

Staff Activity and Community Impact Report

Oct. 23, 2025 Board Meeting

Events, Programs, and Services of Note

Cult Film Club at the Central Library

The first monthly Cult Film Club took place on September 15th. Patrons attended a screening of *Rushmore* and many stayed after the credits to discuss the film. The next film will be *Ed Wood* on October 20th.

Doors Open London at the Central Library

The Central Children's library had a successful Doors Open London day on Sept. 20 with 93 participants. Kids enjoyed a fun and engaging day filled with music-related activities, starting with hands-on exploration of a world instruments display. Our Digital Literacy facilitator featured music related iPad games and Ozmo activities in the TD program room. Music activities were also held in the newly renovated Rotary Reading Garden.

Our creative labs welcomed over 60 visitors to create digital recordings, take photos with our green screen, and make buttons.

Dress for Success with ClothingWorks at the Central Library

On September 15th, 11 patrons attended our first Dress for Success program. Offered in partnership with ClothingWorks, a Goodwill initiative that provides job seekers with free clothing for job interviews, the program made suggestions on how to create an affordable, professional wardrobe using thrifted items. The program will be offered again in November.

LPL Live: Fiker in the Rotary Reading Garden

Local singer songwriter Fiker performed in the newly renovated Rotary Reading Garden as part of the launch of the new monthly music series, LPL Live.

MidModMovies at the Central Library

The popular MidModMovies series, a documentary series that features films showcasing Mid-Century and Modernist architecture and design, kicked off on September 18th with a showing of *Your Tomorrow*, a documentary about Ontario Place. On September 25th, the attendees viewed *The Mies Van Der Rohes: A Female Family Saga*, and on October 2, *Maurice and I*.

David Francey at the Wolf

Legendary folk artist David Francey graced Wolf's stage on September 25th, for an intimate night of stories and songs with a very engaged and excited audience.

Mysteries of the Keyhole House at the Wolf

On September 20, the Wolf presented a magic show featuring two Magic Castle performers, Outerbridge Magic.

Zineography at the Central Library

An annual celebration of zine culture, small press, prints, and comics. This year's session was hosted on September 27th. And hosted 207 attendees.

In the Media

LPL News

Sep. 20, 2025 - Suspend Holds feature replaces Deliver Later in Libby/OverDrive
<https://www.lpl.ca/news/suspend-holds-feature-replaces-deliver-later-libbyoverdrive>

Sep. 22, 2025 - Friends of the Library 2025 Annual Book Sale
<https://www.lpl.ca/news/friends-library-2025-annual-book-sale>

Sep. 24, 2025 - \$100,000 gift from Friends of the Library helps transform Sherwood Branch Library <https://www.lpl.ca/news/100000-gift-friends-library-helps-transform-sherwood-branch-library>

Other News

Sep. 24, 2025 - "They are open to all, they serve everyone": A funding boost for renovations at London's Sherwood Library Branch
<https://www.ctvnews.ca/london/article/they-are-open-to-all-they-serve-everyone-a-funding-boost-for-renovations-at-londons-sherwood-library-branch/>

Sep. 24, 2025 – CTV News London at 6, 36.29 minutes Sherwood Renovation update
<https://www.ctvnews.ca/london/video/>

Oct. 13, 2025 - This is the first library in London to become 'dementia friendly.' Here's what that means <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/this-is-the-first-library-in-london-to-become-dementia-friendly-here-s-what-that-means-9.6934822>

Upcoming Events and Programs

Author Talk with Kendra Coulter

November 6, Central Library

A century of history unfolds through the eyes of a giant tortoise with a heightened awareness for live music, the location of edible flowers, and the nuances of human behavior. Join Western University's Kendra Coulter for a discussion about her spellbinding debut novel, *The Tortoise's Tale*. Book sale and signing to follow.

CPA Financial Literacy series

November 3 – 24 on Mondays at Multiple Branches.

Journey out of Debt, November 3

Planning For Retirement, November 10
Managing Finances in Retirement, November 17
Estate Planning, November 24

Forest City Film Festival

Oct. 24 – Nov. 2, Wolf Performance Hall

This year is the 10th anniversary of the celebration of local storytelling, creative expression and cultural vibrancy in the City of London. This anniversary marks the growth of the program from 30 films in the first year to 100 films in 2024.

Jazz for the People: Charles Rallo Trio

November 26, Wolf Performance Hall

Jazz for the People returns to Wolf for their second last concert of 2025 featuring the Charles Rallo Trio.

LPL Live: Jordan Macdonald

November 6, Central Library

LPL Live returns for the next edition, taking place in the 3rd floor common area with Texas King lead singer, Jordan Macdonald.

Terrific Tales of London and Area: Brick Street Cemetery: It's Pioneers, Soldiers, Farmers and Bricks

November 19, Central Library

Embark on a journey through time with our captivating public history lecture series, Terrific Tales! Join us as we unveil the rich tapestry of London and Middlesex's heritage. Network with others interested in local history and contribute to the preservation of our shared heritage. In partnership with the London and Middlesex Historical Society.