

Spring 2024

EVENTS

March | April | May





Message From the CEO

Have you seen our new Library Lending Machine at the Oshawa Civic Recreation Centre? It is the first of its kind in Durham Region, and a quick and easy way to find something to read to pass the time while you are waiting for your kids or for you to enjoy after a workout. All you need is your library card, and you can return books there too.

Since 2024 marks the City of Oshawa's centennial year, we have special events throughout the year to celebrate, like the Birthday Party for kids and families on Saturday, March 9, or how about the Roaring '20s Escape Room for teens and Dancing Through the Decades for kids.

Read on to check out all this and more.

See you at the Library!

Frances

Frances Newman
CEO Oshawa Public Libraries

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 / 2:30-4:30 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 / Mar 4 - May 27
Zoom / Tue / 6:30-7:30 pm / Mar 5 - May 28

Toastmasters, Where Leaders Are Made

McLaughlin / Zoom / Tue / 12-1 pm
Mar 5 / Apr 2 / May 7

Paint Along Program

Jess Hann / Wed / 5:30-7 pm / Mar 6 / May 8
Delpark / Wed / Apr 24 / 2-3:30 pm

Travel Talk and Tips (European Vacations)

Delpark / Tue / 10-11 am
Mar 5 / Apr 2, 28 / May 28

Genealogy Club

Zoom / Wed / 2-3:30 pm
Mar 20 / Apr 17 / May 15

Lunchtime Book Club

McLaughlin / Thu / 12:30-1:30 pm
Mar 21 / Apr 18 / May 16

✂ Local History Speaker Series

McLaughlin / Tue / 6-7 pm
Mar 19 / Apr 16 / May 21

Creative Aging: Books and Ideas

Zoom / Thu / 2-3 pm / Mar 28 / Apr 25 / May 30

Eyes Forward Audiobook Club

Northview / Zoom / Wed / 2-3:30 pm / Mar 27 /
Apr 24 / May 29

Ladies Social for Newcomers

McLaughlin / Wed / 5:30-7:30 pm / Apr 17 /
May 15

Repair Café

Northview / Sat / May 25 / 1-4 pm

Spring Programs

Free Tax Clinic

- For eligible individuals with a modest income and simple tax situation.
- Walk-in clinic dates throughout March.
- April is by appointment only. Bookings open Mon / Mar 18.

OPL will host the tax preparation clinic in partnership with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and the Canada Revenue Agency. To volunteer, or for more information, visit oshawalibrary.ca/tax-clinics or call (905) 579-6111 ext. 5217.

RuPaul's Drag Race Trivia Night

Northview / Mon / Mar 4 / 6-7 pm

Enjoy a fabulous trivia night from the hit show RuPaul's Drag Race. Who will snatch the crown, and who will sashay away?

✂ Today is the City of Oshawa's 100th Birthday!

All branches / Fri / Mar 8

We're giving collectible bookmarks to the first 100 customers at every branch to mark the occasion! One per family.

How AI is Changing Our World

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

Explore the pitfalls and opportunities of AI.
Mar 18 / AI for Business and Industry

May 13 / AI for Art and Creativity

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Spring Programs

programs for adults

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Needle Felting for Beginners: Bunny

Northview / Wed / Mar 20 / 6-7 pm

Make a fluffy bunny. All materials provided.

VR Tryout

McLaughlin / Mon / Apr 1 / 6-7 pm

Jess Hann / Wed / May 29 / 6-7 pm

Try VR tech with a visit to an immersive VR environment or a game experience.

Playful Plates

Jess Hann / Wed / Apr 3 / 6-7 pm

Learn how to use the Cricut to create a one-of-a-kind keepsake. Please bring a non-disposable plate to decorate (eg. ceramic, stoneware).



Wilderness Explorer Presentation by John Dunn

Delpark / Mon / Apr 15 / 6-7:30 pm

John Dunn is a renowned wilderness explorer, photographer, and lecturer. Experience the thrill of his expeditions through *Journey North*, an awe-inspiring presentation showcasing John's extraordinary series of journeys that spanned over 8,000 km and 400 days across Canada. His trek covered almost every step from Tofino to the tip of Ellesmere Island, and you won't want to miss it!

Sea Glass Painting

Delpark / Mon / Apr 22 / 6-7 pm

Bring a clear glass bottle or container to upcycle to beautiful home décor.

Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition Information Session

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Wed / Apr 24 / 1-2 pm

Canada Learning Bond Sign-Up Event

McLaughlin / Thu / Apr 25 / 1-6 pm

Eligible children can receive up to \$2,000 from the Canadian government, deposited into a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) to help pay for education after high school. RESP providers will be on site to help families open RESPs and apply for the Canada Learning Bond. Service Canada will also be present to assist with issuing Social Insurance Numbers on site. Birth Certificate application support will be available. Visit Durham.ca/CanadaLearningBond to learn more about the Canada Learning Bond and what to bring to the event.

Memory Lab

McLaughlin / Thu / Apr 25 / 10-11 am

Don't toss that baby's first birthday video or your favourite mixed tape! Convert VHS tapes, audio cassettes, vinyl records, and 8mm film with the equipment at our Memory Lab.

Get into 3D Printing

McLaughlin / Mon / Apr 29 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Jess Hann / Wed / May 15 / 6:30-7:30 pm

See 3D printing in action and learn about 3D printing technology and the services available at the Library. Win a 3D print door prize.

Library Plant Exchange

Northview / Sun / May 5 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Bring your pest-free, rooted indoor plants or loose cuttings to swap for something new.

Euchre Tournament Night

Northview / Mon / May 6 / 6-7:30 pm

Bring a partner and try your luck to win the Euchre tournament. No cash prize.

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Spring Programs

programs for teens

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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 / Mar 1

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

Cold Case Files

McLaughlin / Mon / Mar 11 / 3-4 pm

Work as a team to solve clues and catch a murderer! Ages 12-18.

Amazing Race

McLaughlin / Wed / Mar 13 / 3-4 pm

Explore the Library and complete fun challenges in this Library Amazing Race! Ages 12-18.

OPL Teen Advisory Group / 6-8 pm

McLaughlin / Thu / Mar 14 / Apr 11 / May 9

Delpark / Mon / Mar 25 / Apr 29 / May 27

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

White Pine Book Club

McLaughlin / Tue / 4-5 pm

Mar 19 / Apr 16 / May 21

Meet and discuss the White Pine 2024 nominated books you've read. Join our Teen Discord Server to chat between meetings! Ages 13-18.

Home School Youth

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

Ages 10-18.

Mar 20 / Minute to Win It: Compete in teams.

Apr 17 / Dewey Decimal Escape Room.

May 15 / Duct Tape DIY: Make your own duct tape crafts.

Teen Hangout

McLaughlin / Thu / 6-7:30 pm

Ages 12-18.

Mar 21 / Creative Writing Night: writing sprints, inspiring worksheets, and engaging discussion. Laptops provided.

Apr 18 / Upcycle for Earth Day: give everyday items a new life!

May 16 / Video Game Tournament.

Library Mystery

Northview / Tue / Apr 2 / 6-7 pm

A terrible crime has been committed, and we need your help gathering clues, interviewing witnesses, and solving this mystery. Ages 12-18.

Teen Paint Along Program

Delpark / Thu / Apr 4 / 6-7:30 pm

Paint a work of art with help from an instructor. All supplies provided. Ages 12-18.

✂ Mystery on Centre Stage: An Escape Room

McLaughlin / Sat / Apr 27 / 2-4 pm

Travel back to the 1920s, find the clues, solve the puzzles, and escape before time runs out! Presented by the Teen Advisory Group. Ages 12-18.

Wooden You Like Earrings?

Jess Hann / Wed / May 22 / 6-7 pm

Decorate small wooden charms to make earrings that suit your style. Ages 12-18.

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In Every Issue



programs for kids & families

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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

Bedtime Bash / Drop-in
Jess Hann / Tue / 6:15-6:45 pm

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

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

Sunday Funday! / Sun / 2:30-3:30 pm / Drop-in
Northview / Mar 3, 24 / Apr 21 / May 12
Delpark / Mar 10 / Apr 7, 28 / May 19

Family Music and Movement with EarlyON
10-10:45 am / Drop-in
McLaughlin / Tue / Mar 5, 19, 26 / April 2-May 28
Northview / Sat / Mar 9 / Apr 6 / May 4

Tween Scene / Ages 9-12
Northview / Wed / 6-7 pm
Mar 13, 27 / Apr 10, 24 / May 8, 22

STEAM After School / Ages 7-12 / 4-4:45 pm
Jess Hann / Thu / Mar 28 / Apr 11, 25 / May 9, 23
Delpark / Tue / Mar 5, 19 / Apr 2, 16, 30 / May 28

Coding Club / Ages 7-13
Delpark / Mon / 4-4:45 pm
Mar 18 / Apr 8 / May 13

Reading Buddies
Zoom / Mon / 4-6 pm
Mar 18-Apr 22 / May 13-Jun 24

Would you like 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, call (905) 579-6111 ext. 5252.

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

Northview / Mon / Mar 18-May 13
OR Thursdays / Mar 21-May 16
McLaughlin / Wed / Mar 27-May 15

Kinder-Garden / Ages 3-5

McLaughlin / Wed / 11-11:45 am / Mar 20-May 29

Home School Club

McLaughlin / Wed / 1:30-2:30 pm
Mar 20 / Apr 17 / May 15

Home School Youth, see page 5

Neighbourhood Play Date / Ages 0-5

McLaughlin / Thu / 10-10:45 am
Mar 21 / Apr 25 / May 16

c_wonder Library Workshops / 10 am-12 pm

STEM / Northview / Grades 5-8 / Sat / Mar 2

Coding / McLaughlin / Grades 1-4 / Sat / Apr 6

STEM / Northview / Grades 1-4 / Sat / May 11

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

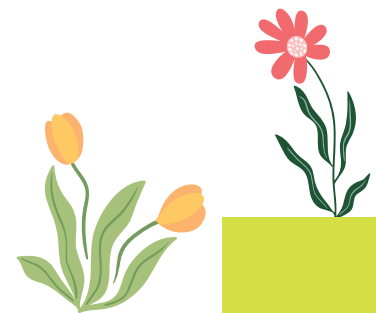
Help your little one develop a love of reading and the early literacy skills needed for success.

- 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!
(oshawalibrary.ca/1000-books)

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MARCH

BREAK

✂ Today is the City of Oshawa's 100th Birthday!

All branches / Fri / Mar 8

We're giving collectible bookmarks to the first 100 customers at every branch to mark the occasion! There will also be a special scavenger hunt at each branch. One per family.

Barbie Day

All branches / Fri / Mar 8

On International Women's Day, celebrate Barbie and all her many accomplishments!

March Break Spirit Days!

Sat / Mar 9 / Birthday Party Day

Sun / Mar 10 / Mario Day

Mon / Mar 11 / Team Spirit Day

Tue / Mar 12 / Board Game Day

Wed / Mar 13 / Staycation Day

Thu / Mar 14 / Cartoon Day

Fri / Mar 15 / Superhero Day

Sat / Mar 16 / Out of this World Day

Sun / Mar 17 / Rainbow Day

✂ Oshawa's Birthday Party

All Branches / Sat / Mar 9 / 2:30-3:30 pm

You're invited to our party to celebrate Oshawa's 100th birthday! Family program.

Mini Sports Creations

Delpark / Mon / Mar 11 / 2-3 pm

Create your own miniature basketball, football, or hockey games. Bring your team spirit! Ages 6-9.

Giant Board Games

McLaughlin / Tue / Mar 12 / 10-11 am

Play some giant versions of your most loved board games. Family program.

DIY Board Games

Jess Hann / Tue / Mar 12 / 2-3 pm

Design your own board game from scratch. All supplies provided. Family program.

Stay Safe with Thomas

McLaughlin / Wed / Mar 13 / 11-11:30 am

Join Metrolinx for a reading of *Stay Safe with Thomas*. Learn how to stay safe around trains, tracks, and stations. Take home your own little cardboard train. Ages 3-5.

Staycation Vacation

Northview / Wed / Mar 13 / 2-3 pm

Travel around the world with us! Venture to an amusement park, go on a safari, hang out at the beach, and more. Family program.

Cartoon Dance Party

McLaughlin / Thu / Mar 14 / 10-11 am

Wear your favourite cartoon character clothes and join us for a wacky dance party. Special guest appearances! Family program.

Stop-Motion Cartoons

Delpark / Thu / Mar 14 / 2-3 pm

Using 2D and 3D objects, create an original stop-motion cartoon. Ages 9-12.

Marvel vs. DC

Jess Hann / Fri / Mar 15 / 11 am-12 pm

Who will win the Marvel vs. DC face-off? Family program.

Galaxy Art

Northview / Sat / Mar 16 / 2-4 pm

Create out-of-this-world art with the LivingRoom Community Art Studio! Drop-in, family program.

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Art Wonders

Northview / Mon / Mar 18 / May 13 / 6-7 pm

Through stories and songs, learn about different artists. Create your own inspiring work of art. Family program.

Ramadan Story Time

Northview / Sat / Apr 6 / 2-4 pm

Learn about Ramadan and Eid. Story Time, colouring, crafts and henna. Drop-in, family program.

Bluey Party!

Jess Hann / Sat / Apr 13 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Play games, make crafts, and complete an obstacle course! Family program.

Coding Ozobots

Northview / Mon / Apr 15 / 6-7 pm

An introduction to coding, robotics, and digital exploration! Ages 7-13.

Poké-Party

McLaughlin / Sat / Apr 20 / 10:30-11:30 am

Pokémon scavenger hunt, crafts, games, and trivia! Wear a costume if you like. Family program.

Mixed Media Masterpiece

Jess Hann / Wed / May 1 / 6-7 pm

Like the *Finish the Story Game*, create a big story as a team, but with art. Explore different art mediums and unleash your creativity as a group to build a large mixed-media masterpiece. Ages 7-13.

Code With Scratch

Jess Hann / Thu / 4-4:45 pm / May 2, 16, 30

By the end of this program you'll be able to code a video game and animate a video. Ages 7-13.

May the 4th Be With You!

McLaughlin / Sat / May 4 / 2-4 pm

Celebrate Star Wars Day with fun crafts, activities, and special guests! Dress up if you like. Drop-in, family program.

Learning Henna

Delpark / Tue / May 7 / 5:30-7:30 pm

For Asian Heritage Month, learn the history of henna traditions, cultural values, and recipes. Practice designs and have henna professionally applied. Family program.

Mother's Day Cards

All Branches / Sat / May 11

Use your imagination to craft a beautiful card for someone special. Drop-in, family program.

Delpark & McLaughlin / 10:30-11:30 am

Jess Hann & Northview / 2:30-3:30 pm

Un-Bee-lievable Bees

McLaughlin / Sat / May 18 / 10-11 am

To celebrate World Bee Day (May 20), read a book about bees and sing bee songs. Learn about bees in Canada and make a bee craft. Family program.

✂ Travelling Stage:

Dancing Through the Decades

McLaughlin / Wed / May 29 / 6-7 pm

Experience dance throughout the eras: Charleston, Swing, Twist, Disco, Retro '80s, Thriller, Hip Hop, Flash Mob and current dances. Ages 4-12.

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