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A huge **Thank You** to the participants, volunteers and organizers of the Joyce Street Clean up Party 2026



A huge thank you to the community members, school staff, and dedicated volunteers who came out to make a difference.

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- Angela and her @shopcollingwood crew
- Brenda and her school volunteers @smsaints604
- Adrian Dix, MLA
- Don Davies, MP
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Ron & Shirley 63 wedding anniversary



Ron and Shirley celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary!
Congratulations! Photo: Helen Ho

Hello Renfrew Collingwood Community News,

I am emailing from Renfrew Community Centre as some of our patrons and long time community members have just celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

I have included Helen Ho, who captured a photo of them at last weeks social, and suggested sharing this piece of news with you!

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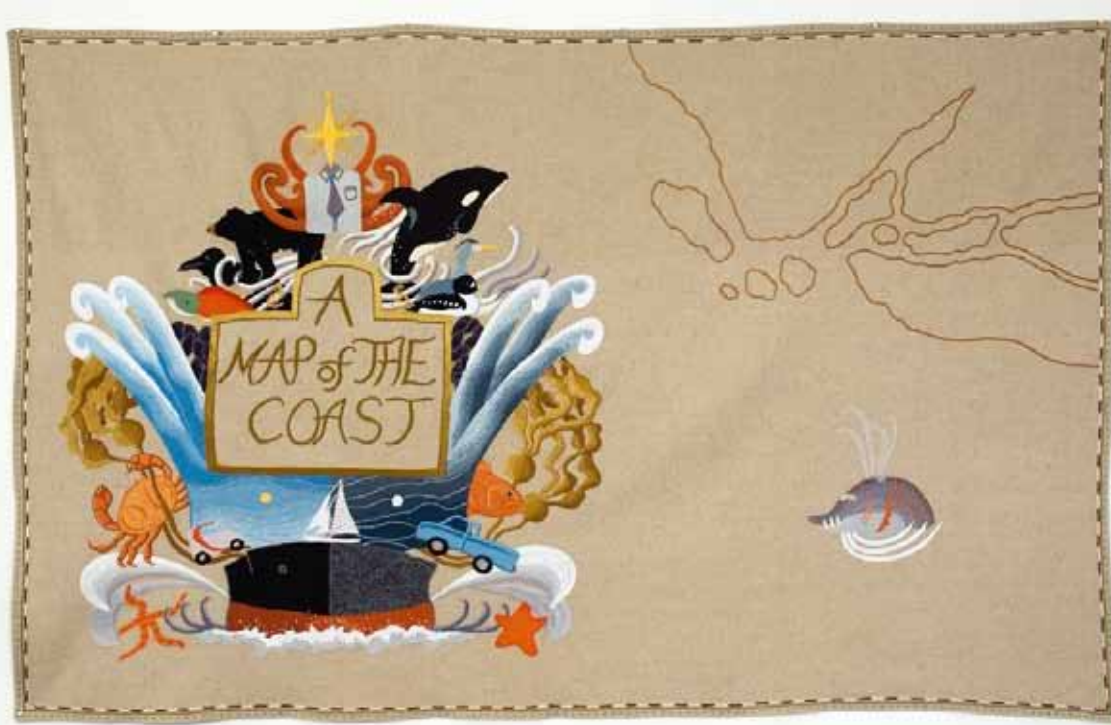
Memories, Maps, Reflections

The Cartography of Bettina Matzkuhn

Exhibit at the Italian Cultural Centre Gallery, April 16- May 24

by Dr. Angela Clarke

“One doesn’t remember one’s own life chronologically, the way it happened, what was most important, or even what seemed most important. We are not in control of our memories. One doesn’t own one’s memories. One is owned by them.”
— Federico Fellini



Textile artist Bettina Matzkuhn explores the terrain of human memory. Utilizing cartography as a metaphor she believes place and memory are intertwined. Matzkuhn demonstrates that human memory, at its core, is selective. It is our human capacity for emotion which is the deciding factor in how we perceive place, location, and even the size and scale, of the of a space and its contents.

bias, emotional attachment, cognitive dissonance, and even personal will; how we wish the world was, instead of is. In essence, maps represent what our society, and the scientific mind,

chooses to believe is true, regardless of whether or not it replicates reality.

Dr. Angela Clarke is the Museum Director and Curator of Il Museo

Each map in Matzkuhn’s exhibition is embroidered, physically and metaphorically, with the artist’s recollections and emotional attachments. For the artist, emotion overrides memory, and her maps are testimonials to this. Her maps two-dimensionally depict her three-dimensional experiences associated with place such as: an imaginary tour of Canada rendered onto a guitar strap in fully -embroidered landscape; or the intimacy of a meditative walk along commercial drive where the varietal of trees at each juncture is the only lasting memory. Her understanding of community, as seen from her tree map, is not defined by human inhabitants, but rather by clusters of the living and breathing trees populating it.

Bettina’s cartography dispenses with the fallacy that terrain can be mapped with scientific precision. Rather, Matzkuhn, sees mapmaking not as a science, but an art consisting of unquantifiable and very personal impressions. Matzkuhn proves that maps do not exist solely to locate space, but rather since their contents are funneled through the imperfections of human perception their accuracy is obscured by contaminants such as: propaganda,

The following is a paid advertisement by Adrian Dix, MLA for Vancouver/Renfrew

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Thank you very much for all that you’re doing and take care.

Sincerely,

Adrian Dix
MLA for Vancouver-Renfrew



il Museo


Maps, Memories, Reflections

The Cartography of Bettina Matzkuhn

GRAND OPENING:
APRIL 16


EXHIBITION RUNS:
APRIL 11 – MAY 24, 2026

Fibre interests me as a visual language. Textiles have a long history of incorporating social and personal stories. I see my work as a part of this continuum. The versatile threads and textiles that I use form a vocabulary I have cultivated since childhood. I use it to speak of the living world.



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COMMUNITY NEWS 社区新闻

Collingwood Corner

Opening the Variety Park Children's Playground 40 years

by Loretta Houben

The mission of this non-profit publication is to provide the residents, businesses and organizations of Renfrew/Collingwood with a medium for community communication.

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Forty years ago, Vancouver BC welcomed the world to its Transportation and Communication: World in Motion, World in Touch fair, held in the False Creek area downtown. Did you attend? Did you have a 6-month pass? Unfortunately, I only bought two 3-day passes because I thought it would be boring. It turned out to be quite a momentous occasion, and most people fell in love with the whole adventure.

The Skytrain opened on time in January 1986 and was part of the excitement. I enjoyed riding it as often as I could, listening to the many tourists speaking different languages while taking the train to the Expo Stadium-Chinatown station, or Main street station, and entering the gates into Expo conveniently located close by.

Expo '86 opened on May 2 and ended October 13, 1986. It attracted over 22 million visitors. Many of those visitors returned to live here permanently and our city has never been the same. An event on May 6 involved the Royal couple, Prince Charles and his wife Diana. They attended the opening of Variety Park Children's Playground, built by the Variety Club in Central Park, Burnaby. They arrived at Patterson Station near the park, taking a car to the west side of the park where the new playground had been built for disabled children.

Maybe you were one of over 2,500 people who attended the event and watched as the Royal couple uncovered the plaque in the park. It's still there although the park has been modified since 1986. After the dedication, and receiving flower bouquets from children, Prince Charles and Princess Diana headed back to the Skytrain for lunch downtown and further duties.

I didn't attend the Central Park ceremonies, but I did meet the Prince and Princess in a walk about at the Pan Pacific Hotel where they stayed, and I remember the excitement of that evening and noting how beautiful Diana was, in her midnight blue gown with sparkling blue gems.

40 years is a long time. Many things have changed, but oh the memories. There are lots of memories recorded on the YouTube channel, including the Expo '86 theme song,

Something's Happening Here.



Variety Park playground opening on May 6, 1986, by Prince Charles and Princess Diana in Central Park. (source unknown)



A picture of the Prince and Princess of Wales at the Variety Park dedication on May 6, 1986, in Central Park. (source unknown)



Closeup of the plaque dedicating the Variety Park Playground on May 6, 1986. (source unknown)



Royal Canadian Legion Grandview-Collingwood Branch

UPDATE

May Entertainment Lineup

The Thursday Night Jam

Every Thursday night, from 7-11 P.M., the Branch holds a jam session. Whether you are a musician, a dancer, or one who loves rock and blues music, the Legion is becoming known for it's Thursday Night Jam.

Friday Nights

- May 1 – Karaoke with Nina
- May 8 – The New Marauderz
- May 15 – DJ Stan
- May 22 – Oliver and the Elements
- May 29 – Mrs, Howl & the 3 Hour Tour



Saturday Nights

- May 2 – Wicked Fun
- May 9 – Front Page Band
- May 16 – Chris Newton Band
- May 23 – Las Divas
- May 30 – WingNutz



Brice Tabish of Las Divas



Jam Night Hosts: Kelly, Bob and Paul

Meat draws and 50/50

Meat and 50/50 draws: Every Friday and Saturday from 5 pm to 7 pm with draws taking place every half hour.

The Legion on the Drive is located at **2205 Commercial Drive**
Facebook: Commercial Drive Legion
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Navy Days
at Grandview - Collingwood Legion
Featuring:
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Join us Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 @ 1PM
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There will be soup, sandwich and dessert for \$5.00 while quantities last. Our Veterans eat for free.

Navy commemorates the Battle of the Atlantic: May 3

Every year the Navy commemorates the Battle of the Atlantic. The Battle was crucial to an Allied victory in the Second World War, as supply routes in the Atlantic Ocean were vital in allowing the Allies to accelerate the build-up of air forces, the transport of troops, food, medicine and equipment for the invasion of continental Europe in 1944.

Every year on the first Sunday of May, (May 5 at 10am) members of the Navy family will gather at memorial parks across Canada to commemorate the service and sacrifice of those Canadians who served during the Battle of Atlantic. A moment of silence is observed to honour the more than 4,500 Canadians who died during the battle.

Locally, this is held at Sailors Point Memorial behind the BCIT Marine Campus in North Vancouver near the Lonsdale Quay and SeaBus terminal. 265 W Esplanade (Forbes and Esplanade) North Vancouver.

The festivities will continue at Branch 179, featuring The Vancouver Naval Veterans Band H.M.C.S. Discovery

This mini-concert at RCL Branch 179 will be from 1:30 - 2:30 pm and will feature a variety of war tunes, marches, sing-a-longs and snacks. Everyone is invited to join the celebration.

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Word. Words. What are they? Where are they?

Scribe Penny N. Lim

The word “word” itself comes from something spoken — a way to express thought. From ancient roots, language has evolved alongside human curiosity. Scientists once combined Greek words — aster (star) and naut (sailor) — to create astronaut. Even today, we continue shaping meaning through language.

April is Poetry Month, and words surround us in many forms: Schiller, Shakespeare, Robert Frost, Michael Ondaatje, Rumi — a 13th-century Persian poet. We hear words in songs, on radio and television, in military marches and national anthems, in gospel, hymns, and lullabies.

Language also reflects culture.

In Germany — my home away from Vancouver — I was fascinated by compound words. Osterglocke (“Easter bell”) refers to a daffodil. In Chinese, gloves translate literally as “hand stockings,” while in German they are Handschuhe (“hand shoes”). These differences sparked my lifelong curiosity about words.

In my family’s Toishan dialect, a greeting is: “Have you eaten rice yet?” — meaning How are you?

Even at the end of life, language carries meaning. When my father was dying, someone said simply: “He wishes to run.”

Words in place and history

Vancouver itself is a tapestry of language and history.

Named after Captain George Vancouver, a British naval officer who charted the Pacific Northwest from 1791 to 1795, many local names reflect exploration and legacy:

- Burrard (street)
- Langley (town)
- Puget Sound (waterway)
- Vancouver Island
- Mountains: Seymour, Baker, Rainier,

The great quest of the time was the Northwest Passage. Spanish and British explorers raced to map the coast. Captain Vancouver collaborated with Spanish explorer Quadra — once naming the island “Quadra and Vancouver Island.”

Other names endure:

- Langara (after Admiral Langara)
- Galiano (who circumnavigated Vancouver Island)

These are words rooted in exploration, memory, and identity.

Do we even need words?

Stories have always been passed down through generations — through oral history, family gatherings, and shared experience.

But are words always necessary?

“Silence is golden.”
Solitude. Meditation.
Silent reading.
Sign language.
Smoke signals. Carrier pigeons.

Words compete with images, symbols, and silence itself.

As the saying goes:
“A rose is a rose is a rose.”
“A picture is worth a thousand words.”

The origins of writing

Writing began over 5,000 years ago in Mesopotamia with cuneiform — marks pressed into clay.

- From there came:
- carvings on bones and antlers
 - cave paintings
 - hieroglyphics
 - Sanskrit
 - pictographs
 - Indigenous sand paintings
 - cairns marking paths and memory

Chinese remains a pictorial language — modern readers can still interpret ancient calligraphy, while many ancient Greek and Egyptian texts are no longer easily understood.

Language is play

Words are also fun.

They travel through food:
pizza, spaghetti, goulash, kimchi, sushi, schnitzel, couscous, pyrogies

They echo sound:
chickadee (named for its call)

- They come from First Languages:
- Inuit: igloo, husky
 - Algonquin: canoe, moose, caribou
 - Nahuatl: tomato, avocado

They appear in everyday life:
Kleenex, Coke, Labatt Blue



Even shop signs — like Wet Coast Wool or Ocean Goose — play with language creatively.

Your turn

Readers, writers, and word lovers:

What do you think?

Do we need words?
Or images?
Or both?

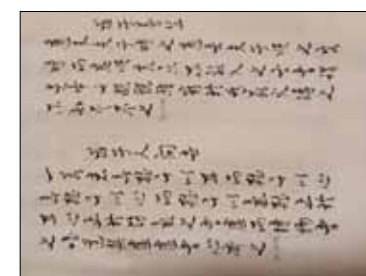
Or should we start again?

- Howl like a wolf?
- Send messages through trees?
- Speak like whales?
- Sing like a lark?

Ahoy, star sailors.

Send in your thoughts — and help continue the story of words.

Thank you. Merci. Danke.
—or simply wave.





The Deep Meaning of a Mother

Art and fragments by Ricardo Cerna

The deep meaning of a mother toward her children goes far beyond daily care. It is not only about feeding, protecting, or educating... it is also about giving life emotionally, humanly, and spiritually.

A mother is, for a child, their first home. Before knowing the world, the child knows her. And through her gaze, the child learns whether the world is a safe place or not. Her voice becomes calm, her embrace becomes refuge, and her presence... a foundation from which the child learns to exist.

A mother's love has something unique: it does not depend on achievements, perfect behavior, or conditions. It is a love that says, "I love you because you are," and this builds in the child a deep sense of security that will accompany them throughout life.

She is also a silent guide. Many times, without realizing it, a mother teaches through who she is: how to love, how to treat others, how to rise after falling. Her example leaves invisible yet lasting marks.

And there is something even deeper: a mother often gives of herself without expecting immediate recognition. She loves, cares, and shapes... knowing that she may see the fruits years later. It is a long-term sowing, full of faith.

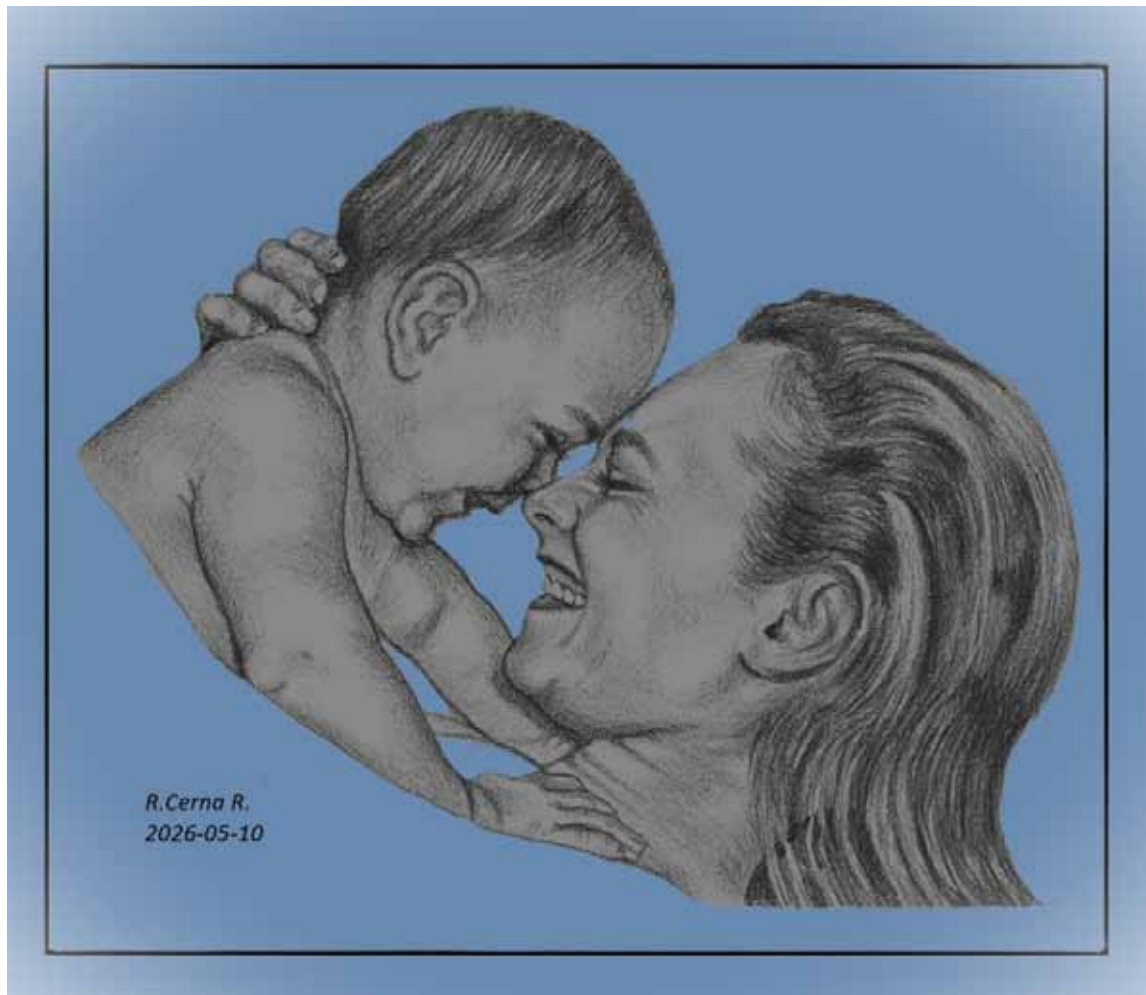
That is why the deep meaning of a mother is to be:

- A refuge during the world
- A root that sustains
- A love that shapes identity
- A presence that leaves an eternal mark

In short, a mother not only raises her children... but also helps shape human beings capable of loving.

Dear friends and respected readers of our Collingwood community: Since Mother's Day is a celebration observed worldwide, we hope it serves as a new beginning for us to reflect on the deep meaning of our mothers.

Thank you once again for reaching the end by reading these lines and for observing the small illustration of this article. Blessings to your mother and your families. Let us strive to be happy.



Artwork by Ricardo Cerna (2026)

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New signals at 22nd and Slocan

by Paul Reid



A new traffic signal was recently installed at the intersection of Slocan Street and East 22nd Avenue. As you can see from the photo, this has always been a rather busy intersection in need of a light. The signal is part of the City's broader effort to improve the Sunrise Bikeway. Previously, cyclists and pedestrians found crossing 22nd Avenue at this location "dicey" due to the layout and vehicle speeds.

In addition to the traffic signal, the city proposed adding corner bulges and a pedestrian refuge to the north leg of Slocan Street to narrow the road and reinforce its status as a local street.

Windermere Choir Program

Document Paper Shredding Fundraiser



please note date correction

Saturday May 30, 2026

10am-2pm

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Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival Invites Artists & Performers to Celebrate Tiny Life

by Clea Moray

The Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival returns this fall, and Still Moon Arts Society once again invites local artists, musicians, performers, and interdisciplinary creators to bring their talents to this long-running community celebration.

Each year, the festival draws more than 5,000 attendees to honour the harvest moon, Renfrew-Collingwood's rich and diverse culture, and the wonders of the natural world. The event features lanterns, art, live music, dance, community workshops, and more.

The 2026 Theme: Tiny Life

This year's theme invites artists and festival-goers to slow down, look closely, and celebrate the small, often overlooked wonders that thrive in Renfrew Ravine and our local greenpaces.

"Tiny Life" is an invitation to notice the quiet magic of the miniature: a dragonfly hovering in the sun, a caddisfly weaving its shell of silk and stones, darting waterfleas feeding on jewel-like diatoms, a water strider gliding across the water surface like a tiny skater.



SOURDOPE perform at the Harvest Fair, 2025 Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival. Photos by Zhaozhong Zheng

Renfrew Ravine and Still Creek are home to rich, hidden worlds. Along the mossy stream banks and among the leaf litter and stream-bed sediments are tiny creatures that live extraordinary lives while supporting larger ecosystems.

Artists are encouraged to create lanterns, performances, and installations that magnify or draw attention to the small. "Tiny Life" isn't just about size, it's about perspective. It invites you to move slowly, look closely, and discover beauty in the small elements of the natural world. It is a celebration of all that is small, fragile, and essential.



One of thousands of Moon Festival lanterns

voice. Singers and vocal ensembles of all styles and traditions are invited to perform in the garden setting. This intimate setting is perfect for those who want to connect deeply with audiences.

Still Moon Arts also welcomes proposals from artists interested in leading community workshops in lantern-making, eco-arts, or other cultural and creative activities.

Key Info:

Application Deadline: Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 11:59 PM

Festival Dates: September 7 to 26, 2026.

Artist Fees: All selected applicants will be paid an artist/performer fee

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Streamside Lanterns is an enchanting nighttime experience at Renfrew Community Park, showcasing illuminated art, live music, and performances set amidst the trees and the gentle flow of Still Creek. Artists working in lanterns, illuminated art, movement, and sound are all encouraged to apply.

Voices in the Garden is a vocalist showcase celebrating the power of the human

What's happening at Collingwood Branch



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 Tuesday & Wednesday: 9.30am - 7pm
 Thursday & Friday: 9.30am - 6pm
 Saturday: 9.30am - 5pm
 Sunday: 9.30am - 5pm

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Thursdays, April 9 – May 7
 10:30 am (30 min)
 Rhymes, songs, bounces, fingerplays, and stories for babies and their caregivers.
 For ages 0-18 months | Drop-in

Baby Stay & Play

Thursdays, April 9 – May 7
 11:00 am (30 min)
 Drop in for independent playtime with your baby and connect with other families.
 For ages 0-18 months | Drop-in

Family Storytime

Fridays, April 10 – May 8
 10:30 am (30 min)
 Songs, rhymes, and stories for children of all ages and abilities with their caregivers.

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 For ages 0-5 | Drop-in

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SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

LEGO® Block Party

Saturdays, April 4 – June 27
 10:30 am (60 min)

ADULT PROGRAMS

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Renfrew Branch

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All programs are FREE. For more information, visit www.vpl.ca/events.

**Library is closed on Monday, May 18th for Victoria Day

SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

LEGO Block Party

Wednesday, May 13 & 27, 3:30pm-4:30pm
 Drop in for some LEGO building fun! Grades K-7.

Make It: Mother's Day Crafts

Wednesday, May 8, 3:30pm-4:30pm
 Join us as we make Surprise Fold Art or a Paper Straw Necklace for Mother's Day. Adults accompanying children under 9 must stay in the program area for the duration of the program. For Grades K - 7. Drop in.

Coding for Kids: Osmos

Wednesday, May 20, 3:30pm-4:30pm
 Learn how to code using iPads and Osmo coding duo. Adults accompanying children under 9 must stay in the library for the duration of the program. For Grades 2-7. Registration required.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Babytime

Mondays, May 4 & 11, 11:00-11:30am and 1:30-2:00pm.
 Drop-in.
 Rhymes, songs, bounces, fingerplays and stories for parents and caregivers with their babies. Recommended for newborns to approximately 18 months.

Family Storytime

Mondays, May 4 & 11, 10:00-10:30am. Drop-in.
 A program for parents and caregivers with young children. Songs, rhymes and stories are shared. Suitable for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy and learn together.

Family Movies

Fridays, 3:30-5:15pm. Drop-in.
 Visit the library and enjoy free, kid-friendly movies. For children and their accompanying caregivers. Adults accompanying children under 9 must stay in the library for the duration of the program.
 May 1: *Coco*
 May 8: *Minions: The Rise of Gru*
 May 15: *The Garfield Movie*
 May 22: *Raya and the Last Dragon*
 May 29: *Madagascar*

ADULTS

Coffee Connection

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am. Drop-in.
 Drop in for coffee and other light refreshments. Play board games, do a crossword, or chat with your neighbours.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am. Drop-in.
 Meet new friends and practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners. This is a supportive and casual meet-up. For intermediate speakers.

Adult Colouring Club

Fridays, 10:00-11:00am. Drop-in.
 Relax and enjoy the many benefits of colouring with like-minded creatives. We'll provide the colouring pages and pencil crayons!

Board Games Social for Adults

Tuesdays, May 12 & 26. 5:45-7:45pm. Drop-in.
 Connect with friends or make new ones over board games at the library! Bring your own, or select something from our game collection. Players of all levels are welcome.

Story Circle

Wednesday, May 6, 10:00-11:00am
 This monthly program is for adults with developmental disabilities and their families, friends and caregivers. Join us in an accessible, relaxed and fun community setting for stories, music and more! Registration is required. Register at www.vpl.ca/events



Mutual Fund vs Exchange-traded Funds (ETFs)

Thursday, May 7, 6:00-7:30pm
 Mutual funds and ETFs are two of the most popular investment options available to Canadians — but how do you know which is right for you? This free workshop breaks down both in plain language, comparing how they work, their fees, trading flexibility, tax considerations in registered accounts (RRSP, TFSA, RESP), and the pros and cons of each. Presented in partnership with CFA Society Vancouver. Registration is required. Register at www.vpl.ca/events

Vancouver Life Salon in Chinese 溫哥華生活沙龍

Tuesday, May 12, 2:30-4:00pm.
 Register at www.vpl.ca/events 請線上登記: www.vpl.ca/events

Welcome to Vancouver! In this salon we explore various aspects of life in Vancouver: socio-cultural, political, economic, environmental, leisure and wellness. Each month we select a theme for open discussion, creating an exclusive, diverse and respectful space for conversation and sharing. The topic for each session will be sent via email one week prior to the event.

The language of the event will depend on the guest speaker of the session, and could be in Mandarin or Cantonese.

歡迎安居溫哥華! 在這裡我們探討溫哥華生活的方方面面, 社會文化、政經環境、休閒養生等等, 每月一次一個主題暢所欲言, 共創一個平等、多元、尊重的聊天分享空間。每期話題在活動前一週電郵發送。國語或粵語活動, 將取決於當期話題嘉賓。

Canada Revenue Agency & Service Canada: Drop-in Clinic

Tuesday, May 19, 12:00-4:00pm
 Drop in for one-to-one help from government staff. Service Canada and Canada Revenue Agency staff will be on hand to assist with tax slips, notices of assessment, inquiries about Canada Child Benefit (CCB), Disability Tax Credit, Canadian Dental Care Plan, Old Age Security, Canada Pension Plan, Social Insurance Numbers, and registering for online services.



MAY 2026

Joyce Street Clean Up Party – April 25th

In honour of Earth Week, Collingwood organizations partnered together to host the Joyce St. Clean Up Party

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the fourth annual Joyce Street Clean-Up Event. This truly was a remarkable community effort. Special thanks to St. Mary’s School principal, Brenda Krivuzoff, along with the staff and families for their invaluable assistance in hosting the event.

This community initiative is proudly supported by the Collingwood BIA, St. Mary’s School, Collingwood Community Policing Centre, Collingwood Neighbourhood House, and Adrian Dix MLA & Don Davies MP Constituency Office. We appreciate your generous donations of such wonderful prizes.

Celebrating Year in Business

The CBIA will be recognizing the many businesses who have been operating for over 30+ years, 20 years and 10 years. Certificates will be presented to each business and an event this month. We are so grateful to have many of our businesses operating in Collingwood for many decades. The businesses will be mentioned on Instagram and Facebook throughout the next few months. Make sure you are following our social media platforms to learn more about our amazing businesses.

Event to celebrate the businesses opened for over 35 years will be invited to a special event on May 21st at Vancity 6-7pm. RSVP by May 14th.

Small Business Vancouver

It’s official! We are happy to announce the launch of Small Business Vancouver! A new nonprofit focused on making it easier to start, run, and grow a small enterprise in Vancouver. They want to hear from you. They are conducting a short survey to better understand the challenges and opportunities enterprises are facing, and to help shape where we focus their efforts.

- 👉 Take the survey: <https://lnkd.in/gGmECgv2>
- 👉 Learn more at our website: smallbusinessvan.ca.

Collingwood Days 2026 – July 10-18th

Join us for the 24th annual Collingwood community festival. Activities throughout the week of July 10 – 18th. Ending with the Festival Day at Gaston Park. Follow us on Instagram @collingwooddays and go to the website to learn more on how you can participate. Be a sponsor, have a booth in the marketplace, food truck vendor or volunteer to help the events go smoothly. There is something for everyone.

Looking for Board Members

Do you have a business in Collingwood, along Kingsway and on Joyce Street? Do you have an hour per month to attend board meetings? Are you interested in contributing to the future vision of Joyce Collingwood? We want you! Email angela@shopcollingwood.ca

CALENDAR

May 10th

Mother’s Day



May 18th

Victoria Day



May 21st

Years in Business Event

6-7pm

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SAVE THE DATE!
Festival Day - July 18
10:30am to 3pm
Gaston Park

Join us for a celebration of community, culture, and fun!

Be part of the experience: Become a sponsor, volunteer, vendor, or bring your food truck.

Get involved today!

Events & activities throughout the community
July 10-17

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