



NORTH BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE

2026

**JULY
AUGUST
SEPTEMBER**

library.northbay.ca | 705-474-4830

271 Worthington St. E., North Bay, ON P1B1H1

Library Closures: July 1, August 3, September 7, 30



Library Hours

Monday	Main 10am-9pm Children's 10am-8pm
Tuesday	Main 10am-9pm Children's 10am-8pm
Wednesday	Main 10am-9pm Children's 12:15pm-8pm
Thursday	Main 10am-9pm Children's 10am-8pm
Friday	Main 10am-6pm Children's 10am-6pm
Saturday	Main 10am-4pm Children's 10am-4pm

Visit our online event calendar to view and register for upcoming programs



northbaypl.librarycalendar.com/events/month

HOW TO GET A LIBRARY CARD

If you live or own property in North Bay, you can get a free library card for Adults, Teens, Juveniles, or Taxpayers. Applicants must show valid ID to register for a card.

If you live outside of North Bay, you can get a non-resident Adult, Teen, or Juvenile card for an annual fee

- For individuals, the fee is \$45 per year
- For families, the fee is \$60 per year



Visit our website for a list of card requirements



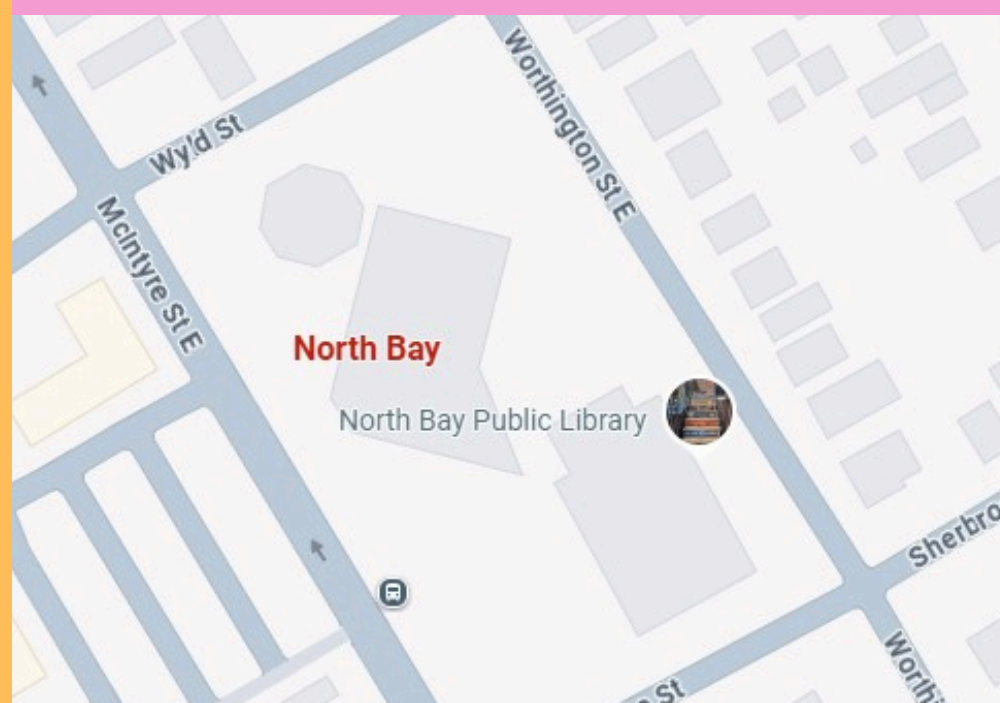
library.northbay.ca/borrow/library-cards/

EVENT REGISTRATION

You can register for most of our events using our online events calendar. Click on the event that you want to register for, scroll to the bottom and follow the prompts to enter the required information.

You can also call 705-474-4830 to register for most events.

For events requiring paid tickets, registration must be done in person.



July

- Children
- Teens
- Adults
- All Ages

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Closed for Canada Day	2 ● Sip'n'Stitch 6-8pm	3	4 ● Puzzle + Board Game Swap 1-3pm
5 Library Closed	6	7	8 ● DIY Treasure Chest 3:30-4:30pm	9 ● TDSRC Check-in Day!	10	11 ● Book Launch with Seth + Jessica Compton 1-3pm
12 Library Closed	13 ● Ocean Floor Map 10:30-11:30am & 1-3pm ● Service Canada Clinic 10:30-3pm	14 ● Ocean Floor Map 10:30-11:30am & 1-3pm	15 ● Journal + Planner Night 6-8pm	16 ● Sip'n'Stitch 6-8pm ● TDSRC Check-in Day! ● Ocean Floor Map 10:30-11:30am & 1-3pm	17 ● Ocean Floor Map 10:30-11:30am & 1-3pm	18 ● Author Talk with John Degen 1-3pm ● Ocean Floor Map 10:30-11:30am & 1-3pm
19 Library Closed	20 ● Captain Corbin the Magical Pirate 1pm ● Face Painting with Tickled Teals 12-2pm	21 ● Bad Art Night! 6-7:30pm	22	23 ● TDSRC Check-in Day!	24 ● Ocean Sensory Bottles 1-3pm	25 ● Movie Matinee 12:30-3pm
26 Library Closed	27	28 ● Book Bingo! 6-7pm	29	30 ● Sip'n'Stitch 6-8pm ● TDSRC Check-in Day!	31	

Book Club

The Book Club is taking a break in July!



SPICE CLUB IS TAKING A SUMMER BREAK! PREVIOUS SPICE KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Service Canada In-Person Clinic

Monday July 13, 2026
2:00 - 5:00PM*

*Specific time slots available

Service Canada provides Canadians with a single point of access to a wide range of government services and benefits. Sign up for a time slot to discuss CPP, Old Age Security, the new Canadian Dental Care Plan, or My Service Canada Account. Please register in advance in person, or over the phone by calling 705-474-4850.

BOOK CLUB PICKS
July = Ocean Stories

August

- Children
- Teens
- Adults
- All Ages

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Library Closed	2 Library Closed	3 Closed for the Civic Holiday	4 Library Closed	5 Library Closed	6 Library Closed	7 Library Closed
8 Library Closed	9 Library Closed	10 Service Canada Clinic 10:30-3pm	11 Finger Knitting Octopus 2-3:30pm	12 Library Closed	13 Sip'n'Stitch 6-8pm TDSRC Check-in Day!	14 Library Closed
15 Library Closed	16 Library Closed	17 Library Closed	18 Book Bingo! 6-7pm	19 Adult Colouring Night 6-8pm	20 TDSRC Check-in Day!	21 Library Closed
22 Library Closed	23 Library Closed	24 Under the Sea Mini Putt 1-6pm	25 Under the Sea Mini Putt 1-6pm	26 Under the Sea Mini Putt 1-6pm	27 Sip'n'Stitch 6-8pm TDSRC Check-in Day!	28 Library Closed
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NORTH BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Summer Reading Challenge
BINGO

- A book with a textured cover
- The cover is pink
- Read a book in a library app (Libby, CloudLibrary)
- Trade a recommendation with a friend
- Re-read your favourite book
- Read a book based on the cover
- Read a book with a map inside the cover
- Read a book that is part of a series
- Read a translated book
- Read a Novella
- Read the book before you see the movie
- Read a book by an author whose last name starts with W
- Read a book with a pink cover
- Read a book with a map inside the cover
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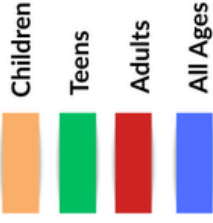
BOOK CLUB PICKS
August = Beach Reads

Service Canada In-Person Clinic
Monday August 10, 2026
10:30AM - 3:00PM*
in the Mezzanine Room
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Book Club
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September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Library Closed	7 Closed for the Labour Day	1 1	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5
13 Library Closed	14 Service Canada Clinic 10:30-3pm	15 Children's Crafternoons 3:30-4:30pm	16 Student Study Zone 3:30-5:30pm Bling Your Library Bag 6-8pm	17 Read, Sing, Play 10:30-11am	18 18	19 Lego Robotics Workshop 1-2:30pm
20 Library Closed	21 21	22 Children's Crafternoons 3:30-4:30pm	23 Student Study Zone 3:30-5pm Book Bedazzling 5:30-8pm	24 Sip'n'Stitch 6-8pm Read, Sing, Play 10:30-11am Teen Advisory Group 6-7	25 25	26 Movie Matinee 12:30-3pm
27 Library Closed	28 28	29 Book Bingo! 6-7pm Children's Crafternoons 3:30-4:30pm	30 Closed for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation			

BOOK CLUB PICKS

September = Science Fiction

Service Canada In-Person Clinic

Monday September 14, 2026
10:30AM - 3:00PM*
in the Mezzanine Room
*Specific time slots available

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Download the Driftscape app on iOS or Android and check out the Downtown North Bay tours!

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TOUR. EXPLORE. DISCOVER.

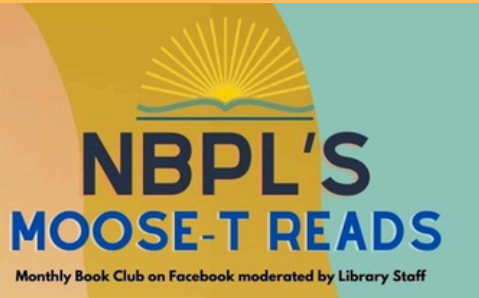
Driftscape is a digital mapping platform allowing you to conveniently discover North Bay's fascinating local attractions, self-guided tours, upcoming events and even outdoor locations to make your visit to our beautiful city beyond memorable.

PASSIVE PROGRAMMING



Spice Club is a free monthly kit that comes with a portion of a Spice of the Month and a recipe brochure. You can pick up the current kit at the main circulation desk, while supplies last. Recipe brochures for the current month are also available at the main desk, while supplies last!

**Sign up for
Teen Advisory
Group here**



Each month, staff will post a list of books in our Facebook Group to choose from: feel free to discuss, post about, or review the book(s) you pick! You can even post things that are inspired by the theme of the month, or the book you are reading. Participate at your comfort level (as much or as little as you like). Scan the QR code below to join!

July: Ocean Stories

August: Beach Reads

September: Sci Fi + Dystopia



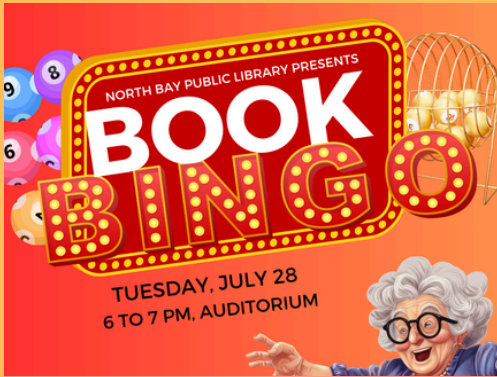
Seed Library is now open!
Located next to the front desk!

Scavenger Hunts

There are monthly on-going scavenger hunts in the Children's Department. Come visit us to get a quest sheet from the desk!



ALL-AGES PROGRAMMING



Join us on Tuesday, July 28 from 6 to 7PM in the library auditorium.

Play Bingo, win books! Come on out and see if you win!

This is a family friendly event.

Children under 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult.



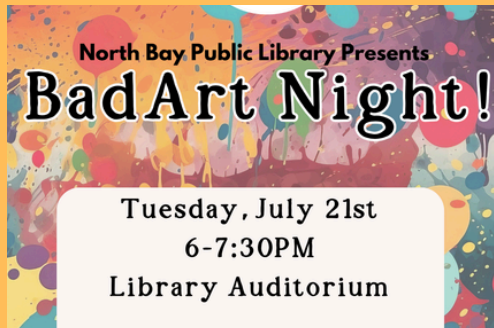
Puzzle and Board Game Swap



Saturday, July 4th
1pm to 3pm
Library Auditorium

Bring your gently used board games and/or jigsaw puzzles to the library auditorium on Saturday July 4th between 1-3PM and receive a swap ticket for each item (up to a maximum of 5 tickets). You can then use your swap tickets to “buy” new-to-you puzzles and games!

Please ensure your swap items are clean and have all of their pieces. Puzzle pieces should be sealed in a clear plastic bag inside the box.

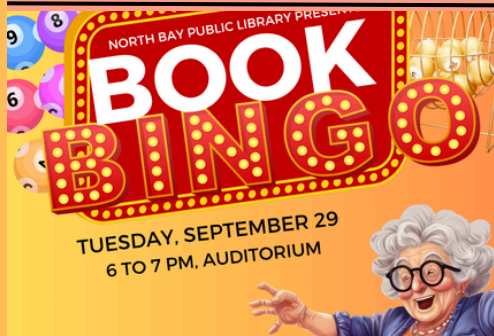


Tuesday, July 21, 6-7:30pm
Auditorium

Art supplies and canvases will be provided - all you need to bring is your creativity!

All ages are welcome!

Supplies are limited. Everyone wishing to participate must register individually.

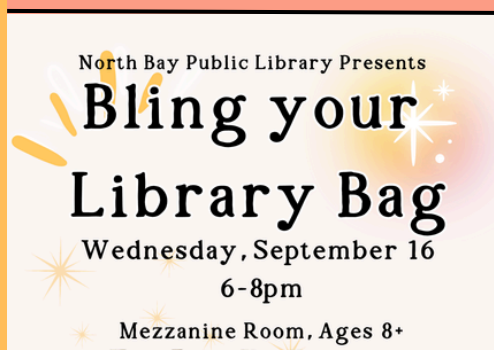


Join us on Tuesday, September 29 from 6 to 7PM in the library auditorium.

Play Bingo, win books! Come on out and see if you win!

This is a family friendly event.

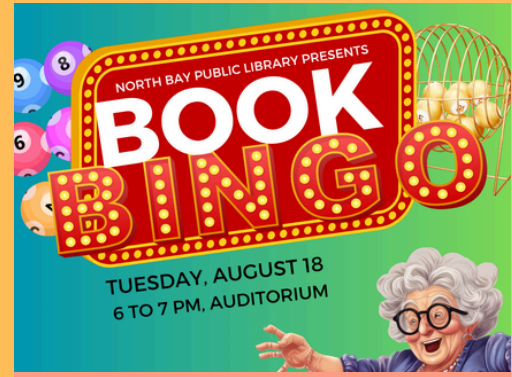
Children under 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult.



Bling your Library Bag

Wednesday, September 16
6-8pm

Mezzanine Room, Ages 8+



Join us on Tuesday, August 18 from 6 to 7PM in the library auditorium.

Play Bingo, win books! Come on out and see if you win!

This is a family friendly event.

Children under 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult.



Shop & Swap School Supplies



Saturday, August 29th
1-3 PM
Mezzanine Room

Shop, swap, and drop off school supplies at the North Bay Public Library on August 29th from 1:00–3:00 pm in the Mezzanine room. Free entry and snacks provided! Help support students in our community who are continuing their education and may need an extra boost, or an extra pencil or two! There’s something for everyone: pencils, paper, backpacks, and more!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Ocean Sensory Bottles!

Ages 6-12
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
This program is bilingual.

Friday, July 24th
1-3pm (Drop-in)
Library Auditorium



July 24 from 1-3 pm in the Auditorium

Have you ever wanted an ocean-inspired sensory bottle of your own? Swim into a hands-on crafting adventure as you fill your bottle with glitter, glue, jewels, shells, and ocean-themed decorations perfect for sparkling, shaking, and exploring!

Ages 6-12

Captain Corbin the Magical Pirate

Monday, July 20th
1-3pm
Library Auditorium

Ages 5+
\$5 per ticket (everyone who attends must have a ticket)

Ahoy, mateys! Step aboard and join us at the Library on July 20 at 1 pm for a swashbuckling, magical pirate show with Captain Corbin! Packed with laughs, audience participation, and a bit of pirate mischief, this high-seas magic show is fun for all ages. No landlubbers allowed!

DIY TREASURE CHESTS

A TD Summer Reading Program



Wednesday, July 8th 3:30-4:30pm,
Library Auditorium
Ages 5-10
This is a bilingual program!



TD Summer Reading Club Check in days

Thursdays 1-4pm
July 9, 16, 23, 30
August 6, 13, 20, 27

Children's Storyroom



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

FINGER KNITTING OCTOPUS

A TD Summer Reading Program



Tuesday, August 11th 2-3:30pm
Library Auditorium
Ages 8-12
This is a bilingual program!



In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the basics of finger knitting while creating their very own chunky knit octopus—soft, colourful, and full of personality. No knitting experience? No problem! Our instructors will guide you step by step, making this activity perfect for beginners.

DIY MASON JAR AQUARIUMS

A TD Summer Reading Program



Friday, August 7th
2-3:30pm,
Library Auditorium
Ages 5-10
\$5 per child
This is a bilingual program!



During this hands-on program, you'll choose from colourful fake aquatic plants, decorative elements, and playful fish to build a one-of-a-kind ocean scene to take home. This activity is perfect for kids and families. No experience needed—we provide everything, and you bring the creativity!

LEGO ROBOTICS

Saturday, September 19th
1-2:30pm
Mezzanine Room

Ages 11 to 13
\$10 per child



North Bay Public Library Presents

CHILDREN'S CRAFTERNOONS

Tuesdays: September 15, 22, 29
3:30-4:30pm,
Mezzanine Room
Ages 5-10



Each week brings a brand-new hands-on craft, from painting and paper creations to seasonal projects. This drop-in program is perfect for young creators who love making, building, and decorating.

All crafting supplies will be provided, though quantities are limited. Be sure to arrive early to secure your materials – it's first-come, first-served!



North Bay Public Library Presents

STUDENT STUDY ZONE

Wednesday, September 16 - 3:30-5:30pm
Wednesday, September 23 - 3:30-5pm
Mezzanine Room
Ages 5-13

If you need a place to focus, recharge, and get your work done, the Student Study Zone is the ideal space for you. Whether you're working on assignments, preparing for exams, or collaborating on group projects, this welcoming environment is designed to help you stay productive. Children aged 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult



Under the Sea Mini Putt

Saturday, August 22nd,
Timeslots from 10:30am-3pm

Monday-Wednesday, August 24-26,
Timeslots from 1 to 6pm

Library Auditorium

Ages 5 and up
\$5 per ticket
Please book your
time slot in
advance!



ADULT PROGRAMS



Bring a new project or a WIP to work on during this drop-in social-gathering style event. We will have snacks and music!

This is a free drop-in style event. All crafts are welcome!

No supplies will be provided, please bring your own craft to work on.

For ages 18+

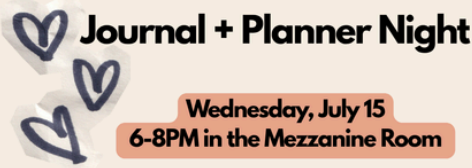
Dates:

Thursday, July 2, 16, 30

Thursday, August 13, 27

Thursday, September 10, 24

6 to 8PM, Boardroom



Join us on Wednesday, July 15 from 6-8PM in the Mezzanine Room to work on your journal/planner. Bring your own notebook/planner, and any supplies you might wish to share with others.

This program is for ages 18+.

Adult Colouring Night

Wednesday, August 19th
6-8PM in the Mezzanine Room

Colouring sheets and supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own!

This program is for ages 18+.

Drop-ins welcome!

Register online, in person, or by calling 705-474-4830.

North Bay Public Library Presents

Book Bedazzling

Wednesday, September 23
5:30-8pm

Mezzanine Room, Ages 18+
\$10 per ticket

North Bay Public Library Presents

AUTHOR TALK AND BOOK SIGNING

with Seth & Jessica Compton

Saturday, July 11
1-3PM in the Mezzanine Room

Join us for a special author storytelling and signing event with Seth Compton and Jessica Compton.

A Life in Two Halves is Seth's memoir detailing his journey to transition at the age of 43. In 2019, Seth founded OUTLoud North Bay as a community centre for 2SLGBTQ youth.

Bits and Pieces is a photography memoir sharing Jessica Compton's personal story with mental health, addiction, childhood trauma, homelessness, suicide ideation and incarceration.

This event is for those 18+.
This is a free event!

North Bay Public Library Presents

AUTHOR TALK AND BOOK SIGNING

with John Degen

Saturday, July 18
1-3PM in the Mezzanine Room

Join us for an author visit and book signing with John Degen. John will share details about his writing process, and talk about his latest release, Seldom Seen Road - first in the Burnt River mystery series set in a fictional northern Ontario town.

Copies of Seldom Seen Road will be available for purchase at this event.
This is a free event!

Movie Matinee at the Library

"Monty Python + the Holy Grail"
Sat. July 25th
12:30-3pm in the Auditorium

Ages 16+
Registration Required

Calling all cinema buffs!

Prior to the show we'll have a brief discussion of some cool facts and context about the film! This is a free event open to ages 16+. Snacks will be provided.

Attendees MUST have a library card to participate.

Space is limited. Please register in advance.

Upcoming screenings:

Saturday, July 25 - 12:30 to 3pm
"Monty Python + The Holy Grail"

Saturday, Aug. 22 - 12:30 to 3pm
"Labyrinth"

Saturday, Sept. 26 - 12:30 to 3pm
"Terror Night"

BORROWING

ADULT/ TEEN

You are responsible for all the materials borrowed on your card and for any charges on items that are overdue, lost or damaged.

Library materials must be returned before closing time on the due date or placed in the bookdrop or video drop overnight. Once the library re-opens the day after an item is due, it becomes overdue.

If an item is currently on loan, you may put a hold on it. There is no charge for placing a hold.

Most items can be renewed twice unless someone has reserved the item.

Materials may be renewed in person, by phone, or online.

A/V

All material circulates for 21 days, with 2 renewals available. The overdue fines are \$2 per day for DVDs, Blu-Rays, and Video Games, and \$0.30 per day for music CDs and Audiobooks.

Borrowing Limits

DVD and Blu-Rays: 5 per card

Music CDs: 10

Audiobooks: 10

Video Games: 2

Item	Loan Period	Limit	Renewals	Daily Fine	Maximum Fine
Books	21 days	*	2	30¢	\$15.00
Paperbacks	21 days	*	2	30¢	\$10.00
Magazines	21 days	20	0	10¢	\$10.00
GPS Units, Cameras	21 days	1	2	\$5.00	No Max
Cake Pans	21 days	*	2	30¢	\$10.00
DVDs	21 days	5	2	\$2.00	\$20.00
Music CDs	21 days	10	2	30¢	\$15.00
Video Games	21 days	2	2	\$2.00	\$20.00
Talking Books (CD/MP3)	21 days	10	2	30¢	\$15.00

Fines and charges listed are subject to change.

CHILDREN'S

In the Children's Department there is a limit of ten (10) items on a child's card, and a limit of two (2) book per subject (non-fiction) on any card.

There are no fines for overdue Children's items

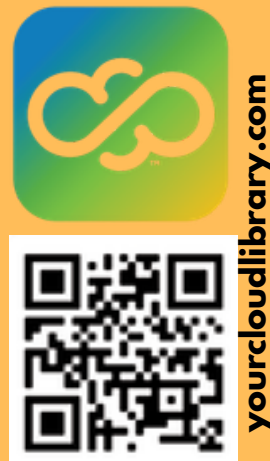
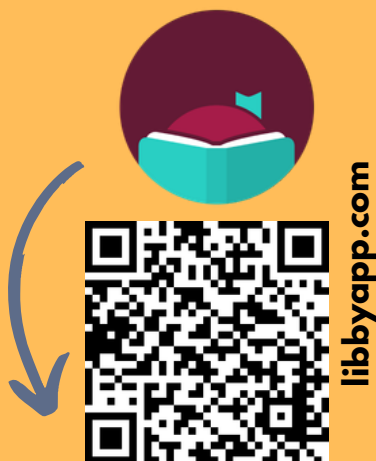
HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

The library provides a home-to-library delivery service to those who are confined to their home due to issues of accessibility.

Library volunteers will deliver print and audio materials to your home at no charge.

Call 705-474-4830 for more info

DIGITAL LIBRARY APPS



OCEAN FLOOR MAP PROVIDED BY "OCEAN WEEK CANADA"!

OCEAN FLOOR MAP

Provided by "Ocean Week Canada"

July 13th to 18th

**10:30-11:30am & 1:00-3:00pm each day,
Library Auditorium
All Ages**

We will have tablets to borrow during your stay, or you can use a device of your own. Please be aware that you may have to wait for your turn if the room is full. Each guest will have about 15-20 minutes. No shoes or bare feet allowed on the maps; socked feet only, please.



WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS DURING THE SUMMER!

Read, Sing & Play

Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:00am
July 9, 16, 23, 30
August 6, 13, 20, 27
September 3, 10, 17, 24

A parent or guardian
must accompany
children attending this
event

Join us for this free,
drop-in event filled
with music, stories,
and crafts!

**Ages 1-5
Children's Storyroom**



RESEARCH SERVICES

Looking for local history research? The library can help!

For in-library use, we have the following resources:

- The library's Reference Collection which includes North Bay and area information
- Back issues of the North Bay Nugget on microfilm dating back to 1909
- Ancestry.ca accessible from the library's public computers

For those who cannot visit the library in person, we also offer a Research Service. Research requests can be submitted to us by email researchnbpl@northbay.ca or by phone (705-474-4830).

The cost is \$10 for date-specific requests and \$25 for more in-depth research.

CONNECT WITH US!

