

EVENTS

September, October & November, 2022

OSHAWA
PUBLIC
LIBRARIES

Message From the CEO

Do you have a passion for libraries and would like to give back to your community? The Oshawa Public Library Board is seeking volunteers for its next four-year term. Library Board members are appointed by City Council and must be at least eighteen years of age, a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, as well as a resident of Oshawa. They cannot be employees of the Library or the City of Oshawa.

The Library Board is a governance board that oversees policies governing the operation and programs of the Library as well as advocating for the support of library programs and services. For more information or to apply [click here](#).

Also, this Fall the McLaughlin Branch will be a little noisier than usual as we continue the replacement of our old, single pane windows. We may also have to temporarily close some sections of the McLaughlin Branch as each window is replaced for safety reasons, and regret any inconvenience this may cause.

See you at the Library!

Frances

Frances Newman
CEO Oshawa Public Libraries

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



Lunchtime Book Club

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

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

Sep 15 / *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

Oct 20 / *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

Nov 17 / *Malibu Rising* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

French Conversation Circle

Delpark / Wednesdays / 6-7 pm

Join us to practice and brush up on your conversational French in a relaxed environment. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

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 / Thursdays / 6:30-7:30 pm

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

Toastmasters, Where Leaders Are Made

Zoom / Tuesdays / 12-1 pm

Sep 6 / Oct 4 / Nov 1

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

Getting Started with 3D Printing

McLaughlin

Saturday / Sep 10 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Monday / Nov 14 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Whether you're interested in using library 3D printing services, or getting a 3D Printer of your own, this is your opportunity to learn about the 3D printing process hands-on from an expert.

Crafters Corner

McLaughlin / Tuesdays / 6-7:30 pm

Sep 13 / Oct 11 / Nov 8

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

English Conversation Circle

McLaughlin / Mondays / 3-4 pm / Sep 19-Nov 28

Zoom / Tuesdays / 6:30-7:30 pm / Sep 20-Nov 29

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.



CULTURE DAYS

September 23 – October 16

Culture Days is a national celebration of arts and culture. Each year millions of people attend thousands of participatory arts and culture events across the country. Culture Days programs invite the public to get hands-on and behind-the-scenes to highlight the importance of arts and culture in our communities. (culturedays.ca)



Paint Afternoon

Delpark / Tuesday / Sep 27 / 2-3:30 pm

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



Celebrating Islamic Culture Throughout History

Northview / Saturday / Oct 1 / 2-4 pm

October is Islamic History Month in Canada, and an opportunity to learn about Muslim contributions to the sciences, humanities, medicine, astronomy, and other disciplines that have greatly benefited civil progress. Join us for this 2-hour event filled with information about Islamic culture throughout history and interactive activities for you and your family. Henna artists will apply henna to interested participants. Try your hand at some simple crafts based on Islamic shapes and forms. Hosted by the Durham Chapter, Canadian Council of Muslim Women, and Oshawa Public Libraries. Light refreshments will be served. Family program.

Learn the ABC's of 2SLGBTQI with pflag Durham

Northview / Wednesday / Oct 19 / 6:30-7:30 pm
Get to know the 2SLGBTQIA+ culture and community with pflag Durham and this interactive presentation.

The Annual Writing Competition for Seniors

Senior writers are invited to enter their fiction and non-fiction pieces to the annual Seniors Writing Competition. The 2022 theme is Victory. Submission deadline is September 24. Winners will be announced at the Tell Tale Tea, October 20 at 2 pm, at the OSCC John Street Branch. Visit oshawalibrary.ca for more information.

Tell Tale Tea

OSCC John Street

Thursday / Oct 20 / 2-3:30 pm

The winners of The Annual Writing Competition for Seniors will be announced while you enjoy a nice cup of tea and some great stories.



All programs require registration to attend unless otherwise stated. To register, visit oshawalibrary.ca/signup or call 905.579.6111

Genealogy Club

Zoom / Wednesdays / 2-3:30 pm

Sep 21 / Oct 19 / Nov 16

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

Ladies Social for Newcomers

McLaughlin / Thursdays / 5:30-7:30 pm

Sep 22 / Oct 20 / Nov 24

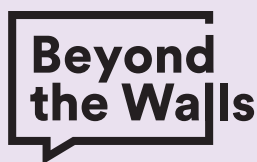
A social evening for newcomers to Canada to meet new people in a friendly space. In partnership with Community Connections from CDCD. For registration information, contact Jessica at jleslie@oshawalibrary.on.ca or call 905-579-6111 ext. 5237.

Eyes Forward Audiobook Club

Northview / Wednesdays / 2-3:30 pm

Sep 28 / Oct 26 / Nov 30

Our audiobook 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

Join us in-person or virtually for hot topics, controversial discussions, and thought-provoking speakers. 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. Discover upcoming dates and topics at oshawalibrary.ca/beyond-the-walls.



Coming Soon!

Creative Aging: Books and Ideas

Zoom / Thursdays / 2-3 pm

Sep 29 / Terry Fallis

Oct 27 / Molly Peacock

Nov 24 / *Coming Soon!*

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





— FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY'S —

GIANT BOOK SALE

Shop the sale at the
McLaughlin Branch
Auditorium

November 3-5
Thursday / 9:30 am-7:30 pm
Friday / 9:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday / 9:30 am-4:30 pm

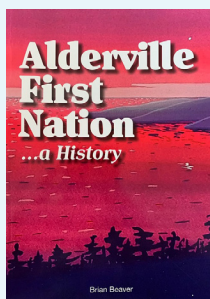
In partnership with:



Meet the Author: Brian Beaver McLaughlin / Friday / Sep 30 / 2-3 pm

Alderville First Nation Author Brian Beaver will speak about his book on the history of Alderville First Nation and the significance of its lands and people. In honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, he will also share his knowledge of the history of residential schools.

Brian will have copies of his book available for purchase.



CRA Scams: Protect Yourself Against Fraud Zoom / Wednesday / Nov 9 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Learn about different types of fraud and get tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of fraud. Share your experiences, and listen as others tell their stories.

Presented by CRA Community Outreach.

Library Ambassador

Being a Library Ambassador is as easy as 1, 2, 3! Join our Ambassador team by helping us spread the word about why you love Oshawa Public Libraries and the benefits of visiting your local library. That's it! If you love us, let us know! Email us at ambassador@oshawalibrary.on.ca, or tag us on your socials using #LibraryAmbassador.



"[The Library] is very accessible for people from all walks of life and all abilities. I find that more than anything the Library brings a sense of community to any city or town."

Cynthia
OPL Library Ambassador

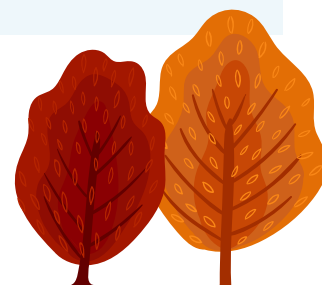
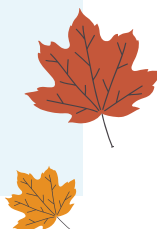
Indigenous Creative Arts Showcase

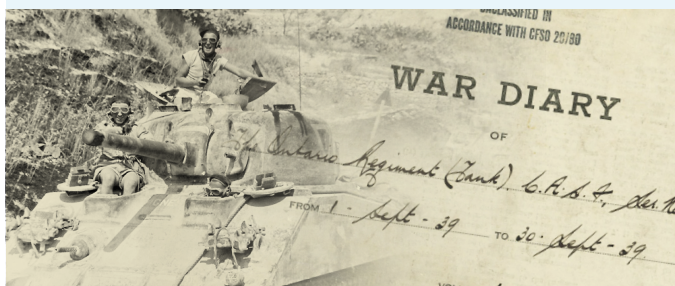
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Thursday / Oct 27 / 6-9 pm

From the collaborators of the four-part Anti-Indigenous Racism Panel Series, we are joining as a collective again for a one-night, in-person event! We invite you to come and celebrate the creativity of the local Indigenous community through music, poetry, and dance performances.

Presented in partnership with the Durham Region, Durham Public Libraries, Durham College, the DCSA, Ontario Tech University, and the OTSU. Light refreshments will be provided for this free, drop-in event.





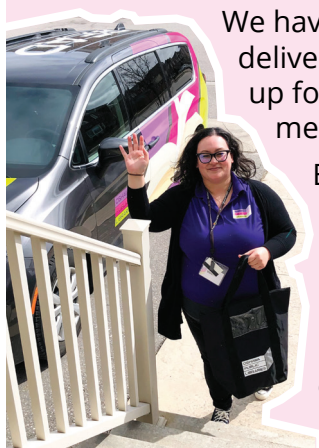
History Spotlight: Ontario Regiment War Diaries

Zoom / Tuesday / Nov 1 / 6-7 pm

The Ontario Regiment is one of the oldest continuously serving regiments in Canada. For years, the official record of their daily movements during the Second World War, known as the War Diary, was to be found only in 15 print volumes. Now, in partnership with the Ontario Regiment Museum, we are pleased to unveil the first of many volumes to be digitized over the next few years. We will be offering an overview of how to access the diaries online, what they contain and what they mean for researchers.

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

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Zoom / Wednesdays / 6-7:30 pm / Nov 9-Dec 14

Caring for a family member or friend with a chronic condition can be physically, emotionally, and financially draining. This free six-week online workshop is a highly effective, evidence-based, self-care educational program for family caregivers to build the skills caregivers need to take better care of themselves as they provide care for others. All participants will receive "The Caregiver Helpbook" resource book. We suggest caregivers attend all six sessions of the workshop, where possible. All sessions are 1.5 hours per week. Use of computer camera and audio is required. Register at ceselfmanagement.ca/workshops

Bright and Merry Market

McLaughlin / Thursday / Nov 17 / 5-9 pm

Have a holly jolly time at the Bright and Merry Market! Come to the Library for fun activities and, starting at 6 pm, 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

Wills and Estate Planning

McLaughlin / Tuesday / Nov 29 / 2-3 pm

November is "Make a Will Month". Join us for a discussion with Mallik Fernando, Director of Legal Services at the Durham Community Legal Clinic to hear about key elements of Wills and Power of Attorneys and first steps needed to get started. Drop-in.





GRAB & GO BAGS

Registration opens Sep 1

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.



Teen Discord Server

Hey teens, let's hang out on Discord! Join us for homework hangouts, gaming, crafting, book club meetings, 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

Discord Events / Thursdays / 6-8 pm / Sep 8, 22 / Oct 6, 20 / Nov 3

Drop-in for gaming, paint night, crafting, trivia challenges and more.

Multilingual Language Learners

Practice your English skills in a friendly, safe, and casual environment. Video sessions with conversation starters and peer-led activities will take place. Text-only practice is available all the time. Ages 13-18.

OPL Teen Advisory Group

McLaughlin / Thursdays / 6-8 pm / Sep 15 / Oct 13 / Nov 10

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.

Paint Night

Delpark / Thursday / Nov 17 / 6-7:30 pm

With help from an instructor, you and your friends will paint a great work of art. All supplies provided. Ages 12-18.

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



Bouncing Babies

9:45-10:15 am

Mondays / Northview

Thursdays / Jess Hann

Wednesdays / Fridays / Delpark

Perfect for babies who love to bounce and snuggle in your lap. Family program. Drop-in.

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. Family program. Drop-in.

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

McLaughlin / Wednesdays / 11-11:30 am

Starting Sep 14

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.

Grandparent's Day

Northview / Saturday / Sep 10 / 10:30-11:30 am

September 11 is Grandparent's Day. Let's celebrate with a story, song, and craft. Family program.

Sunday Funday!

Sundays / 2:30-3:30 pm

Delpark / Sep 4 / Sep 18 / Oct 23 / Nov 13

Jess Hann / Sep 11 / Oct 2 / Oct 30 / Nov 20

Northview / Sep 25 / Oct 16 / Nov 6 / Nov 27

A new theme every week will fuel this fun, hands-on program. Will it be STEAM activities, science experiments, new technology, songs, games, sports, stories, or something else? You'll have to join us to find out! Family program. Drop-in.

Home School Club

Family program

McLaughlin / Thursdays / 1-2 pm

Sep 15 / Amazing Race: Library Edition

Grab your passport as we play the Library version of the Amazing Race! Participate in Road Blocks and Detours by completing some puzzling and crazy challenges.

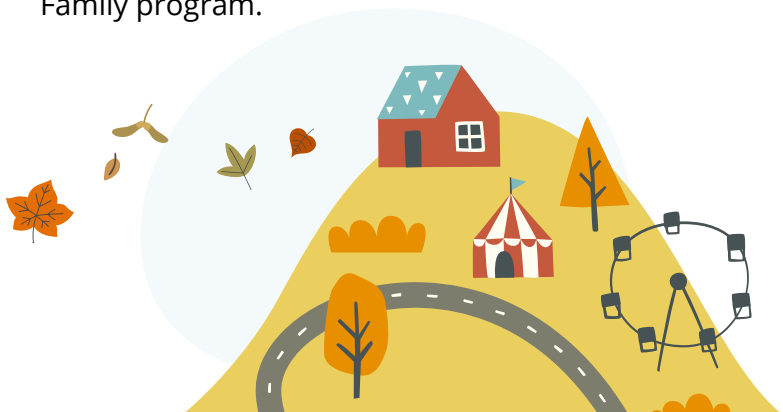
Oct 20 / Driftwood Theatre Workshop: Tell Your Story!

You are invited for a chance to work with the leading outdoor summer touring theatre company: Driftwood. In a single session, we will build an original script and integrate improvised sound and movement to build a brand-new, never-before-heard story. This session will be online through Zoom. Ontario Arts Curriculum strand: drama

Nov 17 / Meet the Author:

Dr. Gaiathry Jeyarajan

Dr. Gaiathry Jeyarajan is a psychiatrist, mother, and Durham resident, who wrote a children's mental health book about boundaries and consent called Ella's Choice. Whether it's saying "no" to a hug or asking a sibling to stop tickling them, she says it's never too early to start teaching children about consent and boundaries. Join us for a fun, family-friendly presentation.

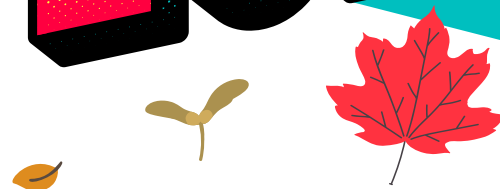


OSHAWA PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS...

FANCON 2022

November 19-26

All story times this week will have a special FanCon twist!



It's a Nightmare Before Christmas-Themed Haunted House

McLaughlin / Saturday / Nov 19 / 1-4 pm

To kick off our FanCon week of activities, we dare you to tour our Halloween and Christmas themed haunted house. Family program.

Star-Wars Bedtime Bash

Delpark / Monday / Nov 21 / 6-7 pm

Join us for songs, stories and games from a galaxy far, far, away. Family program.

Marvel Madness

Northview / Tuesday / Nov 22 / 6-7 pm

Celebrate the multiverse with us! Dress up, play games, watch trailers, visit stations and more. Family program.

Vintage Gaming Competition

Jess Hann / Wednesday / Nov 23 / 6-7:30 pm

Compete against others by playing vintage games to win prizes. Family program.

Fandom Art

McLaughlin / Thursday / Nov 24 / 6-7:30 pm

Use our Cricut (*new), button maker, 3D printer and more to make your own fandom art. Ages 12-18.

Mini-Con

Delpark / Saturday / Nov 26 / 10:30 am-12:30 pm

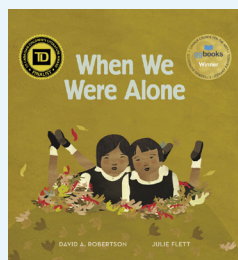
Explore superhero stations featuring some of your favourite characters and fun activities. Alma Art Caricatures will draw you a unique caricature to keep. Limited drawings available. There may be some extra special visitors from the 501st! Family program. Drop in.



Reading Buddies

**Zoom / Mondays / Sep 12-Oct 24 / Nov 7-Dec 12
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 entire 6 weeks to get the most from this program. Space is limited, so register early! For more information, contact Brittany at bdunk@oshawalibrary.on.ca or call 905-579-6111 ext. 5279.



Meet the Author: David Robertson Online / Wednesday / Oct 12 / 7-8 pm

David Robertson will be doing an exclusive book talk for Durham youth, the week leading into Ontario Public Library Week! David Robertson is an Indigenous author and public speaker from Winnipeg, Manitoba. He has published over 25 books, including 7 Generations, Misewa Saga, & The Reckoner Series, to name a few. This program is in partnership with Durham Region Libraries.



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 Workshop McLaughlin / Saturday / Sep 24 2:30-4 pm / Grades 5-8

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

c_wonder Library Coding Workshops McLaughlin / Saturdays / 2:30-4 pm Oct 22 / Grades 1-4 Nov 12 / 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.





Ontario Public Library Week

October 16-22

Look for the special display at any branch and share with us why you love the Library! All entries will qualify for a chance to win a 3D print!

Batman Day

McLaughlin / Saturday / Sep 17 / 10:30-11:30 am

It's a day to celebrate the caped crusader! All branches will have fun bat-themed activities today. Join us for an extra special Batman story time at the McLaughlin Branch, where kids and their caregivers can even dress up as their favourite Batman character if they like!

Chess Club

Delpark / Thursdays / 6:30-7:30 pm / Sep 22 / Oct 27 / Nov 24

We'll provide the sets, or you can bring your own. Family program.

Arabic Family Circle

McLaughlin / Thursdays / 11 am-12 pm / Sep 29 / Oct 27 / Nov 24

If you speak Arabic or are interested in learning the language or the alphabet, join us for songs, stories and time to socialize. In partnership with EarlyON. Family program.

I Love My Library Story Time

McLaughlin / Saturday / Oct 22 / 10:30-11:30 am

Celebrate Ontario Public Library week with a special story time and activities that celebrate libraries! Family program.

Bedtime Bash

Northview / Tuesday / Nov 15 / 6-7 pm

Celebrate World Kindness Week with special stories and activities. Family program.

Bedtime Bash

Jess Hann / Monday / Nov 28 / 6-7 pm

Celebrate Dino-vementer with dinosaur-themed stories and activities. Family program.



READ. WATCH. LISTEN. LEARN.



[Click here for Hours and Locations](#)



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You can call us at **905.579.6111** or visit us online at **oshawalibrary.ca**

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:

September 5 - Labour Day
October 10 - Thanksgiving Day



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.