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LET'S TALK SCIENCE
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Let's Talk Science volunteers will visit the Memorial Branch of New Tecumseth Public Library on Wednesday, July 15 to engage local children and youth in hands-on science activities.

The free event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., is themed around the library's Summer Reading Club theme of Agent 009. Kids will have the opportunity to investigate a crime scene while learning techniques of forensic science. Activities include fingerprinting, handwriting analysis, ink chromatography, and identifying 'mysterious' substances using chemical analysis.

"Let's Talk Science graduate student volunteers and science professionals are excellent role models for children and youth and provide engaging educational activities that make learning about science fun," says Glenda Casimir, Let's Talk Science Coordinator of Alumni & Community Partnerships, "Having the theme of the activities match that of the Summer Reading Club helps make the important connection between science and literacy."

For more information about Let's Talk Science, please visit www.letstalkscience.ca.

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About the Let's Talk Science Partnership Program:

Since 1993, science, engineering and technology students at post-secondary campuses across Canada have been teaming up with educators to ignite excitement in science in elementary and secondary students. The Partnership Program exists at 29 universities and colleges across the country and its dedicated volunteers deliver fun and engaging hands-on science workshops and activities to thousands of children and youth. The program has recently extended its outreach to rural and remote communities.

About Let's Talk Science:

Let's Talk Science is a national non-profit science outreach organization, founded in 1993, that strives to improve science literacy in children and youth. With a team that includes scientists, early childhood educators and teachers, Let's Talk Science is uniquely positioned to develop effective educational programs that engage children, youth, and adults in learning and improving science literacy. Let's Talk Science specializes in early years education, volunteer science outreach programs, professional learning and training, science literacy research and advocacy and custom program development.