Winter 2023/24

EVENTS
program guide

Message From the CEO

2024 marks the centennial anniversary of the City of Oshawa, and it's the Library's 160th anniversary too! Yes, Oshawa Public Library was established by some forward-minded, book-loving people even before Canada officially became a country.

In honour of this momentous year, we are celebrating the past with some special programs such as our 1920s Reading Challenge where you read books published in the 1920s or set in the 1920s for a chance to win a prize. Don't worry, we will provide lists of books to help you out.

We are also launching our "Memory Lab" in the McLaughlin branch Local History Room this December where you can learn how to convert and preserve your old VHS or 8mm home movies, slides, etc., into digital format.

Lastly, back by popular demand, we will have our New Year's celebration at Delpark with magician Owen Anderson and some great family fun activities at all branches during winter break.

See you at the Library!

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Frances Newman
CEO Oshawa Public Libraries

In Every Issue

One-on-One Tech Help
Drop in or call to book an appointment.
Call (905) 579-6111:
McLaughlin ext. 5261 **|** Delpark ext. 5800

Northview ext. 5871 **|** Jess Hann ext. 5861

Tech Help Desk / Drop-in
McLaughlin / Wed / 2-4 pm

French Conversation Circle / Drop-in
Delpark / Wed / 6-7 pm

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

English Conversation Circle
McLaughlin / Mon / 3-4 pm / Dec 4 / Jan 15-Feb 26
Zoom / Tue / 6:30-7:30 pm / Dec 5 / Jan 16-Feb 27

Toastmasters, Where Leaders Are Made
McLaughlin / Zoom / Tue / 12-1 pm
Dec 5 / Jan 9 / Feb 6

Ladies Social for Newcomers
McLaughlin / Wed / 5:30-7:30 pm / Dec 6

Paint Along Program
Jess Hann / Wed / 5:30-7 pm / Dec 6 / Feb 7
Delpark / Wed / Jan 24 / 2-3:30 pm

European Vacations
Delpark / Tue / 10-11 am / Dec 12 / Jan 9 / Feb 6

Genealogy Club
Zoom / Wed / 2-3:30 pm / Dec 20 / Jan 17 / Feb 21

Lunchtime Book Club
McLaughlin / Thu / 12:30-1:30 pm
Dec 21 / �ख Jan 18 / Feb 15

�ख **Local History Speaker Series**
McLaughlin / Tue / 6-7 pm / Jan 16 / Feb 20

Creative Aging: Books and Ideas
Zoom / Thu / 2-3 pm / Jan 25 / Feb 29

Eyes Forward Audiobook Club
Northview / Zoom / Wed / 2-3:30 pm
Jan 31 / Feb 28

Repair Café
Jess Hann / Sat / Feb 24 / 1-4 pm

Community Connections
Check our online calendar for details
about the community partners that
visit the Library.

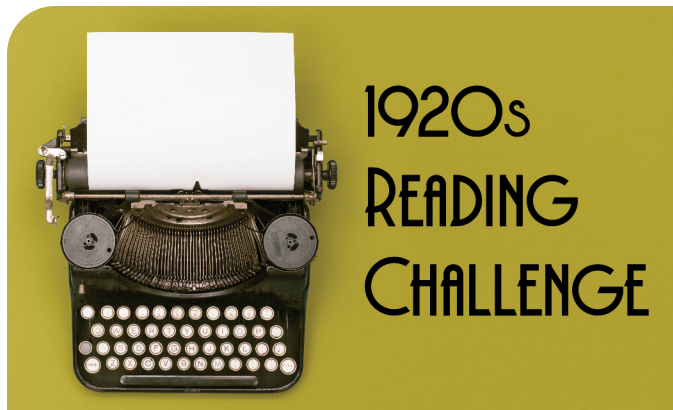✖ *= City of Oshawa Centennial Celebration Event*

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Winter Programs

1920s READING CHALLENGE

✖ **1920s Reading Challenge, Jan 1-Mar 31**
In 1924, the city of Oshawa was born. Join the 1920s Reading Challenge with Oshawa Public Libraries! Read four (4) books published or set in the 1920s for a chance to win a special prize. Check our reading lists for inspiration and track your progress with the **READsquared** app. Adults and teens are welcome to participate.

Homemade Holiday
McLaughlin / Sat / Dec 9 / 2:30-4:30 pm
Relax and create holiday gifts and decorations with friends. We'll provide supplies and ideas; you can bring your projects.

Introducing Memory Lab
McLaughlin / Mon / Dec 11 / 6-7 pm
Do you have any old movies or recordings you can't watch or listen to anymore? Introducing Memory Lab – convert old VHS tapes, audio cassettes, vinyl records, and 8mm film at our self-service station. Learn how to use this equipment and how to book time to use it.

Water Bottle Design
Jess Hann / Wed / Jan 24 / 6-7 pm
Northview / Wed / Feb 21 / 6:30-7:30 pm
Use the Cricut to create a unique design for your refillable water bottle. You bring the bottle; we'll supply everything else.

Getting Started with 3D Printing
McLaughlin / Thu / Feb 1 / 6-7 pm
Learn about the 3D printing process, hands-on, from an expert. Perfect if you want to use our 3D printing services or have a 3D printer at home.

VR Try Out
Northview / Mon / Jan 15 / 6:30-7:30 pm
Jess Hann / Sat / Feb 17 / 2:30-3:30 pm
Virtual Reality technology has evolved in some incredible ways. Learn about the latest in VR tech. Drop in and try an immersive VR environment or a game experience.

Durham College Essential Skills:
Food & Beverage Service
Northview / Mon-Fri / Feb 20-Mar 1 / 10 am-2 pm
This workshop is the first step in earning industry-specific certificates like Smart Serve or Safe Food Handling. It focuses on the knowledge and basic skills necessary to succeed in the food and beverage sector. Learners who meet the program eligibility requirements will be asked to complete a brief entry assessment before registering. Funded by the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development.

Tax Clinic
In partnership with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and the Canada Revenue Agency, OPL will host the tax preparation clinic. In March and April, eligible individuals with a modest income and simple tax situation may have their 2023 taxes prepared by a CVITP-approved volunteer, free of charge, through the Library. To volunteer or for more information, visit **oshawalibrary.ca/tax-clinics** or call (905) 579-6111 ext. 5862.

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Teen Discord Server
Hey, teens, let's hang out on Discord! Join us for homework hangouts, gaming, crafting, book club, chatting, and more. Ages 13-18.

Grab & Go Bags
Registration opens Friday / Dec 1
Sign up and get a bag full of Library items, a fun activity, and other freebies! Reserve yours while supplies last. An OPL TAG initiative. Ages 12-18.

Home School Youth
McLaughlin / Wed / 1:30-2:30 pm
Ages 10-18.

Dec 13 / Mini Book Keychains

Jan 17 / Video Game Tournament

Feb 21 / Manga Mania

OPL Teen Advisory Group
McLaughlin / Thu / 6-8 pm
Dec 14 / Jan 11 / Feb 8

Delpark / Mondays / 6-8 pm / Jan 29 / Feb 26
Earn community service hours when you attend TAG meetings, and have your say in what happens for teens at OPL. Ages 13-18.

Teen Hangout

Teen Hangout
McLaughlin / Thu / 6-7:30 pm
Ages 12-18.

Dec 21 / DIY Gifts

Jan 25 / Study Hall, Exam Stress Busters and Teddy from Therapeutic Paws of Canada (TPOC)

Feb 22 / Swiftie Night

Teen Paint Along Program
Delpark / Thu / Feb 1 / 6-7:30 pm
With help from an instructor, you and your friends will paint a splendid work of art. All supplies provided. Ages 12-18.

Library Mystery
Northview / Tue / Feb 13 / 6-7 pm
Oh no! A terrible crime has been committed. Teen detectives, we need your help gathering clues, interviewing witnesses, and solving this mystery. Ages 12-18.

Black History Month: Author Kern Carter
Online / Thu / Feb 22 / 7-8 pm
Kern Carter, author of the teen novel *Boys and Girls Screaming*, will share the pain and joy behind his book's creative process and his journey of breaking through a challenging career. This is a partnered program with Durham and York Public Libraries.

1920s Reading Challenge, see page 4

Cat Castles, see page 7

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Bouncing Babies / 9:45-10:15 am / Drop-in
Northview / Mon **|** Delpark / Wed / Fri

Family Story Time / 10:30-11 am / Drop-in
Delpark / Mon **|** Jess Hann / Mon / Wed
Northview / Thu **|** McLaughlin / Fri

Creation Station / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm
Northview / Mon / Dec 11-Feb 12
OR Thursdays / Dec 14-Feb 15
McLaughlin / Wed / Dec 13-Feb 14

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

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

Arabic Family Circle
Delpark / Fri / 11-11:45 am
Dec 1-22 / Jan 12-Feb 23

Family Music and Movement with EarlyON Drop-in
Northview / Sat / 10-11 am
Dec 2, 16 / Jan 13, 27 / Feb 10, 24
McLaughlin / Tue / 10-11 am
Dec 5-19 / Jan 9-Feb 27

c_wonder Library Coding Workshop
McLaughlin / Sat
Dec 2 / 2:30-4:30 pm / Grades 1-4
Jan 6 / 10:30 am-12:30 pm / Grades 5-8

c_wonder Library STEM Workshops
McLaughlin / Sat / 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Feb 3 / Grades 1-4

Sunday Funday! / Sun / 2:30-3:30 pm / Drop-in
Delpark / Dec 3 / Jan 7, 28 / Feb 18
Jess Hann / Dec 10 / Jan 14 / Feb 4, 25
Northview / Dec 17 / Jan 21 / Feb 11

Kinder-Garden / Ages 3-5
McLaughlin / Wed / 11-11:45 am
Dec 6-13 / Jan 17-Feb 28

Home School Club
McLaughlin / Wed / 1:30-2:30 pm
Dec 13 / Jan 17 / Feb 21

Home School Youth,

Tween Scene / Ages 9-12
Northview / Wed / 6-7 pm
Dec 6, 20 / Jan 17, 31 / Feb 14, 28

STEAM After School / Ages 7-12
Jess Hann / Thu / 4-4:45 pm
Dec 7, 21 / Jan 18 / Feb 1, 15, 29
Delpark / Tue / 4-4:45 pm
Dec 12 / Jan 9, 23 / Feb 6, 20

Coding Club / Ages 7-13
Delpark / Mon / 4-4:45 pm
Dec 11 / Jan 8 / Feb 12

Neighbourhood Play Date / Ages 0-5
McLaughlin / Thu / 10-10:45 am
Dec 21 / Jan 18 / Feb 15

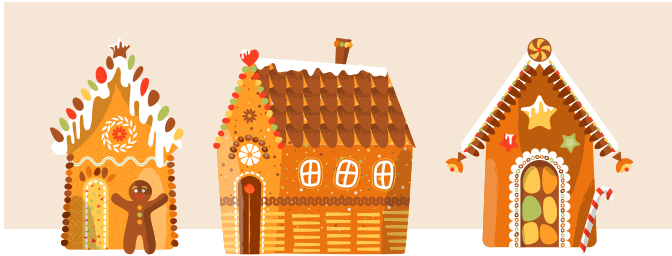**Reading Buddies**
Zoom / Mon / 4-6 pm / Jan 15-Feb 26

Are you looking to volunteer at the Library?
Join our Reading Buddies team and help a child in grades JK-4 improve their confidence and reading skills. For more information, contact Michelle at (905) 579-6111 ext. 5252.

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Drop in to any branch from **Jan 3-7** for family-fun Winter break activities.

Mini "Gingerbread" Houses
McLaughlin / Thu / Dec 7 / 6-7 pm
In this family-fun STEM program, we'll provide the tools and supplies for you to build a mini house out of graham crackers and assorted treats. Family program.

Holly Days
McLaughlin / Tue / Dec 12 / 6-7 pm
Make a holly craft, listen to jolly stories, and sing along with merry songs. Family program.

DIY Gift Bags
Jess Hann / Wed / Dec 13 / 6-7 pm
Create a unique paper gift bag you can use for the holidays. Ages 9-12.

Gingerbread House Ornaments
Northview / Sat / Dec 16 / 2:30-3:30 pm
Decorate clay pots to look like gingerbread houses that you can hang. Ages 7-12.

Oshawa Celebrates
Delpark / Sun / Dec 31 / 6-9 pm
This free event includes skating, swimming, magic shows, live entertainment, a petting zoo, and more. Plus, we will kick off Oshawa's 100th anniversary celebration! Magician Owen Anderson will be at the Library!

Winter Break Crafternoon
McLaughlin / Delpark / Wed / Jan 3 / 2-4 pm

Northview / Jess Hann / Fri / Jan 5 / 2-4 pm
Crafting is always more fun in good company! We'll bring our crafting supplies so you can create something unique.
Drop-in, family program.

Tech Petting Zoo
All Branches / Thu / Jan 4 / 2-4 pm
It's like a petting zoo but instead of animals, you can try out our STEM, coding, and robotics equipment. Drop-in, family program.

Willy Wonka's Candy Science
Northview / Wed / Jan 10 / 6-7 pm
Experiment with candy, like in Wonka's factory, during this fun STEAM program. Ages 5+. Allergy alert.

Bluey Bash
McLaughlin / Sat / Jan 13 / 2:30-3:30 pm
Celebrate our favourite Heeler family with wackadoo games and activities. Family program.
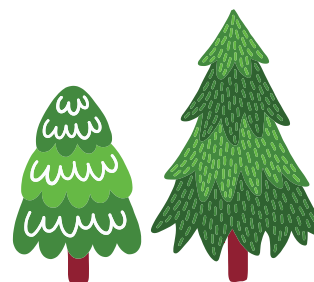
Cat Castles
McLaughlin / Sat / Jan 20 / 2:30-4:30 pm
Create a paw-some hangout spot for your cat or other small pet! All ages.

PA Day Program: Winter Watershed Survival
Jess Hann / Fri / Jan 26 / 10:30-11:30 am
Winter challenges for wildlife include deep snow, cold temperatures, less food, and shorter days. Join CLOCA staff to learn about the adaptability of animal and plant life in our watershed. Recommended for ages 7 and up.
Everyone is welcome.

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Family Literacy Day Celebration!
McLaughlin / Sat / Jan 27 / 11 am-3 pm
Celebrate 25 years of Family Literacy Day with us! Drop-in, family program.

✂ **Drive-In Story Time**
Northview / Tue / Jan 30 / 6-7 pm
Let's travel back in time to a 1920s drive-in! First, build a cardboard car, then settle in and enjoy movie snacks and the Library's big screen. Family program.

Tales from Afar: African and Caribbean Folklore with Kesha Christie
Online / Thu / Feb 1 / 10- 11 am / Grades 1-5
This presentation defines folktales and their role in preserving history, highlighting the unique blends of cultures in the Caribbean, and the impact of folklore and great stories. This is a partnered program with Durham and York Public Libraries.

Winter Wildlife Crafts
Jess Hann / Sat / Feb 3 / 10:30-11:30 am
Using pinecones, create a variety of winter wildlife crafts. Ages 5-12.

A Winter Ball
Northview / Sat / Feb 3 / 2:30-3:30 pm
You're invited to our up-and-coming stars baby party! Wear your finest onesie, take your picture on the red carpet, and explore stellar sensory stations, stories, music, rhymes, and dance. Ages 0-2 with parents/caregiver.

We're Going on a Fossil Hunt
Northview / Wed / Feb 7 / 6-7 pm
Learn about and explore real life fossils up close, then make your own dino fossil that you can dig up later! Ages 5-9.

Hearts and Flowers
McLaughlin / Sat / Feb 10 / 2:30-3:30 pm
Let's craft some special cards to hand out for Valentine's Day. Family program.

Paw Patrol Party
McLaughlin / Sat / Feb 17 / 10:30-11:30 am
Get here on the double! There's a Paw Patrol party, and you're invited! Family program.

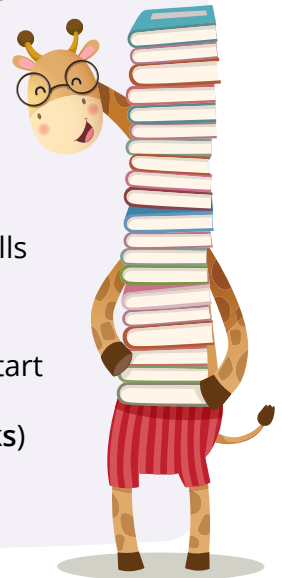**It's Leap Day!**
McLaughlin / Thu / Feb 29 / 6-7 pm
Join us for a hopping good time as we learn about leap years and enjoy froggy activities and crafts. What will your leap year memento look like? Family program.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten
The concept is simple, and the rewards are priceless. Read 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten.

We have prizes for registering, reaching book goals, and a graduation package when you complete the program! Help your little one develop a love of reading and form the early literacy skills they need for success in life.

Visit any branch or **oshlib.readsquared.com** to start your reading journey! (**oshawalibrary.ca/1000-books**)

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