Little Branches Rural Roots

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Pembroke Public Library
October 1-2, 2026

Conference Program
Fall 2026

Additional Information

- At registration you were given a mug - please use this mug for all of your drinks at the conference and help us be green! This mug has already been washed!

- There are washrooms available in the basement and the 2nd floor (off the Mezzanine)

- **A code of 0237 will be required to access these washrooms.** This code is also posted outside of washrooms.

- A water fountain & refill station is available near the adult department circulation desk.

- Please help yourself to refreshments. These will be available on the main floor of the Library and the Church Hall.

- Pembroke Public Library staff will be wearing black and white clothing and have blue lanyards. Staff will be happy to assist you with any questions or concerns.
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- Lanyard return baskets will be located in the Main level of the Library and in the Church Hall.

- For information regarding parking, please visit the Little Branches Website!

We will be holding a prize giveaway - three individual prizes and one grand prize for a Library, a Round about sponsored by Keebee Play! Draws will take place during the closing remarks on Friday!

Win Me!

Thursday

9:00 – 10:00	registration / refreshments station open	Holy Trinity Church Hall
10:00 – 10:30	Opening Cermonies & Official Welcome	Holy Trinity Church Hall
10:40 – 11:40	• Intro to Library Device Management • Digitization Project Management for Cultural Heritage Collections • Beyond the shelves: Partnerships that persist • AI Literacy in Public Libraries	Board Room Reading Room Storytime Area Church Hall
11:50 – 12:35	• Writing Policies for Library Realities • Economic Development and Tourism in Libraries • Raising a Reader, Raising a Leader • Fundraising in the age of AI	Board Room Reading Room Storytime Area Church Hall
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch	Church Hall
13:45 – 14:30	• A little of this, a little of that with Whitehots • Parterning Libraries and Health Units • Helping families find the Right Book • Programming Successes and Failures (Round Table)	Board Room Reading Room Storytime Area Church Hall

Thursday Cont'd

14:40 – 15:25	• Building better websites together • English Support for Newcomers: Chat Group Strategies • MESA • Pay Equity 101	Board Room Reading Room Storytime Area Church Hall
15:15 – 16:00	Plenary - Libraries and Local History	Church Hall
16:00 – 17:00	Mural Walk (led by Mr. Sean Conway)	Downtown Pembroke
17:00	Dinner with musical entertainment from Homemade Jam	Church Hall
18:30	Musical Trivia	Church Hall

Feedback

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We would appreciate your feedback on the 2026 Little Branches Rural Roots Conference held in Pembroke, ON.

Your input helps future organizers ensure a successful event and tailor it to your interests.

Friday

8:00 - 8:45	Morning Yoga session ***Must be pre-registered to attend***	White Pine Yoga Studio
	registration / refreshments station open	Church Hall
9:00 - 10:30	• Tips for Developing Funding Proposals and Addressing Community needs	Board Room
	• Neuroinclusion 101: ADHD in the Library Workspace	Storytime Area
	• Be Prepared: An Emergency-preparedness Workshop for Rural libraries	Church Hall
10:40 - 11:40	• Employment Standards Act Overview (Non-Union)	Board Room
	• First Nation Library Partnerships	Reading Room
	• Creating an escape room in the Library	Storytime Area
	• Interlibrary Loan Round Table	Church Hall
11:50 - 12:35	• Board Orientation	Board Room
	• Beyond Books: Libraries as Front Doors to Rural Newcomer Settlement	Reading Room
	• Best picks for Children, Teens, & Adults from the Reader's Advisory Divas and Dudes (Virtual Session)	Storytime Area
	• Hands-On Book Mending Workshop & Repair-Mishaps Bingo	Church Hall
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch	Church Hall
13:45 - 14:30	• AI in Small Libraries	Board Room
	• Small Town Shorts	Storytime Area
	• Self-Directed Library Marketing	Church Hall
14:40	Closing remarks, Prize draws, & Sundae Bar	Church Hall

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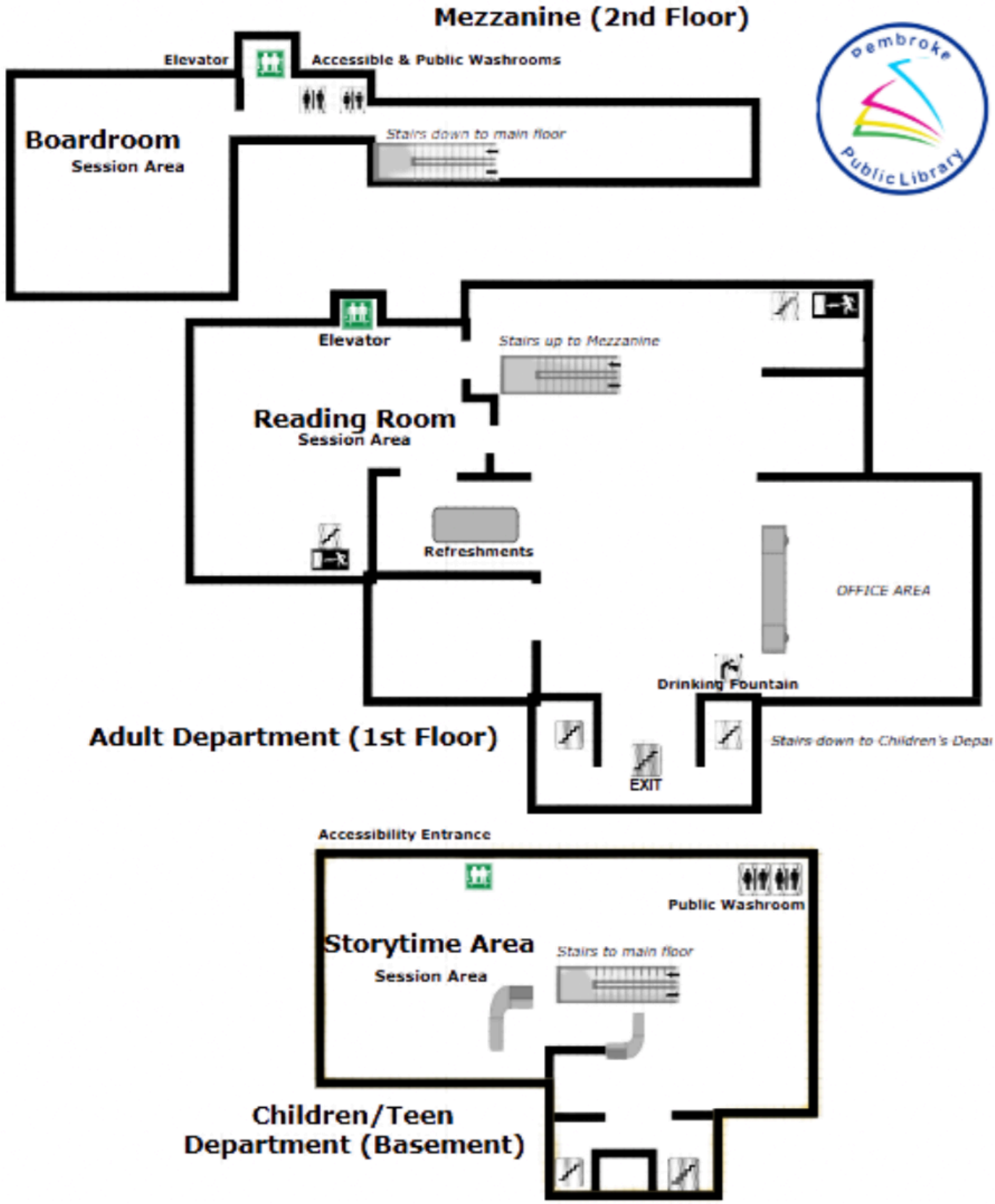

*Don't forget to fill out the survey
& return your lanyard!

We hope you enjoyed your time in Pembroke, ON!