

Get wild at the Caledon Public Library this summer

Where do you go when the sun is hot, the kids are wanting to do something fun and you're looking for an economical outing? Your community library, of course.

Caledon Public Library is once again geared up for a summer full of innovative programs and lively events for kids of all ages. The air conditioner is on and the staff is ready to welcome all to the coolest place in town.

Teens are looking forward to the library's fifth annual book war. That's right ? Battle of the Books is back and they hope everyone is ready.

The library has selected eight titles to compete against each other until one book is left standing. It's anybody's guess which title will ultimately wear the ?BOTB crown.? Teens are invited to read one, some, or all of the books and vote for their favourite either online or in person at any of the seven library branches.

The TD Summer Reading Club encourages kids ages 10 and younger to escape their everyday, step outside their ordinary and seek the unknown through reading. This year's theme is Wild, so listen to the unexplored calling and get wild at the library with incentives such as stickers and prizes, as well as great programs. And don't forget that there is a Summer Reading Club for tweens, teens and even adults.

This summer is so wild that the library is inviting people to go on safari at all seven branches. Caledon Public Library has adopted Ember the Lynx from the Toronto Zoo and she is playing hide-and-go-seek with seven of her friends. They're scattered across Caledon Public Library and they hope patrons can help find them all.

And that's not all. Here are just some of the other library programs happening during those blissful summer days: Harry Potter Movie Madness, Discovery Club, Character Hunt (some more hide-and-seek fun), Brain Freeze, Board Games, Lego and Crafternoons, Building Resiliency for Girls, and Ringtail Ranch and Rescue, plus so much more. Check out the latest details about all summer happenings online or in any of our seven branches.

Caledon Public Library's Click.Create.Celebrate contest is back with categories for all ages: Short Story, Poetry and Photography (with three new categories adult, teen and children). The contest is open until Sept. 10, with awards being announced at Alton Mill Oct. 28. The summer is shorter than you think ? start writing and snapping those pics now.

Last, but by no means least, adults of all ages are assured of a warm library welcome at any time of year. Adult book clubs meet throughout the summer, as does Knit and Knatter and the Alton and Margaret Dunn Valleywood chapters of Writers' Ink. If it's assistance with your iPad or computer, look no further than the Information Technology Department.

The word is out ? Caledon Public Library is the place to be this summer. Stay cool and check it out!