

EVENTS

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June, July & August, 2022

Message From the CEO

Summer is here and that means it is time for the annual TD Summer Reading Club! It's a great way to encourage kids to keep reading when school is out and prevent them losing the skills gained during the school year. This year's grand prize is an iPad donated by Bibliotheca, and there are plenty of other great prizes including a gift card donated by Neb's Fun World.

Teens can participate in the Summer Challenge and win prize packs, and adults can take on the Reading Challenge with chances to win book prizes.

Join us this summer when our friends from Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue stop by on June 27 (page 11), and tune into a virtual visit from astronaut Chris Hadfield on July 19 (page 12). Keep reading for more fun and interesting programs this summer.

See you at the Library!

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Frances Newman
CEO Oshawa Public Libraries

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Adult Summer Reading Challenge: Read Beyond the Beaten Path Jun 13-Aug 26

Track what you're reading, complete challenges, and expand your reading this summer. Monthly book prize draws will be held for participants!

To join:

1. Create an account on oshlib.readsquared.com or use the app.
2. Track your reading and complete challenges.
3. Keep reading, tracking, and completing challenges all summer long, and have FUN!



News & Views

Oshawa Senior Community Centres, John Street Branch / Thursdays / 10-11 am

A lively discussion group highlighting the week's local, national, and international events. Hosted by Library staff in partnership with Oshawa Senior Community Centres. For registration information, contact OSCC.

Meditation Group

Northview / Zoom / Thursdays / 6-7 pm

An evening of Meditation instruction and practice, including Reiki, Transformational Coaching, and Psych-K facilitation. Join us in-person or online.

English Conversation Circle

McLaughlin / Mondays / 3-4 pm / Jun 6-20
Zoom / Tuesdays / 6:30-7:30 pm / Jun 7-21

For adult newcomers to Canada who want to practice English. In partnership with Community Connections from CDCD. For registration information, contact Jessica at jleslie@oshawalibrary.on.ca or call 905-579-6111 ext. 5237.

Toastmasters, Where Leaders Are Made

McLaughlin / Tuesdays / 12-1 pm

Jun 7 / Jul 5 / Aug 2

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

Paint Evening

Delpark / Wednesday / Jun 8 / 6-7:30 pm

Paint with step-by-step guidance from local artist Leequette Santiago, and create a beautiful piece of art. All supplies provided.

Multilingual Collection

Did you know that OPL has books and movies in over 25 languages in addition to English and French?



SENIORS ART COMPETITION *and Exhibition*

June is Seniors Month!

Seniors, you're invited to submit your work to the annual Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition.

Your submission should be a creative interpretation of this year's theme: "Victory". Show us what victory means to you in 2022!

Important Dates

Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition Information Session

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Wednesday / Jun 1 / 1-2 pm

Learn about the contest entry guidelines and gain insight into the jurying process with help from RMG staff. We will review the competition's judging criteria, the competition categories, and answer all of your questions. For more information and contest rules visit oshawalibrary.ca/seniors-art-competition.

Submission Drop-off:

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Thursday / Aug 4 / 10 am-4 pm

Exhibition: August 10 to September 25

Opening and Awards Reception:

Gallery A, the Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Wednesday / Aug 17 / 2:30 pm

Refreshments will be provided.



In-person programs will comply with current Covid Safety regulations.



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.



Judy, a Library Ambassador, says this about learning to use a computer at OPL: "I have never learned the computer. I am 60 years old and this is what I need to get another job. Somebody advised me to come to the library where it was free. When I came here, I felt at home, I felt confident. I have a good teacher and I still continue to use the computer. I'm learning. I can learn!"



The **Annual Writing Competition for Seniors** will return this fall! The 2022 theme is "Victory". Start writing now to get your submission in by September 24. The winners will be announced at the **Tell Tale Tea** on Thursday, October 20. Stay tuned for more details!



Learn to Camp

Northview / Saturday / Jun 11 / 1:30-3 pm

Join the Parks Canada Learn-to Camp team to learn more about parks and camping with topics like equipment, safety, and wildlife from the experts.

Crafters Corner

McLaughlin / Tuesdays / 6-7:30 pm

Jun 14 / Jul 12 / Aug 9

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

Genealogy Club

Zoom / Wednesdays / 2-3:30 pm

Jun 15 / Jul 13 / Aug 24

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



Lunchtime Book Club

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

Join our monthly book club meeting in-person or online.

Jun 16 / City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert

Jul 21 / Bush Runner: The Adventures of Pierre-Esprit Radisson by Mark Bourrie

Aug 18 / Forest of Reading: The Evergreen Award



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“The Library is an amazing resource that we are so lucky to have access to. We love it and everything it and the amazing staff have to offer. –Christine”



Ladies Social for Newcomers

McLaughlin / Thursdays / 6-7:30 pm

Jun 16 / Jul 14 / Aug 18

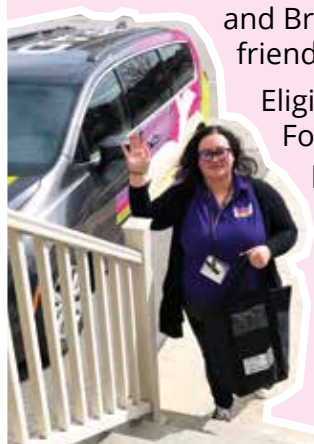
A social evening for newcomers to Canada to meet new people in a friendly space. In partnership with Community Connections from CDCD. For registration information, contact Jessica at jleslie@oshawalibrary.on.ca or call 905-579-6111 ext. 5237.

Visiting Library Services

We offer long or short-term delivery services for Library materials based on your personal preferences, requests, and needs.

We have options for home delivery and Branch Pick-up for a friend or family member.

Eligibility criteria applies. For more information, please call 905-579-6111 ext. 5267, or view the printable form on oshawalibrary.ca/VLS





Beyond the Walls: Happiness

**Ontario Tech University / 61 Charles Street,
Room DTA 219 / Thursday / Jun 16 / 7-8 pm**

Why do we have emotions, and how do they impact our motivations and behaviours? Dr. Zanders, Assistant Teaching Professor at Ontario Tech University, focuses her research on the effects of emotion on memory. Presented in partnership with Oshawa Public Libraries and the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities at Ontario Tech University.

Visit oshawalibrary.ca/beyond-the-walls for previous topics and our July event updates.

Eyes Forward Audiobook Club

Northview / Zoom

Wednesday / Jun 29 / 2-3:30 pm

Our audiobook club offers titles that will challenge and entertain you, a forum for interesting conversation, and a place to meet fellow book lovers. Join us online or in-person.

Creative Aging: Books and Ideas

Zoom / Thursdays / 2-3 pm

Jun 30 / Jul 28 / Aug 25

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.



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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. Drop-in, no appointment needed. For more information, contact Jennifer Gardner at jgardner@oshawalibrary.on.ca or call 905-579-6111 ext. 5264.

Newcomer Professional Connections

McLaughlin / Thursday / Jul 28 / 5:30-8 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. For registration information, contact Jessica at jleslie@oshawalibrary.on.ca or call 905-579-6111 ext. 5237. Refreshments will be served.

Repair Café

McLaughlin / Saturday / Aug 20 / 10 am-2 pm

Bring your broken small appliances, electronics, jewellery, clothing, and more to our free Repair Café. With guidance from our skilled volunteers, you will learn how to fix these items and keep them out of landfills.

Please register at oshawalibrary.ca/signup or call 905-579-6111. If you have a flair for repair, please consider volunteering to be a member of our Repair Café Team. Contact Andrea at asilva@oshawalibrary.ca or call 905-579-6111 ext. 5228.



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH



Meet the Author: Joshua Whitehead

Zoom / Wednesday / Jun 15 / 7-8 pm

Join us for a compelling conversation with Joshua Whitehead, Two Spirit and Indigenous award-winning author of the Giller long-listed, GG-shortlisted, and Canada Reads winning novel *Jonny Appleseed*. His much-anticipated first work of non-fiction, *Making Love with the Land*, explores the intersections of Indigeneity, queerness, and mental health. It has been described as, “a startling, heart-wrenching look at what it means to live as a queer Indigenous person”, from one of Canada’s most exciting writers. Presented in partnership with the Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, and Pickering Public Libraries.

Story and Song:

Intro to Anishinaabemowin with Melody Crowe

Zoom / Delpark / Sat / Jun 18 / 10:30-11:30 am

Join Anishinaabekwe Melody Crowe for a morning of stories and songs. Learn the Anishinaabemowin names for the animals living around us. In partnership with The Robert McLaughlin Gallery. Each registered participant will receive a printable colouring book. Online or in-person. Family program.



History Spotlight: A Carrying Place: Oshawa's Indigenous Story

Zoom / Tuesday / Jun 21 / 6-7 pm

In celebration of Indigenous History Month, learn about the two archaeological sites in Oshawa that were home to the Ancestral Wendat in the 1400s. In partnership with the Oshawa Museum.



In-person programs will comply with current Covid Safety regulations.

Teen Nights!

Online:

Thursdays / Jun 2, 16, / Jul 14, 28 / Aug 11

- **Discord Events / 6-7 pm**
Drop-in for gaming, paint night, crafting, trivia challenges, and more.
- **Multilingual Language Learners / 7-8 pm**
Practice your English skills in a friendly, safe, and casual environment. Video sessions with conversation starters and activities will take place on the above dates. Text-only practice is available any time you want. Ages 13-18.

McLaughlin In-Person:

Thursdays / Jun 9, 23 / Jul 7, 21 / Aug 4

- **Teen Hangout / 6-7 pm**
Connect in our Teen Zone. There will be casual games, activities, and other fun events.
- **OPL Teen Advisory Group / 7-8 pm**
What do 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 oshawalibrary.ca/tag. Ages 13-18.



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.

Apply online at oshawalibrary.ca/tag
or email Jen to join.

While you wait for your invitation, create an account on the Discord website (**discord.com**) or download the app. Ages 13-17. Questions? Contact Jen at **jclark@oshawalibrary.on.ca**



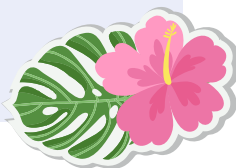
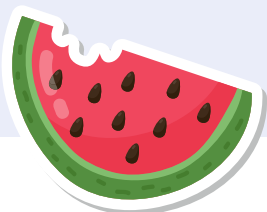
Teen Summer Challenge

For teens 12-18, Jun 13-Aug 26

This summer read, get creative, go outside, and conquer the Teen Summer Challenge! The more you read and challenges you complete, the more points you collect, and the higher your chances of winning. Multiple prize packs, including gift cards to be won. For details visit oshawalibrary.ca/tag.

How to join:

1. Create a READsquared account at **oshlib.readsquared.com** or through the app.
2. Track your reading, earn digital badges, and complete challenges.
3. Keep reading, tracking, and completing challenges all summer long, and have FUN!



Let's Make a Podcast**McLaughlin / Wednesdays / 2-3:30 pm / Jul 6-27**

What does it take to make a podcast? Let's find out! Learn with us and become part of the first official OPL podcast. Earn community service hours as we develop best practices for our OPL podcast and future programs through a series of four workshops. Topics will include: equipment review, creative brainstorming, recording content, and editing. Ages 13-18.

**Grab & Go Bag: Summer Challenge****Registration opens Jun 13**

Sign up to receive a bag full of library items, a fun activity, and other freebies!

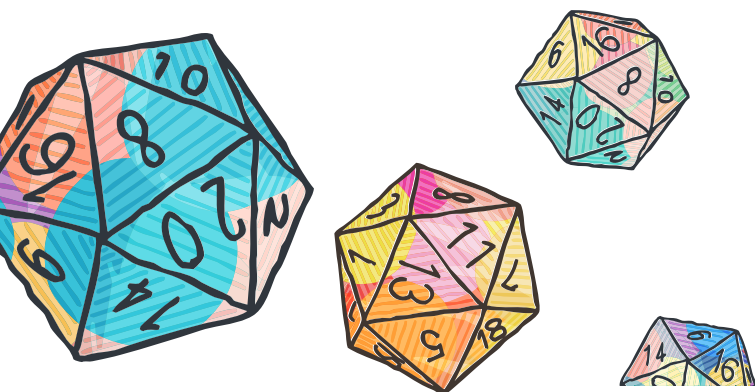
Visit oshawalibrary.ca/tag to reserve yours while supplies last. An OPL TAG initiative. Ages 12-18.

Late Night Murder Mystery Party**Discord / Tuesday / Jul 12 / 9-11 pm**

Meet other Durham Region teens for a thrilling, late-night Murder Mystery Party. Presented by the public libraries of Durham Region. To register visit pickering.bibliocommons.com. Registration will open on June 14 at 9:30 am. Ages 13-18.

Region-Wide Dungeons & Dragons Campaign**Zoom / Thursday / Aug 18 / 6-8:30 pm**

Meet other teens from Durham Region and engage in an epic D&D campaign together. No experience needed. Presented by the public libraries of Durham Region. Ages 13-18.

**Read with Pride!**

The Henna Wars
by Adiba Jaigirdar

Last Night at the Telegraph Club
by Malinda Lo

The Darkness Outside Us
by Eliot Schrefer

Felix Ever After
by Kacen Callender

Cemetery Boys
by Aiden Thomas

**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 oshawalibrary.ca/tag





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.

Family Story Time

10:30-11 am

Mondays / Delpark / **Wednesdays** / Jess Hann

Thursdays / Northview / **Fridays** / McLaughlin

Stories, activities, songs and more for the whole family. Drop-In program.

Family Music and Movement with EarlyON

McLaughlin / Tuesdays / 10-11 am

Explore the joy of music through interactive, musical-based activities. Learn new songs and rhymes using instruments and props. In partnership with EarlyON Oshawa. For parents/caregivers with children ages 0-6 years.

Kinder-Garden

Zoom / Thursdays / 11-11:30 am

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.

Home School Club

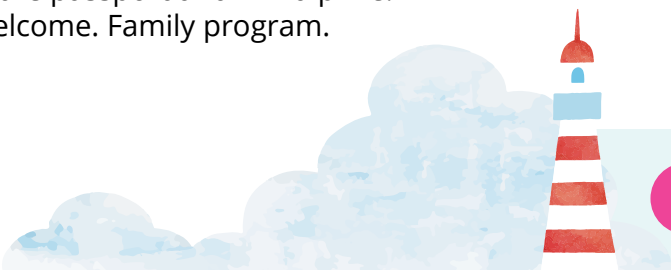
McLaughlin / Thursday / Jun 16 / 1-2 pm

STEM Village: Experience science, technology, engineering, and math activities, including 3D printing, ozobots, green screening, and more. Complete the passport and win a prize. All ages welcome. Family program.

Reading Buddies

Zoom / Mondays / Jul 11-Aug 22 / 4-6 pm

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



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Drag Queen Story Time

McLaughlin / Saturday / Jun 11 / 11 am-1 pm

We are thrilled to announce our partnership with Youth Pride Durham, Toronto Drag Queen Storytime, and all libraries in Durham Region to present Drag Queen Story Time, featuring two fabulous queens. There will be swag bag giveaways, TDSRC registration, a photo booth, stories, songs, and fun for all! Family program.

TD Summer Reading Club Launch Party

All branches / Saturday / Jun 18 / 2-4 pm

Summer is here and it's time to sign up for the TD Summer Reading Club! Be an explorer of the mythical realm. Enjoy scavenger hunts, free buttons, and fun activities. Family program.



Fairy Tale Puppet Theatre: The Tale of King Arthur **Saturday / Jun 25**

Northview / 10:30-11:30 am / Jess Hann / 2-3 pm

On our puppet stage for the first time, watch the incredible tale of a young boy who meets a wizard, defeats a monster, and embraces his destiny as the future King of England. Family program.



Soper Creek: Wildlife Detectives

Northview / Monday / Jun 27 / 6-7 pm

Dancing, guessing games, and up-close encounters with live animals set Wildlife Detectives apart. Family program. Allergy alert: some animals are fed nuts.

Cardboard Castle

McLaughlin / Thursday / Jun 30 / 1-3 pm or

Delpark / Thursday / Jun 30 / 1-3 pm

Calling all our brave builders, we need your help building a cardboard castle! All supplies provided. Only register for one location. Family program.





**SuperSTAR
Storytellers:**

Chris Hadfield

A TDSRC partnership
with the Durham York
Region Libraries.

All branches / Tuesday / Jul 19 / 4-5 pm

Join us at any branch for a virtual visit
featuring legendary Canadian Astronaut,
Chris Hadfield. You won't want to miss
this! Family program.



**Art Spark Afternoons with the
LivingRoom Mobile Art Hive
Wednesdays / 1-4 pm**

Jul 6 / McLaughlin / Jul 20 / Jess Hann

Aug 3 / Northview / Aug 17 / Delpark

Create art based on the world of myths, legends,
and fairy tales. Each week a new "art spark" will
get you thinking, talking and creating. Take
your art home, or leave it and contribute to a
collaborative ongoing project. Drop-in program.

STEAM Fairy Tale Challenges

Jess Hann / Saturday / Jul 2 / 10-11 am

Northview / Saturday / Jul 9 / 10-11 am

Delpark / Thursday / Jul 14 / 2-3 pm

Help familiar characters solve problems with a
STEAM twist. Family program.



c_wonder Library Workshops

Presented by the Engineering Outreach within
the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
at Ontario Tech University, in partnership with
Oshawa Public Libraries. Grades 1-8.

c_wonder Library STEM Workshops

McLaughlin / Tuesdays / 1-3:30 pm

Jul 12 / Grades 1-4

Aug 9 / Grades 5-8

This workshop will show you the
fundamentals of the engineering design
process as you tackle design challenges that
puts your STEM knowledge to the test.

c_wonder Library Coding Workshops

McLaughlin / Tuesdays / 1-3:30 pm

Jul 26 / Grades 1-4

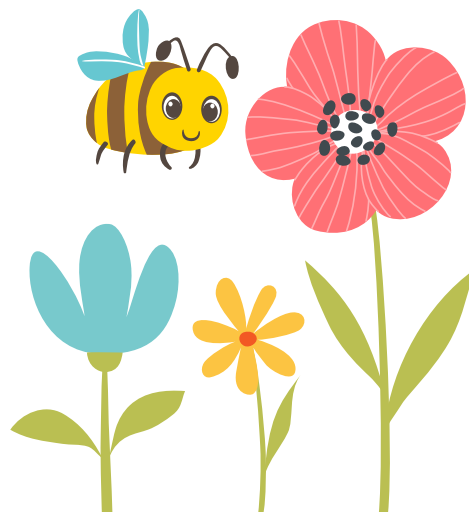
Aug 23 / Grades 5-8

Learn about the fundamentals of coding and
how it drives our technologically advanced
society. You will be guided through a series of
coding design challenges. No previous coding
experience needed.

Scientists in SITU: Noticing Nature

Online / Friday / Jul 29 / 2-3 pm

Chicka-dee-dee-dee. Who was that? Play a
game to discover nature sounds around us.
Buzz your newly created bee around flowers
to pollinate them. Investigate seeds and make
a seed caterpillar that will grow over time.
Notice all that nature has to offer, big and small!
Each participant will receive a science kit with
supplies. Ages 5+.





Dreams and Dragons

Jess Hann / Saturday / Aug 6 / 11 am-12 pm

Do you dream about dragons and magical places? Go on a dragon adventure and see where your imagination takes you!
Family program.

Scientists in SITU: Ride 'n' Roll with Science!

Online / Thursday / Aug 18 / 2-3 pm

Welcome to the amusement park where we'll be bumping, spinning, zipping, and rolling! Discover the actions and reactions of bumper cars, and explore the forces at work when you spin. Create a zip line to learn about gravity. Design a roller coaster. It's all about the physics of riding 'n' rolling! Each participant will receive a science kit with supplies. Ages 5+.

When you register between June 13-18 you will be entered in a draw to win a Crayola prize pack!

Earn points by reading and completing missions. When you earn 1000 points you are entered for a chance to win the grand prize draw of an Apple iPad from Bibliotheca.



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Escape the Fairy Tale

Northview / Tuesday / Aug 23 / 1, 2, or 3 pm

Solve the mysteries, riddles, and puzzles to escape, before you are stuck in a fairy tale...
Please sign up for one time slot. Family program.



Summer Reading Starts Here!

Fairy Science by Ashley Spires

A Fairy Tale to Help You Feel Better by Susan Verde

The Dragon Who Didn't Like Fire by Gemma Merino

Willa the Wisp by Jonathan Auxier

Come, Read With Me by Margriet Ruurs

The Book of Mythical Beasts & Magical Creatures by Stephen Krensky

The Barren Grounds by David Robertson

TDSRC Wrap Up Parties

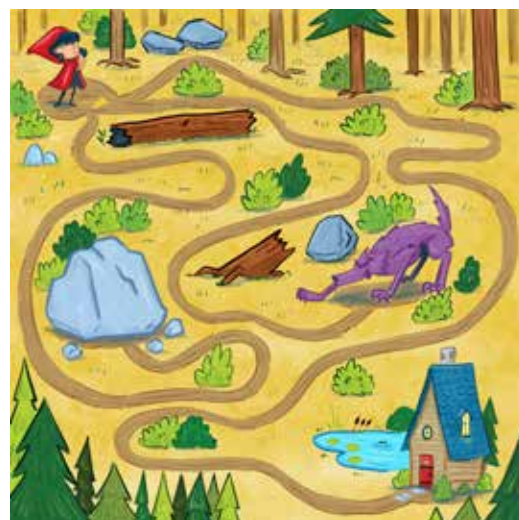
All branches / Saturday / Aug 27 / 2-4 pm

Wrap-up summer and the TD Summer Reading Club with fun games, activities, and stations!
Family, drop-in program.

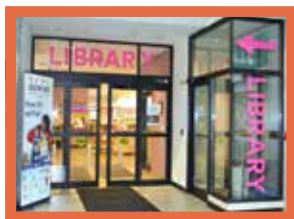
Once Upon a Story Time

Jess Hann / Monday / Aug 29 / 6-7 pm

An evening fairy tale-themed story time, filled with castles, dragons, and magical adventures!
Family program.



READ. WATCH. LISTEN. LEARN.



[Click here for Hours and Locations](#)



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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:

July 1 - Canada Day

August 1 - McLaughlin Day

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Online Library



Library Programs

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

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