



Friday, January 2, 2026

Winter Stay and Play

Date and Time: Friday, January 2 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

Address: All Cambridge Public Library Locations

School's out! Time to play!

Join children and other caregivers while they explore stations throughout the children's area at the library.

Stations will be ready half an hour after opening until an hour before closing each day.

Drop in for fun! This program does not require registration.

Note: The Old Post Office closes at 5:30 pm on Mondays.

Saturday, January 3, 2026

Winter Stay and Play

Date and Time: Saturday, January 3 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Sunday, January 4, 2026

Winter Stay and Play

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Saturday, January 10, 2026

Second Saturday - Stop Worrying

Date and Time: Saturday, January 10 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: Cambridge Public Library, Old Post Office

Learn practical strategies to decrease the negative impact of worrying on mood and performance.

This workshop will help with:

- Shifting from unhelpful, unproductive worry to more constructive worry.
- Tips for sleep.
- Brain training exercises, including a variety of techniques to curb worrying.

About Second Saturdays

[Second Saturdays](#) is a series of workshops, speakers, presentations, and hands-on activities across Cambridge Public Library locations that encourage lifelong learning and community connections for all adults.

About the Waterloo Wellington Self-Management Program

The Waterloo Wellington Self-Management Program (WWSMP) is hosted by Langs. The role of the WWSMP is to coordinate self-management programs that support individuals and their caregivers in the region living with

h or at risk of developing chronic diseases. The role also includes providing self-management support training, education and mentoring to healthcare providers. There are 14 regional self-management programs across Ontario.

Monday, January 12, 2026

French Film Screening: Jeanne du Barry

Date and Time: Monday, January 12 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Cambridge Public Library, Preston

Experience an award-winning French-language feature film.

Director: Maïwenn

Features: Stanislas Stanic, Maïwenn, Johnny Depp

2023 | 1hr 56 min

French language, with English subtitles

Jeanne du Barry follows Jeanne Vaubernier (Maïwenn), a working-class woman determined to climb the social ladder, using her charms to escape her impoverished life. Her lover, the Comte du Barry (Melvil Poupaud), wishes to present her to King Louis XV (Johnny Depp) and orchestrates a meeting through the influential Duke of Richelieu (Pierre Richard). The encounter goes far beyond his expectations for it was love at first sight for the King and Jeanne. Through this ravishing courtesan, the king rediscovers his appetite for life and feels he can no longer live without her. Making Jeanne his last official mistress, scandal erupts as no one at Court will accept a girl from the streets into their rarified world.

This film is screened and available from Cambridge Public Library's documentary and indie movie streaming platform, [Kanopy](#).

Limited seating will be available.

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Film Screening: David Lynch: The Art Life

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 14 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Cambridge Public Library, Old Post Office

A series of arts and culture-based films on the video wall.

Directors: Rick Barnes, Olivia Neergaard-Holm, Jon Nguyen

Features: David Lynch

2016 | 1 hr 28 min

Biography, Documentary

English

To mark the first anniversary of his death, watch a documentary that takes a look at the life and creative process of filmmaker/artist David Lynch whose credits include [Twin Peaks](#), [Blue Velvet](#), and **Mulholland Drive**.

Content Warning: Coarse language, smoking, and non-sexualized nudity in art.

This film is screened and available from Cambridge Public Library's documentary and indie movie streaming platform, [Kanopy](#).

Limited seating will be available.

Monday, January 19, 2026

Author Evening with Paul Langan

Date and Time: Monday, January 19 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Cambridge Public Library, Preston

Local author Paul Langan discusses his most recent publication, *Forgotten History and Stories of the Railway - Galt, Preston, Hespeler & Area*.

Forgotten History and Stories of the Railway - Galt, Preston, Hespeler & Area explores the hidden railway heritage of southwestern Ontario. This beautifully illustrated collection showcases rare historical documents, vintage photographs, and stunning contemporary rail imagery that chronicle the iron horses that once thundered through Galt, Preston, Hespeler, and surrounding areas. Drawing from over two decades of meticulous research and collecting, Paul Langan offers readers a passionate historian's carefully curated treasure trove of railway memories.

Registration is required to confirm attendance. Please register for every person attending. Limited entry without registration may be available at the door but is not guaranteed.

About the Author

[Paul Langan](#) is a Canadian author and historian with three decades of experience documenting local heritage. **Forgotten History and Stories of the Railway - Galt, Preston, Hespeler & Area** marks his 30th publication, cementing his reputation as one of the region's most dedicated chroniclers of history.

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Homemade Scottish Soup Tasting

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 20 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: 31 Kribs St , Cambridge

A perfect lunch for a mid-winter day! Taste a variety of homemade soups.

Soups are served at noon and until we run out. There will be some of your favorites from past events and some Scottish soups. Coffee, tea and desserts are included.

This is our way of celebrating Robert Burns' birthday.

Seating is limited. Register early!!

Please register by Friday, January 16th.

Ted Wake Centre Fee: \$15.00

Activity Code: 58552

At the Johnson Centre – 31 Kribs St

Info: 519-740-4681 ext. 4460 and [Recreation and Programs 50+](#)

Starting a Small Business in Cambridge

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 20 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Address: Galt Collective 2.0 – 20 Hobson St, Cambridge, ON N1S 2M6

PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: [Starting a Small Business in Cambridge - Waterloo Region Small Business Centre](#)

Learn how the City of Cambridge Economic Development & the Waterloo Region Small Business Centre can help you in starting your business. In this seminar we will discuss:

- The various forms of business structures
- The Ontario Business Registration Process (where to go, and how to register)
- Municipal Business Licensing
- Tools for identifying your target market in Cambridge including an overview of the FREE Cambridge Data Hub resource.

This seminar will be hosted by Thomas Strongman – Economic Development Officer & Amit Sandhu – Business License Compliance Officer at the City of Cambridge.

The event will take place at the **Galt Collective 2.0 – 20 Hobson St, Cambridge, ON N1S 2M6**

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Family Literacy Day Stay and Play

Date and Time: Saturday, January 24 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: Cambridge Public Library, All Locations

Drop by for scavenger hunts, games and lots of foodie fun! Take home an activity booklet and borrow some recipe books. All ages are welcome.

Opening Reception: Industrial Intimacies - Cal Lane

Date and Time: Saturday, January 24 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Address: Cambridge Public Library, Queen's Square

Join us for the opening reception of Cal Lane: Industrial Intimacies

Celebrate the opening reception of Cal Lane's retrospective exhibition, [Industrial Intimacies](#) at the Queen's Square Gallery. Light snacks and refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Conversations for Conservation : The Hidden Effects of Urban Life on City Dwelling Squirrels with Alannah Grant

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 28 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Address: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 126, N3H1S5

Join us on January 28th at the Preston Legion for a special presentation about research completed at *rare!*

The Hidden Effects of Urban Life on City Dwelling Squirrels

Eastern Grey Squirrels are experts in food storage, carefully burying hundreds of nuts each autumn to survive the winter. But what happens if city squirrels have access to food all year round? In this talk, Alannah shares her research comparing urban squirrels from the University of Guelph campus with their natural counterparts from *rare*. Her work reveals that urban squirrels may no longer experience the same seasonal cycles as their natural neighbours, thanks to easy access to resources provided by humans. By examining the metabolic hormones leptin and ghrelin, Alannah uncovers how this abundance may disrupt natural rhythms and reshape one of our most familiar urban wildlife species.

Audience members will learn how squirrels are able to find hundreds of their hidden food caches, how human activity can reshape wildlife physiology, what hormones reveal about the hidden effects of urban life, and how our everyday choices - from litter to bird feeders - can ripple through the natural rhythms of city-dwelling animals.



Squirrel photo by @ aditya_param (Instagram), obtained with permission

About Alannah Grant

Alannah is a PhD candidate at the University of Guelph studying how urban environments influence the physiology (internal body processes) of Eastern Grey Squirrels (*Sciurus carolinensis*). Her research compares squirrels living on the bustling University of Guelph campus with those inhabiting the natural landscapes of *rare* to uncover how city living shapes the stress, brain development, and seasonal biology of squirrels. Growing up in a large city sparked Alannah's curiosity about the wildlife that thrive in urban spaces, inspiring her to pursue a career in Urban Ecology. Today, she uses physiology to reveal the hidden ways urban areas impact the animals that share our cities.



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Venue

During the colder months, the Conversations for Conservation series will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 126 (Preston), located at [334 Westminster Dr N, Cambridge](#). Parking is available on site.

The Conversations for Conservation series is supported by the City of Cambridge.

Questions? Contact Amanda Humphreys, *Events & Development Coordinator*, at Amanda.Humphreys@rareites.org or (519) 650-9336 x122.

Thursday, January 29, 2026

Open Mic

Date and Time: Thursday, January 29 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Cambridge Public Library, Old Post Office

Come together for open mic night in the Creative Studios.

Enjoy performances from local musicians while taking the opportunity to showcase your talent on stage. Participation is optional but highly encouraged.

If you would like to join the lineup of performers, please register in-person no later than 15 minutes before the event begins. Each performer will have a set time of 10-minutes or be allowed to perform up to three songs.

All ages and skill levels are welcome. Please ensure that all performance material is appropriate for all audiences.

<https://calendar.cambridge.ca>