of Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges



The Balsillie School of International Affairs and Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum are pleased to present an Artificial Intelligence Lecture Series. Covering the benefits, drawbacks, dangers, and governance challenges, this lecture series will provide thought-provoking insights into the past, present, and future of AI. Light refreshments available. Conceptualizing Governance of Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges Date - Tuesday, July 9, 2024 Time - 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., doors at 6:00 p.m. Speaker - Maral Niazi With the rise of the artificial intelligence (AI) frontier, the world is on the cusp of a technological renaissance. This extraordinary and transformative opportunity will reshape every facet of life as we know it. As a result, humanity is confronted with the monumental responsibility of governing this transformative force—a challenge that requires unprecedented collaboration, innovation, and ethical foresight. This presentation will explore the complex landscape

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Pyjama Tales



Enjoy this evening of stories for families. Wear your pyjamas, bring a stufie, sing a song, hear a bedtime story, and make a craft to take home. 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

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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. 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: —Stem —Steam —

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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 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: —School Aged —Crafts —Crafting —

Hespeler Knitting Circle



Share your ideas and creations with fellow knit-

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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 worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Baby and Parent —Baby —

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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. 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 —Preschool —

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Enchanted Fairy Tea by The Grand



Calling kids of all ages! Don your wings and your favourite fairy garb (if you like) and join us at McDougall Cottage for some summer fun at an Enchanted Fairy Tea. Enjoy tasty treats including special fairy cupcakes, ham and cheese finger sandwiches, your choice of either tea, or a refreshing cold drink and more! All kids who join us, can also make a magical Fairy-themed craft! Register here! PLEASE NOTE: Children attending must have a guardian with them for the duration of the

event. All attendees (children and adults) need to purchase a ticket to attend this event as lunch for all is included in the ticket price. Children under the age of three do not require a ticket, however please let us know if they are attending so that we can account for that when setting our seating arrangements. If you have questions related to any dietary restrictions, please contact us before purchase at mc-dougall@regionofwaterloo.ca To assist staff with event set-up: If the members of your party are purchasing ti

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! 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 —

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! 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 —

Build It!



Calling all builders and designers! Join us with hands-on creativity as we explore engineering at its finest. 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

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Life in a Dreamhouse



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Old Post Office Artists' Drawing Social



Artists of all skill levels are invited to come out for some self-directed, still life drawing practice. Each week there will be a different still life to draw from and the opportunity to meet and chat with other local artists. Some materials will be available but feel free to bring any dry drawing supplies you'd like. 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: —Drawing —Arts —

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Summer Nights Live- Whimsical Wednesday's



Whimsical Wednesdays come together with Concerts in the Park to offer a full line-up of outdoor summer entertainment for all ages! 2024 Whimsical Wednesdays A great free family event! Join us most Wednesday evenings in July and August from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. for some amazing entertainment, games, crafts more! No tickets are necessary—just bring your own cozy spot to sit and come enjoy. Free parking is also available. Schedule: July 3rd Team TJ Forbes Park, Hespeler July 10th Ultimutts Central Park, Preston July 17th Pirate Life Adventure Show City Hall, Civic Square July 24th DJ Dance Party Forbes Park, Hespeler July 31st Isabella Hoops- North Fire Circus Central Park, Preston August 7th Cambridge Symphony Orchestra City Hall, Civic Square August 14th Dragon Breath Entertainment Hula Hoops Fire Show Forbes Park, Hespeler August 21st Relative Minors Balloon Art Entertainment Central Park, Preston August 28th Kynamics Dance City Hall, Civic Square Check back for weather updates

Fibre Arts Meet-Up



Meet 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 —Crafts —Arts —

July 11, 2024

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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: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —School Aged —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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Ultimate Makers

Take your maker skills to the next level. From innovative technologies to traditional art forms, explore something new each week. 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: —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

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Nature's Art



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Main Street Music Series



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+—

Visible Mending



Visible Mending is guaranteed to liven up your wardrobe! Local mending enthusiast Elysha will guide you through the basics of garment repair. We'll talk about buttons, zippers, and darning but the hands-on component will focus on learning basic stitches to create hand-stitched patching techniques. You'll bring something to mend: anything with a knee, elbow, or other hole is a perfect candidate for a patch. Participants will bring a garment in need of repair. All other supplies will be provided. All skill levels are welcome including complete beginners to the world of sewing and mending. Meet the Instructor: Elysha Schuhbauer is a textile artist and mender based in Kitchener, Ontario. Elysha explores visible mending as a way to forge a unique personal style while challenging fast fashion and finding value in everyday objects. Working with secondhand materials centres their unquenchable creative desires while maintaining an intentionally minimal environmental impact. Elysha is the founder of

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



Swifties unite! Get creative with Tay-Tay-inspired crafts, activities, and the best jams around. 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

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Employment Skill Building



Join Starling Employment Services (formerly Lutherwood) for this free, open workshop series to build your job searching skills. Each session will provide you with information and practical tips on a different employment topic including goal setting, resumes, cover letters, interviews, and your workplace rights. Choose a session that grabs your interest or join us for the entire series. We are looking forward to seeing you and giving you a taste of what Starling's Employment Services has to offer. Come take the next step of your job search journey with us! This week's topic is Job Search Preparation Goal Setting. Are you feeling stuck in your job search? This session will cover how to get back to basics, frameworks for goal setting, and common challenges making progress on goals. All session topics and dates: July 11 - Job Search Preparation and Goal Setting, July 25 - Resumes and Cover Letters, August 8 - Interviewing with Confidence, August 22 - Difficult Workplace Conversations - Your rights

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Sensory Break



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Storytime



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STEAM Storytime



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Make and Take



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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 gaming tournament. This week we're playing: Mario Kart for the Playstation 4. 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 —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Video Games —Retro Gaming —Gaming —Games Tournament —Games —Gamer —

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! 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 —

Hespeler Village Market



The Hespeler Village Market is an urban farmers' market that focuses on the importance of building community connec-

tions 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: —Community —

Downtown Cambridge Night Market



July 13, 2024

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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.

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: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —School Aged —Preschool —

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 —

Pride Market and Elder Talk with SPECTRUM



Celebrate Pride month by supporting local artisans, artists and business owners at our PRIDE Market and elder talk event! Join us in our amphitheater space from 1 pm to 2 pm to engage with a panel of 2SLGBTQ+ elders who will be sharing their lived experiences and talking about how to build a better community for all. There will be fun for the whole

family including kid friendly crafts all day long, story time with the KPL from 12 to 1 p.m. and live music from 2 to 3 p.m. The outdoor market event is free but paid admission to the museum is required.

Momma's Cookout Music Festival



Food x Culture x Family x Diversity x Community x Music x Vibes Momma's Cookout Music Festival is a vibrant celebration of Black food, culture, and community, blending delicious flavors, diverse sounds, and infectious vibes. Featuring artists, entertainers, and vendors from the Waterloo region and beyond, it's a unique fusion of music, culinary delights, and cultural immersion.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament



Test your skills against other opponents, in this ultimate Super Smash Bros Tournament. Players will be split into two categories: Ages 6 – 12 and Ages 13 – 18. Winners in each age category are awarded a prize. Please be sure to arrive at the beginning of the tournament to sign up as late arrivals are not guaranteed a spot as space is limited. 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 —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Video Games —Games Tournament —Games —Gamer —

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July 14, 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: —