Cursive Pen Pal Club

Selected branches will be continuing with this club! Reignite the dying art of cursive writing by joining our pen pal club. Write letters to local seniors and community members who will respond in cursive script. Visit your local branch for more details.

Seed Library & Community Gardens

Saved seeds? Return to your local seed library at: Alice Munro, Bayfield, Brussels, Exeter, or Kirkton branches. Help us prepare for the Spring!

Monthly Missions

Calling all explorers young and young at heart. Sign up at any Huron County Library branch and join in the monthly activities to get your sticker. Prize draw at the end of the year! (Previously Passport to Exploration)

January: Cooking  February: Safari
March: Weather  April: Movies

Coming soon to a branch near you!

Soon you will be able to check out:

- WiFi hubs
- Ozobots and Cubelets
- Kano Kits
- And more!

Ask your local branch for more information on dates and how to check them out!

Family Literacy Day

Saturday, January 27
Watch for special events at branches across the County as we celebrate literacy in all its forms!

Branch Closures

All branches are closed on the following days:

- New Year’s Eve: Sunday, December 31
- New Year’s Day: Monday, January 1
- Family Day: Sunday, February 18
- Family Day: Monday, February 19
- Easter: Friday, March 30
- Sunday, April 1
- Monday, April 2
- Library Training Day: Monday, April 23

Sunday hours continue all winter at Alice Munro, Clinton, Exeter, Goderich and Seaforth. Branches are open from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Stay up to date!

@HuronCountyLibrary
@huroncountylib

Email librarynews@huroncounty.ca to get the program guide in your inbox!

www.huroncounty.ca/library
FOR CHILDREN

EarlyON Program (Ages 0 to 6)
Fridays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Play and Learn at the Alice Munro Public Library.

Christmas Break Movie Matinee
Tuesday, Jan 2 to Thursday, Jan 4, 2:30 pm
Join us for popcorn and a movie.

March Break Mania
BarryO Kidshow
Tuesday, March 13, 1:00 am
Admission $1. Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Art Adventure
Wednesday, March 14, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Ages 5+ Mosaic Art
Ages 8+ Advanced Art Class

Movie Matinee
Thursday, March 15, 2:30 am
Contact the library to see what’s playing.

Easter Egg Hunt & Craft
Saturday, March 31, 10:30 am to 11:15 am
Hop along to the Library for an Easter egg hunt. Kids will make a craft and then we’ll search for eggs in the library. Ages 3 to 6. Registration required.

Friday PA Day Sessions
February 2 – Valentine’s Day Cupcake Decorating. $2
April 27 – Seed Planting. Free
*Contact branch to register and for more information*

Lego™ My Library
Saturdays, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 31, Apr 28
We provide the Lego™. You provide the imagination.

Shakespeare Boot VI
Tuesdays, May 1 to May 29, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Followed up by a trip to Stratford for the production of the play and dinner. Hosted by Dick Allan
This year’s study will be The Tempest.
Contact the library to register for this free program.

FOR ADULTS

Wingham Afternoon Book Club
Wednesdays, 1:30 pm
Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6
New members are always welcome to attend. Borrow the selected book of the month from the library and join in the round table discussion.

Author Visit with Cathy Lynn Brooks
Wednesday, Mar 7, 1:30 pm
Originally from Wingham, join us to welcome Cathy Lynn Brooks as she discusses her book “Not My Story to Tell: My journey through grief: Loving and losing a daughter with bi-polar disorder”

Blind Date with a Book
During the month of February, take your chances with a wrapped book. You may fall in love with a whole new genre!

Winter Blues Busters: How To’s
Every Saturday in February, 10:30 am
Join us to learn about various health topics.
February 3 – How To: Make Kombucha
February 10 – How To: Make Homemade Bath Products
February 17 – How To: Sprouting
February 24 – How To: Make Room Fresheners
Contact the library for more information.

ALL AGES

Tech Time
Fridays, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
One-on-one tech help. Remember to bring your own device if possible. Pre-registration recommended.
Programs

Alice Munro

Continued

Art Group
Tuesdays, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Join the Wingham Library on Tuesday afternoons where local artists meet to work on watercolour and acrylic projects.

Tai Chi
Wednesdays, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Thursdays, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday Matinee
First Saturday of the month, 12:30 pm
Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7
Visit the library to see what’s playing. Popcorn provided.

Creative Writing Group
Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Starting January 10
Join local writers to learn, collaborate, and discuss all things creative writing.

Bayfield

FOR CHILDREN

Bayfield Community Playgroup
Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Starting January 9. Supported by RRHC.

March Break
How To: Draw (Ages 8 to 12)
Monday, March 12, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Drop in.

Mad Science: Up, up and away! (Ages 4 to 12)
Friday, March 16, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Registration and adult accompaniment required.

ALL AGES

Tech Time
Mondays, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Come in with your digital questions and we will do our best to help! Half hour sign up sessions.

Knitting Group
Thursdays, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
All skill levels welcome.

Bayfield Ukulele Society
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
First and Third Saturdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
An opportunity to learn the ukulele. All welcome.

FOR ADULTS

First Book Club
Fourth Monday of the month, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23

Home4Good Information Hub
Mondays, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Home4Good volunteers connect older adults and their caregivers with community resources and information.

Coffee and Conversation
Wednesdays, Oct 4 to March 28, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Come out and meet your neighbours over refreshments.

Saturdays at the Library with FOBL
Fourth Saturday of each month, time TBA
Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28
### Blyth

#### FOR CHILDREN

- **March Break**
  - Art Adventure – Mosaic Art (Ages 7+)
  - Friday, Mar 16, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
  - Registration required.

#### ALL AGES

- **Tech Time**
  - Thursdays, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
  - One-on-one instruction to help you with your technology questions. Remember to bring your own device and reserve your time.

- **Lego™ My Library**
  - First Saturday of the month, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm
  - Jan 6, Feb 13, Mar 3, Apr 28
  - We provide the Lego™. You provide the imagination.

#### FOR ADULTS

- **Book Club**
  - Tuesdays, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
  - Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3
  - New members are always welcome to attend. Borrow the selected book of the month from the library and join in the round table discussion.

- **Trivia Night**
  - Thursdays, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
  - Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15
  - Put your knowledge to the test in a trivia competition. The topics include, history, pop culture, politics, sports and games. Come solo or bring a team!

- **Card Night**
  - Thursday evenings, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
  - Jan 11 to Mar 29 (Excluding trivia nights)

### Brussels

#### FOR CHILDREN

- **EarlyON Play Group (Ages 0-6)**
  - Fridays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
  - Free play, circle time and crafts. Come out and meet other caregivers and their children.

- **PA Day Sessions**
  - **Owl Talk**
    - Friday, Feb 2, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
    - The Maitland Valley Conservation staff are back for Owl Talk. Join us for this fun and interactive program.
    - Registration required.

- **Spring Crafts**
  - April 27, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

#### FOR ADULTS

- **March Break!**
  - Join us for make and take crafts, giant games, and other programs TBA.

- **STEAM Stuff**
  - (Science Technology Engineering Arts Math)
  - Thursdays in April, 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
  - School aged children.
  - Join us for fun experiments and demonstrations!

#### ALL AGES

- **Tech Time**
  - One Friday a month, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
  - Contact the branch for dates
  - Register for a one-on-one help session to get your tech questions answered.
Clinton

FOR CHILDREN

March Break!
“Nine Days Around the World”
Monday, March 12, 1:00 pm
Musician, Paul Droog will come and entertain!
Saturday, March 10 to Sunday, March 18
Drop-in crafts from each continent
Check with staff for more events!

Valentine Scavenger Hunt
Thursday, Feb 1 to Wednesday, Feb 14
Grab the scavenger hunt sheet, find valentines, and fill in
the answers. Add your name and enter the draw! An
activity for all ages.

April Travel Series
Thursdays in April, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Travel to a different part of the world each Thursday
with presentations from local intrepid travelers.

Forest of Reading
During the month of April
Sign up, read the books, and vote!

Youth Book Club
Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17

ALL AGES

Storybook Mini Golf
Friday, Jan 26 to Sunday, Jan 28, during library hours
Drop in to the library for a game of mini golf. Fun for the
whole family!

Exeter

Exeter Library visits Huron Park EarlyON
Tuesdays, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Jan 9 & 30, Feb 20, Mar 13, Apr 3 & 24

Pop-up Playgroups with Huron EarlyON
Jan 3 and Mar 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Play, read, and sing with this special playgroup.

Mother Goose, EarlyON
Tuesdays, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Apr 3 to May 1
Register through South Huron Early Years.
519.482.8505 ext 4205 or 519.520.1005.

FOR CHILDREN

Story time at Exeter Villa (Ages 0-6)
3rd Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18
Join the library and Early Years at the Exeter Villa as we
celebrate the love of reading and play that connects
generations within our community. Limited space!
Registration required.

Exeter Story time (Ages 0-6)
Fridays, 11:00 am to 11:30 am
Begins Jan 12
Crafternoons (Ages 6-12)
Wednesdays, 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm
Begins Jan 10
This fun, after school program allows you to make and create different crafts each week. You are only limited by your imagination!

Cursive Pen Pal Club (Ages 9-14)
Tuesdays, First session, 3:10 pm to 3:40 pm
Second session, 3:40 pm to 4:10 pm
January 23 to April 24
Learn and practice cursive writing skills after school at the library. Write and receive letters from people in your community!

Lego™ My Library!
Weekends during branch hours.
We have the Lego™. You bring the imagination. Drop-in, free play.

ALL AGES

Tech Tutoring
Mondays, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Book a ½ hour to get your digital questions answered and we will do our best to help!

Pop-Up Programming!
Keep your eyes open for fun and informative programs for all ages at the Exeter Branch this winter. You never know what we may offer next!

FOR ADULTS

Afternoon Book Club
First Friday of the month, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6

Evening Book Club
Last Monday of the month, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Jan 29, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 30

Cookbook Club
Third Thursday of the month
Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19
Are you a foodie or strive to be one? Interested in upping your culinary ‘game’?
This social group shares favourite recipes and cooking techniques, includes guest speakers and end the 4-month session with a potluck!

Fidget Makers
Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Jan 31, Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25
This social group makes activity aprons for those in our community with dementia. No sewing experience necessary.

FOR CHILDREN

Tales for Tots (Ages 0-4)
Fridays, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Begins January 12
Songs, stories and crafts.

PA Days at the Library!
Feb 2, Apr 27, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Events TBA. Contact the library for more information!
Adult accompaniment required.

Winterfest Make and Take Craft
Saturday, Feb 3, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Come in and make a Winterfest themed craft! Adult accompaniment required for children under 12.

Open Table Valentine Craft
Sunday, Feb 4 to Sunday, Feb 11
Drop in during library hours to make a valentine for that someone special! Adult accompaniment required for children under 12.
March Break

Wii Tournament (Ages 10+)
Tuesday, Mar 13, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
A chance to play popular Wii games in a tournament setting! Registration required.

How to: Draw (Ages 8 to 12)
Wednesday, Mar 14, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Drop in.

Mad Science: Up, up and away!
Friday, March 16, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Think outside the box about air, with take home item.
Ages 4 to 12 years old. Registration and adult accompaniment required.

More March Break Activities to be announced!

Tech Time
Tuesdays, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, excluding Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 13 and 20
Come in with your digital questions and we will do our best to help! Half hour sign up sessions.

Knitting Group
Tuesdays, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Knitters, crocheters, and textile artists. All skill levels welcome.

FOR ADULTS

Book Club
Third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18

TED Talks
Third Tuesday of the month, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 20
Two to three 20 minute lectures projected on a large screen with an opportunity to share your thoughts through informal discussion.

March Odyssey: Eyes on Ireland
Wednesday, Mar 7, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Join Debbie Carroll as she gives travelogue about her time in Ireland and England!

FOR CHILDREN

Cursive Pen Pal Club (Ages 9-14)
Tuesdays, 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
January 23 to April 24
Learn and practice cursive writing skills after school at the library. Write and receive letters from people in your community

FOR ADULTS

Craft and Chat
Tuesdays, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
This social group offers time to work on unfinished craft projects, get help with your knitting, sew, colour, or learn an entirely new hobby!

Book Club
Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Read books based on a theme each month!
Refreshments provided, bring a friend.

Tech Tutoring
Thursday, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Book a ½ hour to get your digital questions answered and we will do our best to help!

Pop-Up Programming!
Keep your eyes open for fun and informative programs for all ages at the Hensall branch this winter. You never know what we may offer next!
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FOR CHILDREN

Kidspace (Ages 7+)
Drop in Wednesdays, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Jan 10 to Mar 28
Be creative and discover through manipulates, games, projects and art!

Easter Crafts (Ages 3+)
Saturday, Mar 24, 10:30 am to 11:15 am
Hop along to the library to make Easter crafts.
Registration is required.

ALL AGES

Lego™ My Library
Second Saturday of the month, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14
We provide the Lego™, you provide the imagination.

Tech Time
Tuesdays, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
One-on-one instruction to help you with your technology questions. Remember to bring your own device and reserve your time.

FOR ADULTS

Learn about Essential Oils
Thursday, Jan 18, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Saturday, Jan 20, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Join us for this information session on the benefits of essential oils and how you can incorporate them into your daily life.

Scrap booking and Card making
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
For the months of Jan and Feb bring along your scrap booking material and share your ideas and creativity with others while you work on your projects. Make some one of a kind, homemade cards as well! Coffee and tea provided.

Kirkton

FOR CHILDREN

Play and Read with Huron EarlyON (Ages 0-6)
Alternate Thursdays, 10:00 am
Beginning Jan 11
Spend the morning playing, reading and singing at the library!

FOR ADULTS

Kirkton Book Club
First Tuesday of the month, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3

Tech Tutoring
Thursdays, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Book a ½ hour appointment for one-on-one help with computers, tablets, e-readers or phones.
Seafort

FOR CHILDREN

EarlyON Baby Time (Newborn-12 mo)
Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Starting on Jan 3,
Siblings welcome. Friday programs will be discontinued.

ALL AGES

Tech Time
Alternate Fridays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
If you are having difficulty navigating the tech world of
smart phones, tablets, iPads, eBooks and more, book a
one-on-one session to get the answers you need.

Zurich

FOR CHILDREN

Make and Take Craft
Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Make and Play PA Days
Friday, February 2
Create, make, and play with a variety of activities

March Break
Monday, March 12 to March 16
Drop in for fun and creative activities. Stay tuned for
details!

FOR ADULTS

Book Club
Third Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Brown Bag Book Club
Begins Wednesday, Jan 10, 12:00 to 1:00 pm
All welcome to bring your lunch and gather
in front of the cozy fireplace and discuss
whatever you are reading!
Clinton and Central Huron Area Programs

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Mondays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Cooking with Kids – Libro Community Kitchen (Lower Level Parking at the Health Unit)

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Clinton Child and Family Centre

Baby Time (Newborn-12 months)
Mondays, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Clinton Child and Family Centre

Parent/Child drop-in 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Ages 0-6)

Stroller-cise - EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Wednesdays, 10:30 am to 12:00pm
Clinton Eastlink arena walking track

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Tuesdays, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Vanastra Recreation Centre
$3.00 per Family to Swim

Seaforth and Huron East Programs

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Tuesdays, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Gym Night, St. James School

Baby Time (Newborn-12 months)
Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Seaforth Library

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Fridays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Seaforth Northside United Church

Exeter and South Huron Area Programs

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Mondays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Exeter Hansen’s Grocer Community Room

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Hensall United Church

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Tuesdays, beginning Oct 3, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Huron Park Arena

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Alternate Thursdays, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Exeter Youth Centre Building

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Alternate Thursdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Kirkton Library

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Fridays, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Exeter Youth Centre Building

Baby Time (Newborn-12 months)
Thursdays, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
London Bridge Child Care Services – Relouw Early Childhood Learning Centre
Goderich and Area Programs

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Goderich Child and Family Centre

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Tuesdays, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Goderich Child and Family Centre

Baby Time (Newborn-12 months)
Wednesdays, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Goderich Child and Family Centre

Wingham and North Huron Area Programs

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Mondays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Gorrie United Church

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Mondays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Belgrave Arena

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Blyth Arena

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Wingham Child and Family Centre

Baby Time (Newborn-12 months)
Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Wingham Child and Family Centre

Baby Time (Newborn-12 months)
Wednesdays, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Goderich Child and Family Centre

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Thursdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Bayfield Lions Building

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Thursdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Bayfield Lions Building

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Thursdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Bluevale Community Hall

EarlyON Programs (Ages 0-6)
Thursdays, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Wingham Child and Family Centre

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Thursdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Auburn – Huron Missionary Church

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Fridays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Alice Munro Public Library, Wingham

EarlyON Program (Ages 0-6)
Fridays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Brussels Library

YMCA Settlement Services

Newcomer and Community Services offered by the YMCA of Western Ontario are free to Permanent Residents and Convention Refugees. To meet an experienced Newcomer Settlement Advisor who can connect you to the resources and information you need to establish you in your new home in Huron County or learn more about this service contact Firas Sefian at (226)973-7572 or email fsefian@ymcawo.ca.
Rural Response for Healthy Children

www.rrhc.on.ca

Clinton: Grandparent Parenting their Grandchildren Support Group
Frist Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
58 Mary Street, Clinton (RRHC building)

Clinton: Stroller-cize
Feb 7 to Apr 25, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Central Huron YMCA

Goderich: Walk and Talk – for parents and their children to attend
Feb 1 to Mar 22, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Goderich Huron YMCA

Clinton: Crockpot Cooking
April, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Location to be determined

Coming soon: Divorce and Separation
3 night information series

Car Seat Safety
Unsure if your car seat is the right fit for your infant or preschooler? Book an appointment with a public health nurse to review the guidelines around car seat safety.

STOP the spread of Germs with these easy steps:

- Wash your hands often using soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or upper sleeve, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces often.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Get the Flu shot.

Power off and Play!

“Screen time” = time spent using a screen-based device. Not all screen time is unhealthy. Screens can offer an important way to learn and communicate at school, and at work.

The Canadian Pediatric Society recommend:
Under 2: No time
Children 2 to 4: Less than 1 hour/day
Children 5 to 17: Recreational use less than 2 hours/day

Communities can help children and families to build a balanced day that includes:

- Staying within recommended screen time limits
- Putting screens away during important times of day (sleep time, meal and snack time)
- Replacing screen time with other activities (physical activity, social interactions, fun and educational activities.

It’s all about powering off devices and PLAYING more

Huron County Health Unit

www.huronhealthunit.ca

Parenting in Huron

Information and support to parents across the spectrum of parenting is available via the website, Facebook @ParentinginHuron and @BreastfeedingConnections, by phone 519.482.3416 or 1.877.837.6143 or in person at clinics, playgroups and offices.

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