

EVENTS



March, April, and May 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

In March we plan to extend our open hours to include Sunday afternoons from 1:00 -5:00pm at our Delpark, Jess Hann, and Northview branches, as well as adding some evening hours until 8pm.

We have some great programs lined up for March Break including workshops with Driftwood Theatre, Scientists in SITU, and Take 'n Make kits. See page 10 for more details.

History buffs will enjoy "The Influence of Verna Conant" on March 23, and "85 Years of the Oshawa Generals" on May 16. If movies and TV shows are your favorite pastime, join our new Viewer's Club which meets on the last Tuesday of the month.

Our popular Volunteer Income Tax Preparation service, in cooperation with Revenue Canada, is back again this year for those with modest incomes and simple tax situations. Details on page 2.

After a two-year hiatus, the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale will be held April 7-9 in the McLaughlin Library auditorium.

Behind the scenes we have been working on a new website. You can preview our new site in March and try out our new event registration.

See you at the Library!

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Frances Newman
CEO Oshawa Public Libraries



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● Outreach Community Hub

Northview / Wednesdays / 10 am-3 pm

Jess Hann / Thursdays / 10 am-3 pm

Ontario Works Outreach Workers are available at the Library to help you connect to income tax support, community resources, housing, food security, employment, income support, and more.

For more information, contact Jennifer Gardner at jgardner@oshawalibrary.on.ca or call 905-579-6111 ext. 5264.

◆ News & Views

Oshawa Senior Community Centres, Northview Branch / Mondays / 11 am-12 pm

Oshawa Seniors Community Centres, John Street Branch / Thursdays / 10-11 am / starting March 10

A lively discussion group highlighting the week's local, national, and international events. Hosted by Library staff. A joint program with the Oshawa Senior Community Centres.



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◆ Meditation Group

Zoom / Thursdays / 6-7 pm

An evening of Meditation instruction and practice, including Reiki, Transformational Coaching, and Psych-K facilitation.

Technology Help

OPL provides assistance for customers on how to use your personal technology devices. Visit any of our branches or call us to get expert help from Library staff.

◆ Toastmasters, Where Leaders Are Made

Zoom / Tuesdays / 12-1 pm

Mar 1 / Apr 5 / May 3

Toastmasters can help you address any public speaking opportunity with confidence.

◆ Free Tax Preparation

We are pleased to bring back our virtual version of the popular tax preparation clinic this year in partnership with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and the Canada Revenue Agency. In March and April, eligible individuals/families with a modest income and simple tax situation may arrange to have their 2021 taxes prepared by a CVITP approved volunteer, free of charge through the library. Visit oshlib.ca/library-tax-clinics or call 905-579-6111 ext. 5200 for more information.

● Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Zoom / Mondays / 10:30 am-12 pm / Mar 7-Apr 11

Free online classes to help caregivers take better care of their own health while caring for a friend or relative. These sessions empower caregivers to manage stress by learning new skills with people experiencing similar challenges. In partnership with Home and Community Care Support Services Central East. Register at ceselfmanagement.ca/workshops



◆ Registration required ● Drop-in program

When you register for a program, select email reminders to receive the program link.

● English Conversation Circle

Zoom / Mondays / 3-4 pm / Mar 7-May 30

Zoom / Tuesdays / 6:30-7:30 pm / Mar 8- May 31

For adult newcomers to Canada who want to practice English. In partnership with Community Connections from CDCD. Please contact Jessica if you are interested in this program: 905-579-6111 ext. 5237, or jleslie@oshawalibrary.on.ca

◆ Paint Afternoon

Delpark / Wednesdays / 2-3:30 pm

Mar 9 / Apr 13 / May 11

Paint with step-by-step guidance from local artist Leequette Santiago, to create a beautiful piece of art.

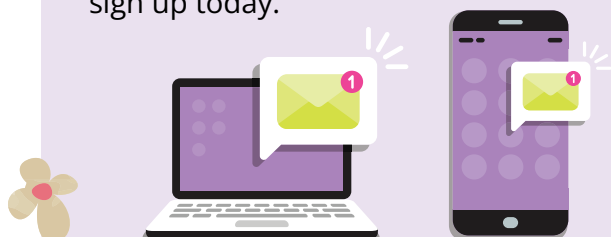
◆ Crafters Corner

McLaughlin / Tuesdays / 6-7:30 pm

Mar 8 / Apr 12 / May 10

Join other crafters as you work on your own pieces. Sewers/knitters/crocheters, etc., all are welcome!

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● Tax Information Session for Seniors

Zoom / Friday / Mar 11 / 11 am-12:30 pm

Join us for an important session on filing taxes for seniors. Topics will include: Old Age Security, Canada Pension Plan, RRSP's, TFSA's, retiring allowance, tax credits, and much more. In partnership with Canada Revenue Agency/CVITP Outreach, the Region of Durham, The Welcome Centre for Immigrant Services, and CDCD.

◆ Genealogy Club

Zoom / Wednesdays / 2-3:30 pm

Mar 16 / Apr 20 / May 18

Get research tips and share your latest discoveries and favourite resources. Experienced researchers and beginners are all welcome.



◆ History Spotlight: The Influence of Verna Conant

Zoom / Wednesday / Mar 23 / 6-7 pm

In honour of Women's History Month, Oshawa Museum staff will share the story of Verna Conant, a true force in Oshawa's history.

◆ Lunchtime Book Club

McLaughlin / Thursdays / 12:30-1:30 pm

Monthly book club meeting.

Mar 17 / *Calypso* by David Sedaris

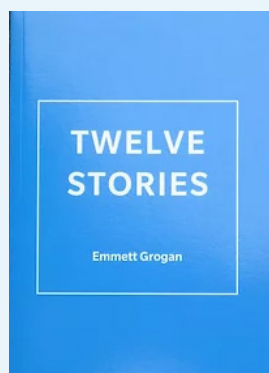
Apr 21 / *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi

May 19 / *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles



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◆ **Meet the Author: Emmett Grogan**
Jess Hann / Wednesday / May 25 / 6-7 pm
 Durham Region resident Emmett Grogan will discuss the influence of several notable Canadian authors on contemporary Canadian literature, starting with his own debut novel, *Twelve Stories*. *Twelve Stories* is currently featured on the craving CanLit 2022 page of the Scotiabank Giller Prize website.

● **Ladies Social for Newcomers**
Zoom / Wednesdays / 6-7:30 pm
Mar 23 / Apr 20 / May 18
 A social evening for newcomers to Canada to meet new people in a friendly space. In partnership with Community Connections from CDCD. For more information, please contact Jessica: jleslie@oshawalibrary.on.ca



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◆ **Viewer's Club**
Zoom / Tuesdays / 2-3 pm
Mar 29 / Apr 26 / May 31
 Do you love watching movies and tv shows? Wish you could discuss them with other fans? Now you can! Each month we will introduce movies or shows on a particular theme and come together to discuss them.



◆ **Eyes Forward Audiobook Club**
Northview / Wednesdays / 2-3:30 pm
Mar 30 / Apr 27 / May 25
 Our book club offers titles that will challenge and entertain you, a forum for interesting conversation, and a place to meet fellow book lovers.



Beyond the Walls Returns with Exciting Changes in May!

Join us for hot-topics, controversial discussion, and thought-provoking speakers. Find out more at oshlib.ca/beyond-the-walls. We'd love to hear your suggestions for hot topics.

Email: BeyondtheWallsOPL@gmail.com

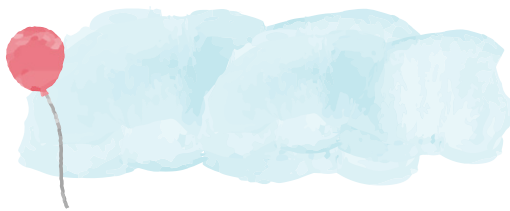
Beyond the Walls is presented in partnership with Oshawa Public Libraries and the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities at Ontario Tech University.



◆ **Spring Decluttering**
Zoom / Wednesday / Mar 30 / 6-7 pm
 Time and space are tough to manage! A cluttered environment impacts your home and work life in ways you may not be aware of. Many people put off this task because it can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be that way. Allie Shaw Organizer has practical tips and easy strategies that will help you conquer clutter, get organized, and enjoy an easier life!

◆ Registration required ● Drop-in program

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◆ Creative Aging: Books and Ideas

Zoom / Thursdays / 2-3 pm

Mar 31 / Apr 28 / May 26

Each month meet a new author, hear a reading, and engage in conversation with the author and other seniors. In partnership with Art Your Service.



◆ Introduction to Advance Care Planning

Zoom / Wednesday / Apr 6 / 11 am-12 pm

This session empowers people and their caregivers by helping them plan for serious injury, illness and end-of-life. In the 30-minute presentation viewers will learn:

- The what, why and when of Advance Care Planning
- How to select a substitute decision maker
- The process of creating an Advance Care Plan



◆ Change Fatigue

McLaughlin / Wednesday / Apr 13 / 11 am-12:30 pm

COVID-19 is creating one of the biggest changes many of us will experience. The changes are not just happening in our homes, but in our communities, country and affect the whole world. This workshop will present ideas and suggestions in how to take back control during this unprecedented time of change. In partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association Durham and the Recovery College Wellness Centre.



◆ Your Poetry Toolkit

McLaughlin / Tuesday / Apr 5 / 2-3:30 pm

We will look at some marvelous poems to explore why they are “good poems” and what tools the poet used to make them so vivid and moving. Understand more about the writer’s craft tools available to you when you set out to write a poem. Bonus: as a prose writer, you’ll be able to use these tools to add a lyrical element to your prose as well. In short interactive exercises we will write and share some of our own poetry that we can explore further once the workshop is over. Program hosted by James Dewar.



◆ History Spotlight: 85 Years of the Oshawa Generals

Zoom / Monday / May 16 / 6-7 pm

The “Gens” have had a loyal following in Oshawa since their founding in 1937. We’ll give an overview of their memorable history and share stories and memorabilia from a local collector.

◆ Registration required ● Drop-in program



2022 SPRING READS BOOK SALE

THE BOOK SALES
ARE BACK

Celebrate the return of the *Friends of the Library's Spring Book Sale* with us!

**Shop the sale at the
McLaughlin Branch
Auditorium**

April 7, 8, and 9
and find your next
favourite read!

In partnership with:



● Newcomer Professional Connections

Zoom / Wednesday / Apr 27 / 6-8 pm

Newcomers to Canada join us for an evening of networking, getting to know your community and professional connections. In partnership with Community Connections from CDCD. Please contact Jessica jleslie@oshawalibrary.on.ca for more information.



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◆ DIY Flower Centerpiece

Jess Hann / Wednesday / May 4 / 2-3:00 pm

Bring the magic of spring indoors this Mother's Day with a beautiful DIY flower centerpiece. Enjoy it yourself or give as a gift to any special person in your life.



◆ Preparing Your Garden for Spring

Zoom / Tuesday / May 10 / 2-3 pm

Spring is a time of renewal in the garden and this talk provides information on getting your garden ready for the new growing season. Topics covered include spring clean-up, lawn care, creating healthy soil, insect and weed control, planting and mulches. Presented by the Durham Master Gardeners.



One eRead Canada 2022

One eRead Canada is a national, bilingual digital book club connecting readers to one another and to their libraries. This year's pick is *The Break* by Katherena Vermette.

From April 1-30, come together to e-read and/or listen to a single title in both English and French and engage with each other over their thoughts and feelings about the book and how it impacted you.

Attend engaging online author visits and discuss the book with others on

facebook.com/groups/OneeReadCanada

◆ Registration required ● Drop-in program

When you register for a program, select email reminders to receive the program link.

◆ Teen Trivia Battle

Zoom / Tuesday / Mar 15 / 7-8:30 pm

Join us for a fun night of trivia and competition as teens from across Durham Region put their pop culture knowledge to the test. Prizes will be awarded and one community will take home the coveted trivia trophy. Presented by the public libraries of Durham Region. Ages 12-17.



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◆ Durham Pride Prom 2022

Grab your dancing shoes for an exciting night of dinner and dancing! This amazing event will take place on Friday, May 6 at the Jubilee Pavilion from 6:30 pm-12:00 am. Tickets are \$20, however, there is a limited number of sponsored tickets available. For more information and COVID-19 updates, visit the website at:

<http://www.durhamprideprom.com>. Visit us on **<https://www.facebook.com/durhamprideprom/>**. For youth ages 16-21.



◆ Grab & Go Bags: March Break

Register by Mar 7 / Pick-up starts Mar 14

Sign up for your Grab & Go Bag and get free stuff to keep, a fun craft or art activity, a yummy treat, library items to borrow, and more to keep you busy during March Break. Visit oshlib.ca/TAG to reserve yours while supplies last. An OPL TAG initiative. Ages 12-17.



◆ March Break Bucket List Challenge

Can you complete all the challenges before the end of March Break? Sign up on READsquared to join the race! There may even be prizes.



◆ OPL Teen Advisory Group

McLaughlin / Thursdays / 7-8 pm / Mar 10 / Apr 14 / May 12

We'd like to know what you want your library to be! Earn community service hours when you attend TAG meetings, and have your say in what happens for teens at OPL. Sign up at oshlib.ca/tagapplication. Ages 13-17.



Mango Languages has over 70 language courses to choose from and more than 20 ESL/ELL specialty courses. You have free access to them all with your library card. Visit oshlib.ca/elearning

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◆ White Pine Award 2022

Read and discuss your favourite YA Canadian novel nominee on DISCORD. Read 5 of the 10 novels and you are eligible to vote for your favourite on April 23 - the official Forest of Reading Voting Day. The Forest of Reading Festival in Toronto will be held in May to announce the winner. Fill out the application form or email jclark@oshawalibrary.on.ca to join Discord. Grades 9-12.



Teen Discord Server

Hey teens, let's hang out on Discord! Join us for homework hangouts on Tuesdays, gaming or crafting on Thursdays, book club meetings on Fridays, chatting, and more. Times for events are posted in Discord. Fill out the application form at oshlib.ca/teendiscordapp or email Jen to join. While you wait for the server invitation, you can create an account on the website or download the app. Ages 13-17. Questions? Contact Jen at jclark@oshawalibrary.on.ca

TEEN REVIEWS

Earn Community Service Hours

Review books, music, and movies to earn community service hours! Earn one community service hour for each review.

Visit oshlib.ca/tag



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◆ **Family Story Time / 10:30-11 am**

Delpark / Mondays

Jess Hann / Wednesdays

Northview / Thursdays

McLaughlin / Fridays

Stories, activities, songs and more for the whole family.

◆ **Family Music and Movement with EarlyON**

Zoom / Tuesdays / 10-10:45 am

Explore the joy of music through interactive, musical-based activities. Instruments and props are used as we learn new songs and rhymes together. In partnership with EarlyON Oshawa. For parents/caregivers with children ages 0-6 years.



◆ Join in our individual battle of the books at bookbattle.ca. Register as a team or on your own. Earn badges and ballots for prizes as you read the books in your division. Contest closes on Apr 7, 2022. For grades 4-6 and 7-8.



◆ **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**

The concept is simple, and the rewards are priceless.

Read a book (any book) to

your newborn, infant, or toddler. The goal is to read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your child starts kindergarten. We have supporting materials, incentives, tracking sheets, and more to help your little one develop a love of reading, provide you with opportunities to bond, and help your child form the early literacy skills they need for success in life.

1. Create a READsquared account using the app, or at oshlib.readsquared.com. To create a family account, create an account for the adult first, then add family members.
2. Select the library program(s) you would like to participate in.
3. Track your reading.

◆ **Kinder-Garden**

Zoom / Thursdays / 11-11:30 am

March 3, 10, 24, 31 / April 7-May 26

Help prepare your child for school using the skills taught in Every Child Ready to Read®, circle time, and other school readiness activities. Ages 3-5.

◆ **Reading Buddies**

Zoom / Mondays / 4-6 pm

Mar 7-Apr 25 / May 9-Jun 20

Reading Buddies is a one-on-one literacy support program for school-aged children. For 30 minutes each week, your child will practice their English reading skills with a volunteer. Children are encouraged to attend for the full 6 weeks to get the most from this program. Grades JK-4. Limited space is available so register early. For more information or to register, contact Brittany at 905-579-6111 ext. 5279 or bdunk@oshawalibrary.on.ca



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MARCH BREAK

March 14-18

◆ **Take 'N Make**
Starts Monday / Mar 14

Stop by any branch during open hours to pick up your free Take 'N Make Kit. Each kit has directions and supplies for a fun craft, and activities you can complete at home. First come first served, while supplies last.

◆ **Scientist in SITU: Ewww...that Science is Gross!**
Microsoft Teams / Monday / Mar 14 / 2-3 pm

Discover the science behind things that make you go...ewww! Make "snot" and sneeze it while exploring viscosity, identify various animals from their scat (i.e. poop), and learn about digestion while producing a burp in a bag. Join us on a gross but fun-filled science adventure!

Each registered participant will receive a science kit for the program.

◆ **Driftwood Theatre Workshop: Tell Your Story!**
Zoom / Tuesday / Mar 15 / 11 am-12 pm

Driftwood's storytelling workshops teach young story-makers how to create as a group, build an original script, and integrate improvised sound and movement to build a brand-new, never-before-heard story, all in a single session.

◆ **Scientists in SITU: Science Meets Art!**
Microsoft Teams / Thursday / Mar 17 / 2-3 pm

Discover what happens when science meets art! Explore perception using shadows, colour, motion, and light to create art from science. You'll make a puppet, a spinning top and a kaleidoscope, as well as design your own galaxy. "The greatest scientists are always artists as well!" (Albert Einstein)

Each registered participant will receive a science kit for the program.



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◆ STEAM Team

Delpark / Tuesdays / 4-4:45 pm

Mar 8, 22 / Apr 5, 19 / May 3, 17, 31

Join the #OPLSTEAMTEAM and have fun at this bi-weekly, afterschool program! Participate in exciting hands-on activities about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math using items you can find around the house. Family program.

◆ Coding Club

Zoom / Thursdays / 4-5 pm

Mar 10, 24 / Apr 7, 21 / May 5, 19

Learn more about coding with fun games and activities. Ages 7-13.

◆ Home School Club

Zoom / Thursdays / 1-2 pm

Family program.

Mar 24 / You Are What You Eat

March is Nutrition Month. Erin Jenkins, CAREA Health Centre dietitian, will be on hand to share how nutritious can be delicious! "Show and Tell" by sharing your favourite creations and recipes. Who will win our food trivia challenge?

Apr 21 / Earth Day Take and Make

For the past 50 years, Earth Day has been celebrated by billions of people around the globe. Held annually every April 22, to join together in promoting awareness for the health of our environment. Pick up a kit in advance for a fun project we'll work on together. Available Friday April 15 for pickup.

May 5 / Canadian Book Week Author virtual visit: Rowena Rae

Join in this 60-minute interactive presentation where Rowena will talk about true stuff—that is, nonfiction! Rowena is a published science and nature writer, including *Chemical World: Science in Our Daily Lives*, *Upstream, Downstream: Exploring Watershed Connections* and the upcoming *Salmon: Swimming for Survival*, all by Orca Book Publishers. She will discuss where she gets her book ideas and give tips on coming up with your own writing ideas. Rowena is a biologist and lives in British Columbia.

◆ May the 4th Be with You

All Branches / Wednesday / May 4 / 4-4:45 pm

Visit your local branch for fun activities featuring our Star Wars friends! Family program.

c_wonder Library Workshops



Engineering Outreach within the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science at Ontario Tech University is proud to present, in partnership with Oshawa Public Library, virtual c_wonder workshops. For grades 1-4.

◆ c_wonder Library Coding Workshops

Google Meets / Saturdays / 1-3 pm

Mar 5 / Apr 2, 23 / May 21

Our virtual c_wonder Coding workshops aims to introduce participants to the fundamentals of coding and how it drives our technologically advanced society. Through the use of different and exciting educational technologies, students will be guided through a series of coding design challenges that reinforces their understanding of coding. No previous coding experience is required!

◆ c_wonder Library STEM Workshops

Google Meets / Saturdays / 1-3 pm

Mar 19 / May 7

Students will get a chance to explore different STEM fields and how engineering can solve its diverse and real-world issues. Our virtual c_wonder STEM workshops aim to introduce participants to the fundamentals of the engineering design process as they tackle design challenges that puts their STEM knowledge to the test. Grades 1-4.

◆ Registration required ● Drop-in program

When you register for a program, select email reminders to receive the program link.

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Library items may be returned to any of our four branches. External book return chutes are open 24/7 at all branches for your convenience.

Library Closures:

April 15, Good Friday
April 17, Easter Sunday
May 23, Victoria Day



Beginning March 6, the Delpark, Northview, and Jess Hann branches will be open Sundays 1 – 5 pm

Our online Library is always open for you to access great reads, movies, music, learning opportunities and more, anytime you like!

Sign up for Library programs, including book clubs and story times.

Connect with Us!

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You can call us at **905-579-6111** or visit us online at oshlib.ca



Online Library



Library Programs