

Make some chocolate covered strawberries with your Valentine!

Get creative with toppings or keep it simple with a delicious chocolate only crust.

INGREDIENTS

- 6 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped

3 ounces white chocolate, chopped *optional*

Sprinkles, candies, or piping bags for decorating *optional*

1 pound strawberries with stems (about 20), washed and dried very well

DIRECTIONS

- 1 Melt the chocolates in a microwave at half power, for 1 minute, stir and then heat for another minute or until melted.

2 Once the chocolate is smooth and melted, take the strawberry by the stem, dip the fruit into the dark chocolate, lift and twist slightly, letting any excess chocolate fall back into the bowl. Set strawberries on the parchment paper. Repeat with the rest of the strawberries. Dip a fork

in the white chocolate and drizzle the white chocolate over the dipped strawberries if wanted. Be creative and create designs with your chocolates, include other candy coatings or sprinkles. Make them your own!

3 Set the strawberries aside until the chocolate sets, about 30 minutes at room temp or 15 minutes in the fridge.



Babel
By R.F. Kuang

"Yet another heart wrenchingly beautiful story with dynamic characters, illustrative writing and a sharp critique on colonialism from bestseller R.F. Kuang, this book immediately enraptures the reader into the story of Robin Swift."

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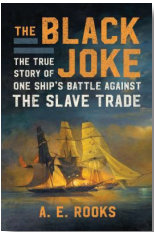
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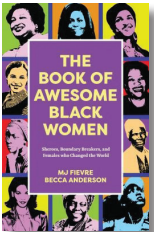


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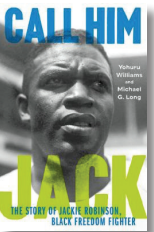
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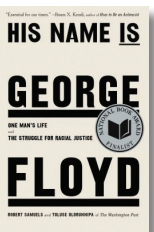
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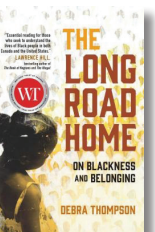
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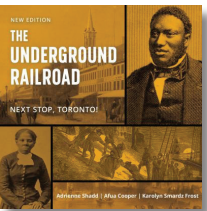
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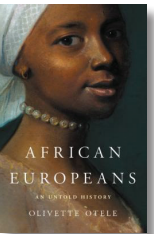
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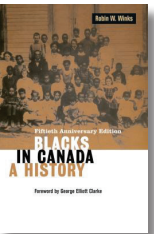
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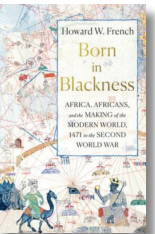
African Europeans
by Olivette Otele



The Black Panther Party
by David Walker



Blacks in Canada
by Robin W. Winks



Born in Blackness
by Howard W. French

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All Wellington County Library branches will be **CLOSED Monday, February 20** for Family Day.

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While it is February, one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch. — **Patience Strong**



February Programme Highlights

The Story of the Black Settlements of Wellington County

(Adult, Teens)

Mount Forest Branch, Saturday,
February 18, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Join us for a special presentation by Kyle Smith from the Wellington County Museum and Archives.

After School Adventures

(Kids)



Rockwood Branch, Tuesdays,
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Join us at the end of the school day for games, crafts, and a wide variety of fun activities.

FREEDOM TO READ WEEK



Celebrate Freedom to Read Week from February 19 - 25,

an event encouraging Canadians to focus on issues of intellectual freedom in their communities.

With schools and libraries continuing to face requests to censor books, including the banning of bestsellers like *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood and *The Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling, exercising our freedom to read is more important than ever.

HOW to



Observe **Black History Month** this February with Kanopy's collection of free films, documentaries, and film festival picks that honour the legacy of Black icons and activists.

Visit wellington.kanopy.com to sign up for **10 credits per month**. You will need your library card, PIN, and a valid email address. Plus, download the Kanopy app for streaming and casting from wherever you are.

Library Facts from 2022



Total Circulation
848,589



Programmes Offered
2,168

Programme Participation
40,791



Batteries Collected
3,442 kg



New Items Purchased
27,985



eBooks Purchased
2,812
for Wellington County Library Patrons



eBook Circulation
205,792



New Patrons Registered
4,159



Items Moved by Library Courier
325,752



Curbside Pickups
12,257
*Jan. - Feb. only

Inspiration Lab

(Kids, Tweens, Families, All Ages)



Palmerston Branch, Tuesdays,
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 4:00-5:00 pm

Drop in and get creative with technology and maker culture in the Inspiration Lab!

Dungeons and Dragons – Adult D&D

(Adults)

Harriston Branch, Tuesday,
February 28, 6:00-7:45 pm

Join fellow fantasy fans to build characters and explore new worlds.



Teen Café – Escape Room!

(Teen)

Drayton Branch, Wednesday,
February 22, 4:00-5:00 pm

Hang out with other like-minded teens and make, watch, chat, and explore.

Creative Kids - Pinecone Craft

(Tweens)



Erin Branch, Thursday,
February 16, 6:00-7:00 pm

Get crafty and learn new things with DIY, maker, and other hands-on activities just for kids.

Bedtime Stories

(Families, Preschoolers)



Clifford Branch, Wednesday,
February 15, 7:00PM - 7:30 pm

Wear your PJs and snuggle up to our quiet evening story time for families.

Creativebug Hub – Orizomegami

(Adults, Teens)

Hillsburgh Branch, Friday,
February 10, 1:30PM - 2:30 pm

Join us to explore the world of crafting with Creativebug, an online resource from your library!

Saturday Stories - Alphabet Play

(Families, Kids, Preschoolers, Toddlers)

Fergus Branch, Saturday,
February 11, 25, 10:20-11:15 am

Join us on weekends to share stories, crafts, games and other fun activities.

Book Club - Second Wednesday Afternoon

(Adult)

Marden Branch, Wednesday,
February 8, 1:30PM - 2:30 pm

Meet with members of your community and join our discussion of books and ideas.



Tween Book Club - Story Chasers

(Tweens)

Elora Branch, Thursday,
February 23, 4:00PM - 5:00 pm

Join a book club just for tweens! Discover great books, share new stories, explore important topics, and have some bookish fun.