

# EarlyON

Child and Family Centre

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Join the Kenora Public Library and Kenora EarlyON Centre for a Family Fun Christmas evening on December 13th from 5:00 to 6:30. There will be crafts, treats, Caroling with Jan Boutwell and Christmas fun for the whole family.



The Kenora EarlyON Centre will be **CLOSED** for the holidays beginning **December 24, 2018** until **January 1, 2019**. We will re-open on **January 2, 2019**. Group programming will not resume until the week of **January 7**.

The train will arrive at the CP railyard across from the Wholesale Club at 3:20pm on Monday, December 3. Showtime will be from 3:45 to 4:15 pm.

This year's performers are Terri Clark, Sierra Noble and Kelly Prescott.



**The Holiday Train  
is coming to town.**

Volunteers will be on hand, collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the food bank.

## CINNAMON HONEY BUTTER

### Ingredients

- 1 cup (2 sticks) salted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup honey
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon

### Instructions

- \* Use the whisk attachment on your mixer to beat the butter for 1 minute (or use regular beaters or wooden spoon)
- \* Add the powdered sugar, honey and cinnamon. Beat on low until the powdered sugar is incorporated, then beat on medium for a bit.
- \* Scrape the sides and bottom, then beat again until it is smooth

Store this recipe however you normally store butter. Put it on the fridge if you plan on keeping it for a while, or on the counter if you will eat it within a few days. It should be served at room temperature. (will keep in the fridge for 5-6 months) Delicious on pancakes!



## FAMILY LITERACY DAY TURNS 20!

January 27, 2019 will mark the 20th anniversary of Family Literacy Day in Canada. The Kenora Public Library and the EarlyON Centre will be marking the occasion by hosting a Pajama Party on Thursday, January 24 from 5-6:30. Drop in for some literacy-related family fun!

Some activities you can do at home to promote the development of literacy include:

- Following a recipe together
- Making a grocery list and going shopping
- Telling oral stories and reading books to your child at bedtime
- Encouraging conversation at dinnertime by asking questions about your child's day,
- Baking together and talking about the science and measurements involved.

For more ideas, visit [abclifeliteracy.ca](http://abclifeliteracy.ca)

## Holiday Break Happenings...

Rotary Family New Year's Eve at Kenora Rec Centre: from 4-7pm, no charge. There will be swimming, skating and sleigh rides.

Kenora Recreation Centre has some special swims and skates over the holidays. However, they are CLOSED at 11:30 on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, as well as all day on Christmas and Boxing Day. You will be able to find the schedule of events, including some free of charge, on the City of Kenora's website.

The Kenora Public Library will be closed from Dec 24 to 26, and from Dec 31 to Jan 1. They will be open regular hours on Dec 27, 28 and 29 and will be running their usual programming.

The Kenora Sportsplex will be closed on Christmas and Boxing Day, but will be open on Friday, Dec 28 and Saturday, Dec. 29 for their drop in Toddler Play Time (0-5yrs.) There is a cost of 5.00 per child. Children 1 year and under are free.



### Snow Ball

I made myself a snow ball as  
perfect as could be  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet and let  
it sleep with me  
I made it some pajamas and a pillow  
for it's head  
Then, last night it  
ran away  
But first -- it wet  
the bed.

-Shel Silverstein



"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they do when they stick together."

-Verna M. Kelly

For your convenience, you can now find the current Kenora and Minto EarlyON newsletters and calendars on the FIREFLY Website.

Go to [fireflynw.ca](http://fireflynw.ca) and choose [Programs and Services](#). You can then select [EarlyON](#) and scroll down to find the newsletters and calendars.



### Free and Low Cost Winter Activity Ideas

1. Build a winter bonfire and make smores.
2. Go snowshoeing.
3. Build a snowman or have a snowball fight with your kids.
4. Go on a hike and look for animal footprints in the snow.
5. Shovel paths and patterns in the snow.
6. Fill spray bottles with a mixture of non-toxic paint (or food colouring) and water, then get to work painting the snow in your yard.
7. Go on a winter picnic. Take blankets, sandwiches and hot soup in a thermos.
8. Head out on a photo expedition and take pictures of the beautiful winter landscape.
9. Feed the birds or go birdwatching. Make your own birdfeeders out of pine cones, peanut butter and birdseed.
10. Go sledding.
11. When the ice is thick enough, go cross country skiing on the lake.
12. Go ice skating at an outdoor community rink.
13. Go for a family walk during a snowfall. Leave the first footprints!
14. Take your dog for a walk.
15. Go ice fishing.

If you're a bear, hibernate. Otherwise, get out there and enjoy what winter has to offer. The fresh air and sunshine will be good for the whole family! Teaching your children to go outside in all kinds of weather will help them build resilience and a real connection with nature.