

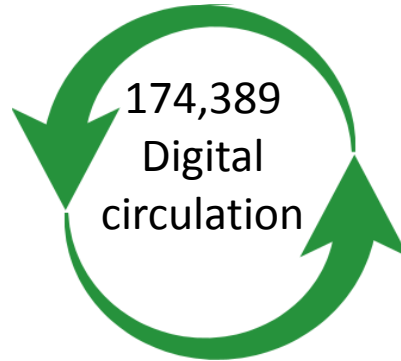


LIBRARY SERVICES UPDATE

Middlesex Centre Council

February 12th, 2025

2024 USAGE STATISTICS



2,983 programs held

31,798 in attendance



538
hotspot
checkouts



TRENDS

- return to 2019 circulation levels
- Increased online traffic & digital demand

COLDSTREAM BRANCH

- Summer at the Library programming
- “The Mayor’s Bookclub” with Mayor Aina DeViet
- Red Scarf Project (HIV/AIDS Awareness)
- Facility Improvements – flooring, washroom, accessible ramp and doors
- Library Garden and Mud Kitchen
- 2025 project – Free Little Art Gallery

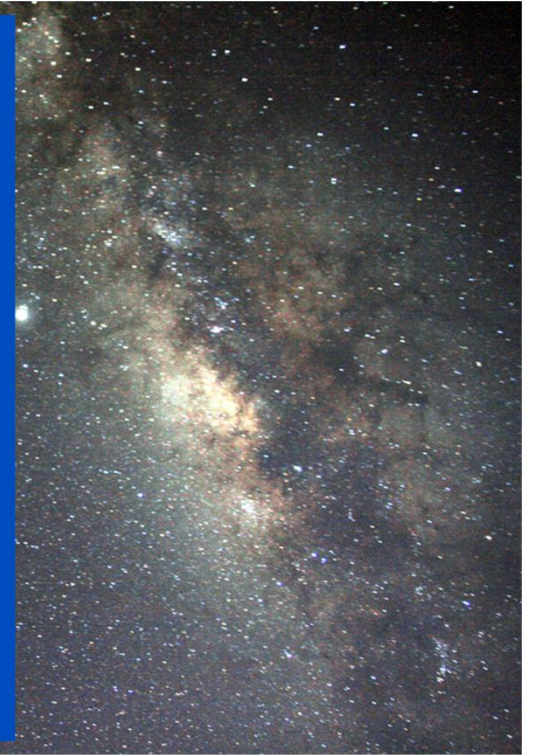
Haudenosaunee Star Teachings

Join Samantha Doxtator, Wolf Clan of Oneida Nation of the Thames, at the Coldstream Quaker Meeting House, as she discusses the eclipse, stardust & astronomical knowledge.

**Tues, April 16
at 7:00pm**

359 Quaker Lane, Coldstream

*In partnership with the Coldstream Quakers
and the Friends of Coldstream Library.*



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Coldstream Library
10227 Ilderton Rd
519-666-1201



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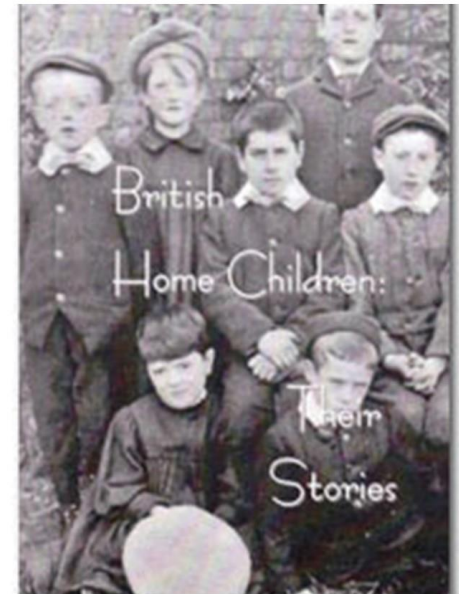
- Popular programs from 2024 include British Home Children, Smartphone Savvy Seniors, Penguin Palooza, and Harry Potter's Birthday
- Ongoing support from MXC staff for the outdoor garden and Play Space
- New 2025 programs include Chair Yoga, Intro to Meditation, and March Break "Our Libraries are Out of This World"

British Home Children

A presentation on British Home Children in Ontario by Dan Oatman. He will tell the stories both good and tragic, of these Home Children, an almost forgotten part of Canada's history.

**Wed, Feb 28
at 6:30pm**

Registration required: please register online or contact the Ilderton Library.



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Ilderton Library
40 Heritage Dr
519-666-1599



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KOMOKA & DELAWARE BRANCHES

- Variety of adult programs supporting connection and community building
- Library Pilates – with support from MXC, who supplied equipment
- Holiday Hoopla annual event







Komoka Koffee House

Enjoy a hot drink and snacks while we discuss current events

Every other Wednesday 10:30-11:30

Sept. 11 & 25 / Oct. 9 & 23 / Nov. 6 & 20 and Dec. 4 & 18

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519-657-1

STEAM Club

Drop in to the library once a month to experiment with Math, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

3rd Monday of the Month
4:00-8:00PM



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Delaware Library
29 Young St
519-652-9978



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2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- River Heights EarlyON Child & Family Centre opening – March 2024
- Delivery van program
- Room Booking website integration
- New Horizons for Seniors grant – Digital Literacy Program
- Facility risk assessments & meetings with local Municipal Community Services staff



PLANS FOR 2025

- Updated Strategic Plan for 2025-2028
- RFID Technology Project – RFID technology replaces library barcodes for item identification
- Virtual Healthcare partnership
- Community Food Cupboards
- Community Navigator program

Family Day at the Library!

Celebrate
Family Day at the
Komoka Library!

Mon, Feb 17

Library open: 10am-2pm

Storytime: 10:30am

EarlyON Activity: 11am

Door prize draw!



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Komoka Library

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EarlyON Update

Municipality of Middlesex Centre Council

February 2025

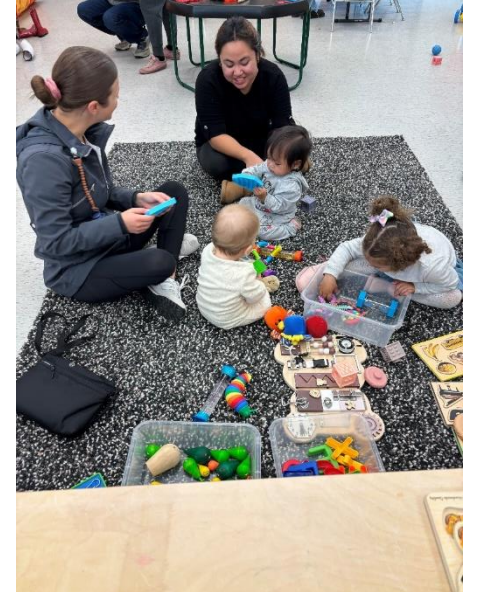


EarlyON Child & Family Centres

- EarlyON offers high-quality programs for children 0-6 and their families.
- EarlyON is funded through the Ministry of Education. The Service System Manager for London and Middlesex is the City of London. Middlesex County Library manages Middlesex EarlyON programs.
- Programs are designed to:
 - Provide children with play-based learning opportunities that support development
 - Provide caregivers with opportunities to strengthen their relationships with their children through play
 - Enrich caregiver knowledge about early learning and development
 - Connect caregivers to information about community and specialized services

EarlyON Locations

- There are 10 locations across the County where programs are offered.
- The two program locations in Middlesex Centre include Ilderton Library and Komoka Library.



EarlyON Drop-in Programs

- Drop-in programs include:
 - **Play & Learn** – a program for children 0-6 years of age and their caregivers. Includes a circle time at the end of program (songs and stories).
 - **Baby Time** - a program for children 0-12 months of age and their caregivers. Includes conversations around infant development. Seasonal stroller walks.
- The following drop-in programs are offered in Middlesex Centre
 - Ilderton – Tues and Thurs 9-11 a.m. Play & Learn; Tues 1-3 p.m. Baby Time
 - Komoka – Fri 9-11 a.m. Play & Learn
- 2025 partnerships in Middlesex Centre include two visits from LHSC re: Car Seat Safety in Ilderton (Baby Time) and three visits from MLHU re: Oral Health (Play & Learn)

Outdoor Space – Ilderton

- In September 2020, the County of Middlesex received Federal Restart Funding to support the safe reopening of EarlyON programs and services in Middlesex County. A portion of this funding was allocated to the development of an outdoor space in Ilderton.
- This space is used seasonally during Play & Learn.



Supporting School Transition

- **Ready Set Learn** is a 4-week program that provides caregivers and their child with a learning experience that supports a successful school start. For children entering JK. Reg. required.
 - Ilderton – Feb 5-26th 9:30-11a.m. and April 23-May 14, 9:30-11a.m.
 - Komoka – Feb 6-27th, 9:30-11a.m.
- **Kinder Connect** - meet new friends, participate in fun & engaging activities, enjoy songs & stories and ask questions of educators about successfully transitioning to kindergarten. For children entering JK. Reg. required.
 - Ilderton – Feb 27, 5:30-7p.m.
 - Komoka – March 20, 5:30-7p.m.



Other Special Programs

- **Early Developmental Screening Clinics** – trained staff support caregivers in completing a validated tool that gathers information related to child development. These clinics are offered quarterly. Quarter 1 schedule includes:
 - Komoka – Feb 7, 9-11 a.m.
 - Ilderton, Feb 11, 9-11 a.m.
- **Open Spaces** is a nature-based program that provides free play and adventures in learning. Best suited for children 2 to 6 years of age. Runs May-Sept. Rotates around the County. Program is regularly offered at Coldstream Conservation Area.
- **Zumbini®** uses music and movement to support child development for children ages 0-4 years. This is a 6-week program.
 - Komoka – May 26-June 30, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
- **Saturday Programs** – planning for quarterly in Ilderton

Program Reach in 2024

- Coldstream – 14 programs offered, 212 individuals served, 392 visits
- Ilderton – 165 programs offered, 765 individuals served, 4,292 visits
- Komoka – 59 programs offered, 568 individuals served, 1,980 visits



QUESTIONS?

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