

Fall 2024

EVENTS

September | October | November



Message From the CEO

This fall we are excited to host bestselling and award-winning author Susanna Kearsley as our Writer-In-Residence. Susanna will be conducting a series of writing workshops throughout November as well as meeting with aspiring authors one-on-one. Find out more on page 5.

The Paranormal Seekers will be visiting on October 29 to share fascinating stories about the haunted history of Oshawa. Our Oshawa centennial events continue, inviting you to take a step back in time to 1924 by teaching you to dance the Charleston on October 8, or by making vintage holiday cards at “Christmas with the McLaughlins” on November 26.

The annual Haunted House, created for kids by volunteers from our Teen Advisory Group, will be held on October 26, and perennial favourite FanCon returns on November 2.

See you at the Library!

Frances

Frances Newman
CEO Oshawa Public Libraries



In Every Issue

One-on-One Tech Help / Drop-in / Appointment

For an appointment, call (905) 579-6111:
McLaughlin ext. 5200 | Delpark ext. 5800
Northview ext. 5871 | Jess Hann ext. 5861

Tech Help Desk / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Wed / 2:30-4:30 pm

French Conversation Circle / Drop-in

Delpark / Wed / 6-7 pm / Sep 4-18 / Nov 6-27

Meditation Group

Northview / Thu / 6:30-7:30 pm

English Conversation Circle

McLaughlin / Mon / 3-4 pm / Sep 16-Nov 25
Zoom / Tue / 6:30-7:30 pm / Sep 17-Nov 26

Toastmasters / Tue / 12-1 pm

McLaughlin / Zoom / Sep 3 / Oct 1 / Nov 5

Travel Talk and Tips / Tue / 10-11 am

Delpark / Sep 3 / Nov 12

Genealogy Club / Wed / 2-3:30 pm

McLaughlin / Sep 18 / Oct 16 / Nov 20

Lunchtime Book Club / Thu / 12:30-1:30 pm

McLaughlin / Sep 19 / Oct 17 / Nov 21

Local History Speaker Series / Tue / 6-7 pm

McLaughlin / Sep 17 / Oct 15 / Nov 19

Creative Aging: Books and Ideas / Thu / 2-3 pm

Zoom / Sep 26 / Oct 31 / Nov 28

Eyes Forward Audiobook Club / Wed / 2-3:30 pm

Northview / Zoom / Sep 25 / Oct 30 / Nov 27

Ladies Social for Newcomers / Thu / 5:30-7:30 pm

McLaughlin / Sep 19 / Oct 17 / Nov 21

Repair Café

McLaughlin / Sat / Nov 23 / 1-4 pm

✂ = City of Oshawa Centennial Celebration Event

Paint-Along Program

Jess Hann / Wed / Nov 27 / 5:30-7 pm

Friends of the Library Giant Book Sale

Thu / Oct 3 / 9:30 am-7:30 pm

Fri / Oct 4 / 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Sat / Oct 5 / 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Volunteers are needed to assist with tax returns for the 2025 filing season. Your support will help community members navigate tax filing and receive the benefits they deserve. No experience is needed—the Canada Revenue Agency will provide training.

Contact Jen Clark: (905) 579-6111 ext. 5260 or jclark@oshawalibrary.on.ca

Fall Programs

✂ Seniors Art Contest Exhibition

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Sat / Aug 17 – Sun / Sep 29

View the participant's works of art on display.

The Annual Writing Competition for Seniors

We are now accepting creative writing submissions that creatively interpret the theme *Reflect*. Share what the theme means to you in 2024 as we celebrate the City of Oshawa's centennial. We look forward to reading your stories! The submission deadline is September 22. Find out the winners at the Tell Tale Tea. For more information, visit oshawalibrary.ca.

✂ Tell Tale Tea – Seniors Writing Competition

OSCC, John Street Branch

Wed / Oct 23 / 2-3:30 pm

Enjoy an afternoon of tea and stories read by the Seniors Writing Competition winners. Light refreshments served. Allergy alert.

Dreamcatchers Workshop

Delpark / Sat / Sep 7 / 10 am-1 pm

Join Indigenous artist Ladyhawke, who will guide participants in making a dreamcatcher and explain its significance in Indigenous culture.

Please visit each program link to learn more, and sign up today!

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✂ A Crossing Place

McLaughlin / Mon / Sep 9 / 6-7:30 pm

Renowned jazz artist and Oshawa resident Duncan Hopkins has composed a special piece of music titled "A Crossing Place" to commemorate the City of Oshawa's 100th anniversary. This extraordinary composition honours local legends R.S. McLaughlin, Edward Broadbent, and Albert E. O'Neill, people who left a lasting mark on Oshawa's rich legacy. This event is sponsored by the Oshawa Community Grants: Centennial.

Start-Up Session

Delpark / Thu / Sep 12 / 5:30-7 pm

This program provides an overview of the fundamental elements of success for every business (Business Concept, Marketing and Sales, Operations, and Finance) and outlines the steps needed to start and grow successfully.

Growing Edible Plants Year-Round

Delpark / Thu / Sep 19 / 6-7 pm

Learn how to grow hydroponically at home in affordable and approachable ways. Discover how to DIY your winter growing practices.

Computer Basics

Northview / Fri / Sep 20 / 10-11:30 am

We need computers but they can be intimidating! This program is for the absolute beginner. Learn on one of our Windows laptops or bring your own.

World of Wonder: All You "Knead" is Love!

McLaughlin / Sat / Sep 21 / 2-3:30 pm

Cherish family memories of beloved local storytellers through a fusion of storytelling and music. Heather Whaley, Kesha Christie, Kim Michele, and special guests Rico Rodriguez and Sarah Abusarar tell stories from the roots of Scotland, Wales, Latin America (Peru), Croatia, and the Caribbean. These stories celebrate remarkable families and their inspiring journeys, highlighting the strength of the community. Sponsored by Oshawa Community Grants: Strong Inclusive Communities.

How AI is Changing Our World

McLaughlin / Mon / 6:30-7:30 pm

Explore the pitfalls and opportunities of artificial intelligence.

Oct 21 / AI Technology Update

Nov 11 / AI's Evolution Into 2025

DIY Fall Decor

Northview / Tue / Sep 24 / 6-7 pm

Create a book-themed wreath using discarded books, or bring your glass jar to create an autumn-inspired candle.



✂ Mostly True: A Unique History of Oshawa in Art

Northview / Tue / Oct 1 / 6-7 pm

Eric Sangwine creates whimsical paintings that bring to life the stories and legends of Oshawa's past. Eric will discuss his process of creating and researching his pieces. A selection of his extensive collection will be on display in the Nonquon Room in October.

✂ Charleston Dance Party

McLaughlin / Tue / Oct 8 / 6-8 pm

Have a roaring good time! Dress up in your 1920s best and learn the Charleston with a professional dance instructor. Enjoy light refreshments. Allergy alert.

Ontario Public Library Week: October 20-26

Drop by all week to check out our fun displays, activities, and book draws.

Spooky Paint-Along

Northview / Wed / Oct 23 / 2-3:30 pm

Give your art a chilling twist and change ordinary canvases into spooky masterpieces.

Introduction to Email Services

Northview / Fri / Oct 25 / 10-11:30 am

Learn how to safely and securely use a Gmail or Outlook email account to send, receive, and access your documents from anywhere.



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Writer-In-Residence

In November, we are thrilled to host international bestselling and award-winning author Susanna Kearsley as our Writer-in-Residence for NaNoWriMo Month. She will meet with aspiring and established authors for one-on-one discussions on submitted pieces, and will also conduct workshops.

To participate, submit a complete short story, a poem, the first chapter of a novel or novella, a synopsis, or a few pages of your current work.

Check out Susanna Kearsley's titles: *The Vanished Days*, *The Deadly Hours*, *Bellewether*, *A Desperate Fortune*, and many more.

Mail or email your work to:

Writer-in-Residence Program, Attn: Brittany Dunk
Oshawa Public Libraries
65 Bagot St.,
Oshawa ON L1H 1N2

Email: bdunk@oshawalibrary.on.ca

Writer-In-Residence Workshops

Once More, With Feeling:

Layering Emotion into Your Work

McLaughlin / Mon / Nov 4 / 6-7:30 pm

Using too little emotion can leave your writing feeling flat. Too much, and you create melodrama. Find out ways to use emotion to create work that lingers in a reader's heart and mind, from choosing your overall subject to selecting a small, single word.

Straight Talk About Dialogue

Northview / Wed / Nov 13 / 6-7:30 pm

Writing out a real-life conversation can sound like rambling gibberish. Take a nuts-and-bolts look at the technical aspects of crafting effective dialogue and how it can work for your story.

Refining Your Theme

McLaughlin / Mon / Nov 18 / 6-7:30 pm

Once you identify your story's theme, there are ways to weave it through your characters and settings to polish and refine it. Explore themes and discuss how they can deepen and enhance a reader's journey through your work.

The Joy of Editing

Northview / Wed / Nov 27 / 6-7:30 pm

Writers get focused on meeting daily word counts and piling up the pages. Stripping words and sentences from your work can seem counterintuitive. We'll explore how editing your work can make your remaining words shine.



✧ Paranormal Seekers: Haunted Oshawa

McLaughlin / Tue / Oct 29 / 6-7 pm

Explore the haunted history of Oshawa and the surrounding area with ghostly tales and spooky sightings.

Bright and Merry Market

McLaughlin / Fri / Nov 15 / 5-9 pm

Have a holly, jolly time at the Bright and Merry Market! Starting at 6 pm, warm up at the Library with fun activities and live music from the Bruce Gorrie Trio. In collaboration with the City of Oshawa, Oshawa Senior Community Centres, and The Robert McLaughlin Gallery. For more information and updates, visit oshawa.ca/merry

✧ Christmas with the McLaughlins

Delpark / Tue / Nov 26 / 6-7:30 pm

Get started on your holiday correspondence with a vintage Christmas card craft. Light refreshments and holiday ambiance included.

✧ = City of Oshawa Centennial Celebration Event

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Teen Discord Server

Our Discord Server has homework hangouts, gaming, crafting, book club, chatting, and more. Ages 13-18.

Grab & Go Bags

Registration opens Friday / Sep 13

Grab a bag full of Library items, a fun activity, and other freebies! Reserve yours while supplies last. This is an initiative by OPL TAG. Ages 12-18.

OPL Teen Advisory Group

McLaughlin / Thu / 6-8 pm

Sep 12 / Oct 10, 24 / Nov 14

Delpark / Mon / Nov 25 / 6-8 pm

Earn community service hours when you attend TAG meetings and have your say in what happens for teens at OPL. Ages 13-18.

Home School Youth / Ages 12-18

McLaughlin / Wed / 1:30-2:30 pm

Sep 18 / STEM Squad - Ozobots and Snap Circuits

Oct 16 / Cricut Corner - DIY Bookmarks

Nov 20 / Trivia Tournament

NERF Tag

McLaughlin / Sat / Sep 14 / 2-3:30 pm

Grab your friends and a NERF Gun, and get ready to have a blast! We have the NERF Guns; you bring the fun! Limited safety glasses are available; please bring your own if possible. Ages 12-18.

Zombie Dolls

Northview / Wed / Oct 16 / 6-7 pm

Unleash your creativity and bring eerie zombies to life by crafting your undead doll. All materials provided. Ages 12-18.

Teen Paint-Along: FanCon Anime Night

McLaughlin / Wed / Oct 23 / 6-7:30 pm

In anticipation of FanCon on November 2, paint a work of art with help from an instructor. All supplies provided. Ages 12-18.

NaNoWriMo Creative Writing Night

McLaughlin / Thu / Nov 7 / 6-7:30 pm

November is National Novel Writing Month! With a community of teen writers, complete fun writing activities and sprints, and engage in inspiring discussions. Special guest author Susanna Kearsley joins us to offer her expert advice. Laptops are provided but feel free to bring your own. Ages 12-18.



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Bouncing Babies / 9:45-10:15 am / Drop-in

Northview / Mon
 Northview / Wed / Sep 25 / Oct 2-23
 * Delpark / Wed / Sep 4-18 / Nov 6-27
 * Delpark / Fri / Sep 6-20 / Nov 1-29

Family Story Time / 10:30-11 am / Drop-in

* Delpark / Mon / Sep 9, 16 / Nov 4-25
 Jess Hann / Mon / Wed | Northview / Thu
 McLaughlin / Fri / Sat

Bedtime Bash / Wed / 6:15-6:45 pm / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Sep 11 / Oct 9 / Nov 6

Chess Club / 10 am-12 pm / Drop-in

* Delpark / Sat / Sep 14-21 / Nov 2-30

Board Game Bonanza / 2-4 pm / Drop-in

* Delpark / Sat / Sep 7-21 / Nov 2-30

Family Music and Movement with EarlyON

10-10:45 am / Drop-in
 McLaughlin / Tue / Sep 3-Nov 26
 Northview / Sat / Sep 7 / Oct 5 / Nov 2

Sunday Funday! / Sun / 2:30-3:30 pm / Drop-in

Delpark / Sep 8 / Nov 3
 Northview / Sep 22 / Oct 20 / Nov 17

Kinder-Garden / Ages 3-5 / Wed / 11-11:45 am

McLaughlin / Sep 11-Nov 27

Creation Station / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm

Northview / Mon / Sep 16-Nov 18
 OR Thu / Sep 19-Nov 21

STEAM After School / Ages 7-12 / 4-4:45 pm

Delpark / Tue / Sep 3, 17 / Nov 12, 26
 Jess Hann / Wed / Sep 11, 25 / Oct 9, 23 /
 Nov 6, 20

** Delpark will be temporarily closed for a flooring replacement project for approximately five (5) weeks starting September 23. Programming at Delpark should resume in early November.*

Coding Club / Ages 7-13 / Wed / 4-4:45 pm

Jess Hann / Sep 18 / Oct 16 / Nov 13

Tween Scene / Ages 9-12

Northview / Wed / 6-7 pm
 Sep 11, 25 / Oct 9, 23 / Nov 6, 20

Home School Club

McLaughlin / Wed / 1:30-2:30 pm

Sep 18 / Amazing Race: Library Edition
 Grab your passport and play the library version of The Amazing Race! Complete puzzling challenges to participate in Roadblocks and Detours. Family program.

Oct 16 / Fall Craftfest

Create a variety of fall crafts using different art methods and supplies. Family program.

Nov 20 / Dancing through the Decades

Neighbourhood Play Date / Ages 0-5

Thu / 10-10:45 am
 Jess Hann / Sep 19 / Oct 17 / Nov 21

Reading Buddies / Ages 5-10 / Mon / 4-6 pm

Zoom / Sep 16-Nov 25

STEAM Saturday / Sat / 2-4 pm / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Sep 7 / Oct 19 / Nov 30

Ontario Tech Workshops / Sat / 10 am-12 pm

Northview
Sep 28 / Coding / Grades 1-4
Oct 19 / Coding / Grades 5-8
Nov 16 / STEM / Grades 1-4

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Help your little one develop a love of reading and the early literacy skills needed for success.

One book a night = 1000 books in 3 years!
 Three books a night = 1000 books in 1 year!

Visit any branch or oshlib.readsquared.com to start your reading journey! Discover the new milestone prizes at oshawalibrary.ca/1000-books



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FanCon 2024

Saturday
November 2
10 am-3 pm

FanCon 2024 / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Sat / Nov 2 / 10 am-3 pm

FanCon 2024 is a fan's dream come true! Enjoy cosplay, craft stations, and exciting games. Meet local artists, capture memories with your favourite characters and grab some cool souvenirs. Bring your friends and family for a day full of interactive fun! For more information visit oshawalibrary.ca/fancon

Featured event activities:

Fandom Trivia

Maker Space / 11 am-3:30 pm

Test your trivia knowledge with themed challenges that run every half hour. Participate individually or in teams. Presented by the Teen Advisory Group.

Show & Tell

Studio / 1-2 pm

Bring your favourite fandom collectible to show off! Library staff and special guests will join in the fun.

Virtual Reality Experiences

Auditorium / 10 am-12 pm & 1-3 pm

Explore virtual worlds with exciting games and experiences. Participate seated or standing. Ages 10+.

Junior Cosplay Contest / Ages 5-9

Studio / 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Dress up as your favourite character for your chance to win a prize. Participate in the cosplay parade afterward with special guests.

Anime Scavenger Hunt / Lower Level

Search for your favourite anime characters hidden around the Library.

Arcade Alley / Auditorium

Work as a family to conquer our fandom-themed games of chance.

Comic Feature: Displaced / Main Floor

Celebrate the release of this comic featuring Oshawa with a unique scavenger hunt and displays.

Artist Alley / Auditorium

Meet local comic writers and artists who will be showcasing and selling their work.

Fandom DIY / Studio

Create fandom decals, magnets, bookmarks, and art.

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**Page-by-Page Reading Quest / Ages 5-10
Sep 2024-May 2025**

Your quest is to read as many books as possible during the school year. Join a community of readers, track your progress, and celebrate milestones. Check in each month for a new fun theme. Visit oshlib.readsquared.com or any branch to get started!

Medieval Times

Northview / Sat / Sep 14 / 2-3 pm

Travel back in time to the Middle Ages with stories and crafts. Family program.

Everything is Awesome!

Northview / Mon / Sep 16 / 6-7 pm

Celebrate the endless possibilities of LEGO® with stories, STEM challenges, and games. Family program.

World of Wonder:

**Building Bridges through Love and Laughter
McLaughlin / Sat / Sep 21 / 10-11:30 am**

Experience an enchanting family storytelling and music concert celebrating our rich cultural diversity! Delight in captivating tales brought to life by beloved local storytellers Heather Whaley, Keshia Christie, Kim Michele, and special guests Rico Rodriguez and Sarah Abusarar. Let's spark the magic of storytelling and craft memories that will last a lifetime. Sponsored by Oshawa Community Grants: Strong Inclusive Communities. Family program.

Woodland Creatures Story Time

Jess Hann / Tue / Sep 24 / 6-6:30 pm

Venture into the woods with stories, songs, and woodland-themed activities. Family program.

Indigenous Family Story Time

McLaughlin / Sat / Sep 28 / 10:30-11 am

Every September 30, we observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day serves as a tribute to the children who never came home from residential schools as well as to the Survivors, their families, and communities. In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Library staff will share Indigenous stories.

Turkey Craft Extravaganza / Drop-in

All branches / Sat / Oct 12

Stop in throughout the day for a turkey-tastic good time with crafts the whole family can enjoy.

Islamic History Month Story Time / Drop-in

Northview / Sat / Oct 12 / 2-4 pm

Celebrate Islamic History Month with story time, crafts, colouring, and henna with supplies provided. Everyone is welcome to take part. A partnership with Muslim Women of Durham Region.

Ontario Public Library Week: October 20-26

Drop by all week for fun activities, crafts, a scavenger hunt and more to share your love of the Library.

Toddler Pumpkin Painting

Northview / Fri / Oct 18 / 10:30-11:30 am

Bring your little one to the Library Pumpkin Patch, paint a pumpkin, and enjoy other activities. This sensory play is perfect for ages 1-3 years.



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**TAG Presents: A Haunted House / Drop-in
McLaughlin / Sat / Oct 26 / 1-4 pm**

The OPL Teen Advisory Group (TAG) has created a new spooky experience. Enter the Haunted Laboratory if you dare, where electrifying experiments and creepy creations await! Different levels of scariness are available upon request. Family program.

Spooky STEAM

Jess Hann / Tue / Oct 29 / 6-7 pm

Get spooky with us as we blend Halloween fun with STEAM exploration. Ages 5-9.

Family BINGO Night: FanCon Edition

Northview / Wed / Oct 30 / 6-7 pm

In anticipation of FanCon on November 2, play Fandom-themed BINGO. Win prizes! Family Program.

PA Day Spectacular / Drop-in

All branches / Fri / Nov 1

Stop in for STEAM activities, games, crafts, and a scavenger hunt throughout the day.

Taylor Swift Party

McLaughlin / Sat / Nov 9 / 2-4 pm

Calling all Swifties! Don't miss this chance to be "Enchanted" at a Taylor Swift celebration like no other. Family Program.

Be Yourself Story Time

Jess Hann / Tue / Nov 12 / 6-7 pm

Everyone is awesome! Celebrate what makes you unique and special with diverse stories, songs, and activities. This is a family program in celebration of Kindness Week.

Swiftie Swim

Delpark / Thu / Nov 14 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Party with the Queen of Pop! Start your evening by making friendship bracelets at the Library, then head over to the pool for a thematic swim. In partnership with the City of Oshawa. A fee may apply to the swim portion of the program.

✂ 100-Piece Marvels: Kids' Puzzle Art

Northview / Fri / Nov 15 / 2-4 pm

Work as a team to create and build a 100-piece floor puzzle and craft your own masterpieces. Ages 5-9.

Bright & Merry Market

See page 5.

Dinovember Party!

Delpark / Thu / Nov 21 / 6-7 pm

November is when the dinosaurs come out to play. Share in the dino love with games, activities, crafts, and more! Family program.

Moana Celebration

Northview / Sat / Nov 23 / 11 am-12 pm

Set sail for a morning of stories, games, and crafts inspired by Moana. Family program.

Bad Art Night

McLaughlin / Thu / Nov 28 / 6-7:30 pm

Embrace the random and weird at this anything-goes art night. The winning art piece will be crowned "worst" in show and given a worthy prize. Ages 9-12.



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Friends of the Library

GIANT Book Sale

October 3-5, 2024

Thu / Oct 3 / 9:30 am-7:30 pm

Fri / Oct 4 / 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Sat / Oct 5 / 9:30 am-4:30 pm

**Oshawa Public Libraries
McLaughlin Branch,
Auditorium (65 Bagot St.)**



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