

Summer 2024

EVENTS

June | July | August



Message From the CEO

This summer, we are replacing the elevator at the McLaughlin branch. After 40 years, it's time to do some upgrades! There is no gain without a little pain, so this means we will be without an elevator for several weeks and it may get a little noisy at times. The children's section on the lower level will remain accessible from the outside patio on Queen Street, facing the back parking lot, and the auditorium is accessible through the outdoor ramp. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may cause.

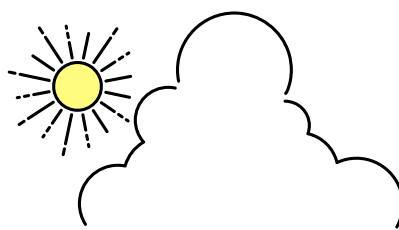
We have an amazing line-up of great programs this summer, including a special performance by the O'Neill Collegiate Choir in honour of Oshawa's centennial, a visit from the Ontario Planetarium, and our popular Summer Reading Clubs to encourage kids, teens, and adults to keep reading over the summer. You can even win some great prizes. Read on to learn 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. 5200 | 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 / Jun 3-17
Zoom / Tue / 6:30-7:30 pm / Jun 4-18

Toastmasters, Where Leaders Are Made

McLaughlin / Zoom / Tue / 12-1 pm
Jun 4 / Jul 9 / Aug 6

Travel Talk and Tips

Delpark / Tue / 10-11 am / Jun 11 / Jul 9 / Aug 6

Paint Along Program

Jess Hann / Wed / 5:30-7 pm / Jun 12 / Aug 14
Delpark / Thu / Jul 25 / 2-3:30 pm

Genealogy Club

Zoom / Wed / 2-3:30 pm / Jun 19

Ladies Social for Newcomers

McLaughlin / Wed / 5:30-7:30 pm / Jun 19 / Jul 17
McLaughlin / Wed / 2-4 / Aug 21

Lunchtime Book Club

McLaughlin / Thu / 12:30-1:30 pm
Jun 20 / Jul 18 / Aug 15

Eyes Forward Audiobook Club

Northview / Zoom / Wed / 2-3:30 pm / Jun 26

Summer Programs

Bargello Bookmarks

Northview / Wed / Jun 5 / 6-7 pm

Make a bargello bookmark to keep your place in your hot summer reads.

Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition

The annual Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition is now accepting entries. Show us your creative interpretation of what this year's theme "Reflect" means to you.

Submission Drop Off

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
Tue / Aug 13 / 10 am-4 pm
Please bring your completed submission form and artwork ready to hang (e.g. in a frame or with hanging hardware)

Exhibition: Aug 17 – Sept 29

Opening and Awards Reception

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
Tue / Aug 20 / 2:30 pm

Adult Summer Reading Challenge

Jun 15-Aug 26

Explore new genres, authors, and ways to read (audiobooks, eBooks) with Summer Book BINGO. Earn a BINGO for an entry into our monthly prize draw for a gift card to a local business. Drop off completed BINGO forms at any branch.

Create an account on oshlib.readsquared.com or use the READsquared app.

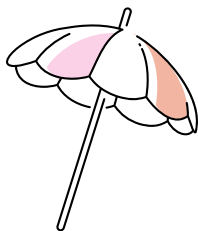
Track your reading and complete book BINGO challenges

Repeat. Keep reading, tracking, and completing reading challenges. Have fun!

Interview with an Author: Rick Mofina

Northview / Mon / Jun 10 / 6-7 pm

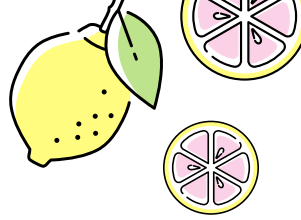
Rick Mofina is a renowned, award-winning author and former journalist who has written over thirty crime fiction thrillers. Learn more about Rick's new book *Someone Saw Something* and the writing process in this interview-style program led by award-winning author Steve Burrows.



Please visit each program link to learn more, and sign up today!

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An Evening with Drew Hayden Taylor **Zoom / Ajax / Wed / Jun 5 / 7-8:30 pm**

Join us for a special evening with author Drew Hayden Taylor, award-winning playwright and author from the Curve Lake First Nation. Drew will share a reading from his latest novel, *Cold*, and will speak about his journey to becoming a writer. A book signing will follow. Presented in partnership with the Durham Region Libraries at the St. Francis Centre in Ajax.

OPL Presents: An O'Neill Collegiate Choir **Historical Performance** **McLaughlin / Tue / Jun 11 / 6-7 pm**

Learn about Oshawa's first high school and enjoy a performance by the O'Neill Collegiate Choir conducted by Erin Collins. *City of Oshawa Centennial celebration event.*

Math is a Drag

Zoom / Wed / Jun 12 / 7-8 pm

Kyne, a famous math-teaching drag queen, shares her story of coming out as a young gay boy in a conservative household. She talks about her passion for makeup, her favourite math problems, and offers advice on embracing yourself and celebrating what makes you unique. Presented with the Public Libraries of York and Durham Region and Regina Public Library.

Create with Cricut: Summer Lanterns

Jess Hann / Wed / Jun 26 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Create a lantern to hang out and enjoy during long summer evenings. Tea light provided.

Canva for Organization

Delpark / Mon / 6-7 pm

Use Canva to create organizational tools.

Jul 8 / Planner inserts

Aug 19 / Personalized lists

STEAM for Adults / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Fri / Jul 12 / 1:30-3:30 pm

Why should kids have all the fun? Experiment and create with STEAM!

Car Seat Clinic with MOT / 10 am-2 pm **DP / Sat / Jul 13 | NV / Sat / Aug 17**

Learn how to properly install and use your child car seat. Bring your vehicle and child car seat manuals with you

Travel the World with VR / Drop-in **Delpark / Thu / Jul 18 / 3-4 pm**

Walk through an art museum or venture under the sea with virtual reality.

Summer of Space

McLaughlin / Sat / Jul 20 / 2-3 pm

Explore the universe with ESA sky, create a watercolour constellation, and assemble a moon phase garland.

Handmade Christmas in July

McLaughlin / Tue / Jul 23 / 3-4:30 pm

Celebrate Christmas in July! Get a head start on the holidays by creating unique handmade items.

Create with Cricut: Mason Jar Planters

Jess Hann / Wed / Jul 24 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Design a mason jar planter with recycled mason jars.

Junk Journaling

Northview / Tue / Jul 30 / 6-7 pm

Bring any mementos you want to include to create a unique journal that combines recycling, memories, and journaling!

Introduction to Bird Watching

Northview / Tue / Aug 13 / 6-7 pm

We'll learn about Ontario bird species and explore different resources and tools to help you on your bird-watching journey.

Painting with VR / Drop-in

Delpark / Thu / Aug 15 / 3-4 pm

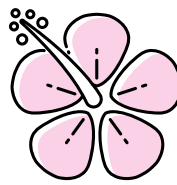
Create a work of art using only your hands and your imagination.



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Summer Programs



Teen Hangout

Grab & Go Bags

Registration opens Friday / Jun 7

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



Teen Discord Server

Our Discord Server has homework hangouts, gaming, crafting, book club, chatting, and more. Ages 13-18.

OPL Teen Advisory Group

McLaughlin / Thu / 6-8 pm

Jun 13, 27 / Jul 11, 25 / Aug 8, 22

Delpark / Mon / 6-8 pm

Jun 10, 24 / Jul 15, 29 / Aug 12, 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 Summer Reading Challenge / Jun 15-Aug 26

We challenge teens aged 13-18 to complete the Teen Summer Reading Challenge! Earn points for reading and completing missions on READsquared. The top three point earners will win exciting prizes!

Create an account on oshlib.readsquared.com or use the READsquared app.

Track your reading and complete challenges.

Repeat. Keep reading, tracking, and completing reading challenges. Have fun!

Home School Youth

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

Ages 10-18

Jun 19 / Fun and games with BINGO

Teen Hangout

McLaughlin / Thu / 6-7:30 pm

Ages 12-18.

Jun 20 / Teen Crafter's Corner: Bring your craft project or make a pre-prepared craft kit. A sewing machine and Cricut Maker are available.

Jul 18 / Tarot Talk: Chat about Tarot with like-minded teens! Practice, learn with other readers, and enter a draw to win a Tarot prize pack. Beginners welcome!

Aug 15 / Library Jeopardy: Compete in teams to win prizes!

Teen Paint Along Program

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

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

K-Pop Trivia

Northview / Mon / Jul 8 / 6-7 pm

Join our K-Pop trivia competition for ages 12-18, either on your own or in teams.

Recycled Book Art Workshop

Delpark / Mon / Jul 22 / 6-7 pm

Repurpose a recycled book into a beautiful new creation using the supplies provided. Ages 12-18.

Mini-Book Keychains

McLaughlin / Thu / Aug 1 / 6-7:30 pm

Decorate your backpack or bag with these adorable literary creations. Ages 12-18.

Yarn Pixel Art

Northview / Wed / Aug 21 / 6-7 pm

Make pixel art from plastic canvas and yarn. Ages 12-18.



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In Every Issue

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

Family Music and Movement with EarlyON
10-10:45 am / Drop-in
Northview / Sat / Jun 1 / Jul 6 / Aug 3
McLaughlin / Tue / Jun 4-Aug 27

Sunday Funday! / Sun / 2:30-3:30 pm / Drop-in
Northview / Jun 2, 30 / Jul 28 / Aug 25
Delpark / Jun 16 / Jul 14 / Aug 11

Creation Station / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm
Northview / Mon / Jun 3-24
OR Thursdays / Jun 6-27
McLaughlin / Wed / Jun 5-26

Kinder-Garden
McLaughlin / Wed / 11-11:45 am / Jun 5-26

STEAM After School
Jess Hann / Thu / 4-4:45 pm / Jun 6, 20
Delpark / Tue / 4-4:45 pm / Jun 11, 25

Ontario Tech Library Workshop / Sat / 10 am-12
STEM / Northview / Grades 5-8 / Jun 8

Ontario Tech Library Workshops
Fri / 10 am-12 pm
Coding / Northview / Grades 1-4 / Jul 12
STEM / Northview / Grades 5-8 / Jul 26
Coding / Northview / Grades 5-8 / Aug 2
STEM / Northview / Grades 1-4 / Aug 16

Coding Club
Delpark / Mon / 4-4:45 pm / Jun 10 / Jul 8

Tween Scene
Northview / Wed / 6-7 pm
Jun 12, 26 / Jul 10, 24 / Aug 14, 28

Home School Club
McLaughlin / Wed / Jun 19 / 1:30-2:30 pm
In recognition of National Indigenous History Month, learn about The Moccasin Identifier Project, listen to Indigenous stories, and create a moccasin stencil.

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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Join the TD Summer Reading Club!

Free registration: June 15-August 26, 2024

Reading is fun! Sign up for the TD Summer Reading Club and discover new stories, exciting programs, and more. Ages 0-12.

Register online or at any branch and receive a free tracker and stickers. Group registrations are available for summer camps and daycares.

Register between June 15 and June 22 for your chance to win one of eight out-of-this-world prizes!

Earn points by reading and completing missions.

1000 points = one (1) entry for the grand prize draw, an Apple iPad.

In-branch report = **25 points** and a prize from the Treasure Chest! (Report your reading minutes as often as you like, but prizes and points are awarded once per week.)

Complete Missions = collect digital badges and earn points. (Different point values for each.)

- 1. Create** an account on the READsquared app or at oshlib.readsquared.com.
- 2. Track** your reading, collect digital badges, complete exciting missions, play games, and achieve a certificate.
- 3. Repeat.** Keep reading, tracking, and completing missions. Have fun!

TDSRC Launch Parties

All branches / Sat / Jun 15 / 2:30-4:30 pm

Blast off with the TD Summer Reading Club this summer! Enjoy scavenger hunts, free buttons, activities, and more! Drop-in, family program.

TDSRC Weekly Activities!

Rocket into any branch for exciting solo missions.

Jun 17-23: Get Your Summer Read On

Jun 24-30: Rocketship Adventures

Jul 2-7: Aliens

Jul 8-14: Stars and Myths

Jul 15-21: Flying Spaceship

Jul 22-28: Constellation Creations

Jul 29-Aug 4: Get to Know Your Solar System

Aug 6-11: Planet Scavenger Hunt

Aug 12-18: Space Adventures

Aug 19-25: Aliens Love Underpants

TDSRC Meet-Ups

Jess Hann / Mon / 2-3 pm / Jul 8-Aug 12

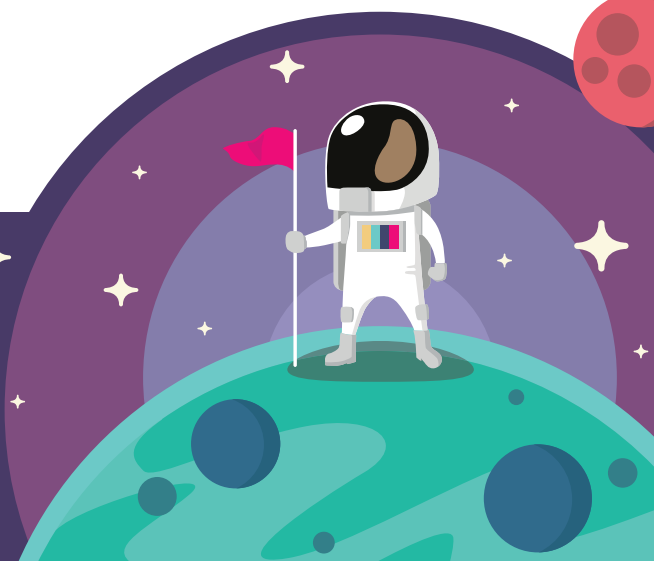
Northview / Tue / 2-3 pm / Jul 9-Aug 13

Delpark / Wed / 2-3 pm / Jul 10-Aug 14

McLaughlin / Thu / 11 am-12 pm / Jul 11-Aug 15

Join our TDSRC Club for weekly activities for all ages! Enjoy your favourite stories, themed activities, and earn special badges.

Family program.



(905) 579-6111
oshawalibrary.ca/tdsrc

Summer Programs

Backyard Story Time / Drop-in

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery / 10:30-11:30 am
Sat / Jun 1 / Wed / Jul 17 / Wed / Aug 14

Let's blend art, storytelling, and the outdoors with Oshawa Public Libraries' storytellers at the art gallery's backyard story time. Family program.

Drag Queen Story Time / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Jun 1 / 3:30-4:30 pm

This family-friendly program, featuring two fabulous queens, showcases stories celebrating diversity and inclusion. Musical performances, activities, and snacks follow story time. Allergy alert. Presented in partnership with Durham Children's Aid Society, Youth Pride Durham, and all Durham Region libraries. Family program.

Scientists in School:

Shoot, Score, Science and More!

McLaughlin / Thu / Jun 6 / 6-7 pm
Jess Hann / Fri / Jun 7 / 10:30-11:30 am

Delpark / Fri / Jun 7 / 2:30-3:30 pm
 Discover the science of sports! Examine the impact of throwing a ball on your balance with a sculpture. Engineer a better hockey puck and build a mini-golf course to learn about physics.

Scientists in School: Science Snippets!

Northview / Tue / Jun 11 / 6-7 pm

Enjoy a few snippets of science! Learn the difference between baking soda and powder, create a fantastical creature while investigating dominant and recessive genes, explore physics with a pompom launcher, and discover aeronautics by building and testing a plane.

Create with Pride

Delpark / Mon / Jun 17 / 6-7 pm

Explore creative design with our 3D printer and button maker in this safe space for 2SLGBTQ youth and allies. Drop-in program, all ages.



INSTEAM for Families

McLaughlin / Sat / Jun 22 / 10:30-11:30 am

Explore Indigenous ways of learning through Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math with special guest Melody Crowe.

Baby STEM

Jess Hann / Sat / Jun 22 / 2-3 pm

McLaughlin / Mon / Aug 19 / 11 am-12 pm
 Introduce Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to your baby with fun activities. Ages 0-2.

Garden Gnome Adventure

Northview / Fri / Jun 28 / 2-3 pm

Take a walk in the garden with gnome stories, songs, and crafts. Family program.

Cosmically Cool UFOs

Jess Hann / Fri / Jun 28 / 11 am-12 pm

Northview / Mon / Jul 15 / 3-4 pm
 The aliens are coming! Build a flying saucer using art materials. Ages 5-9.

Summer Camp with Cosmo

Northview / Tue / Jul 2 / 6-7 pm

Bring your stuffed animal to an exciting space-themed story time with Cosmo the robot. After story time, leave your stuffed friend with us for a week of adventure and exploring the wonderful world of books. Ages 3-6.

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Space STEAM

Delpark / Wed / Jul 3 / 2-3 pm

Jess Hann / Thu / Aug 15 / 2-3 pm

Observe the galaxy with out-of-this-world experiments and art projects. Ages 9-12.

Ontario Planetarium: Tour of the Universe

McLaughlin / Thu / Jul 4 / 10 am-4 pm

Tour constellations and the Northern Lights. Launch into Earth's orbit, visiting planets, moons, comets, stars, black holes, and galaxies. 20-minute sessions. Family program.

Space Adventures

McLaughlin / Sat / Jul 6 / 2-3:30 pm

Shoot for the stars with space-themed crafts and activities. Family program.

Sensory Zone / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Mon / 11 am-1 pm

Jul 8, 22 / Aug 12

McLaughlin / Thu / Aug 22 / 2-4 pm

Enjoy sensory-friendly stories and activities. Family program.

The Juggling Chef

McLaughlin / Wed / Jul 10 / 11 am-12 pm

Delpark / Thu / Jul 11 / 2-3 pm

The Juggling Chef is an interactive show with puppets, music, and food juggling! Marla Brennan is an expert children's entertainer who WOWS everyone with her original, family-friendly show. It's a terrific way to introduce young children to performing arts. Family program.

Nebula Dance Party / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Mon / Jul 15 / 6-7 pm

A space-themed dance party featuring glow-in-the-dark hijinks. For glowing results, wear white or neon. Family program.



Escape to Mars: A Space-Themed Escape Room

McLaughlin / Tue / Jul 16 / 1-3 pm

Blast off to Mars, solve galactic puzzles, and escape before time runs out! Family Program. Sign up for one time slot only.

Life on Mars: Aliens and...Me?

Northview / Wed / Jul 17 / 3-4 pm

Can you survive on the red planet? Learn about life on Mars with hands-on STEM activities. Ages 9-12.

Messy Little Artists

Jess Hann / Thu / Jul 18 / 2-3 pm

Unleash your creativity at a family paint program where your imagination is limitless. Paint outside the lines and let the colours flow. Ages 5-9.

Living Room Art Mobile

Northview / Mon-Thu / Jul 22-25 / 12-4 pm

Create art and build community at the LivingRoom's Mobile Community Art Studio. Their art bus will be on-site this week. Drop in and start creating! Family program.

Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars

Delpark / Tue / Jul 23 / 11 am-12 pm

Journey among the stars with stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 2-6.



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Baby Picassos

McLaughlin / Wed / Jul 24 / 11 am-12 pm

Jess Hann / Thu / Aug 1 / 2-3 pm

Explore art and music with sensory experiences geared to infants. Ages 0-2.

Scientists in Schools: Candy Chemistry

Jess Hann / Thu / Jul 25 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Uncover the surprising science hiding in a bag of Skittles. Investigate solubility, buoyancy reactivity, and the odds of finding your favourite colour. How sweet it is! Ages 4-12.

Non-Fiction Story Time Special

Delpark / Fri / Jul 26 / Aug 23 / 2-3 pm

Take a deep dive into the fascinating world of non-fiction stories and create crafts that highlight what we learn. Drop-in, family program.

Hands-on Exotics: Explore Africa

Northview / Thu / Aug 1 / 1-2 pm

Take a fun-filled journey through Africa's animal kingdom with Maggie the Silvery-Cheeked Hornbill, an African Spurred Tortoise, African Pygmy Hedgehogs, and various other mammals, reptiles, and invertebrates. Family program. Allergy alert.

Galaxy Jars

Northview / Wed / Aug 7 / 6-7 pm

Make a bright and swirly galaxy filled with stars. Learn about different galaxies and nebulae, too! Ages 9-12.

WonderPhil

Thu / Aug 8

Delpark / 1-1:45 pm | Jess Hann / 3:30-4:15 pm

Are you ready for a fast-paced magic show where things appear and vanish, drawings come to life, and so much more? Family program.

Asteroid Obstacle Course / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Sat / Aug 10 / 10 am-12 pm

Voyage around the galaxy and avoid asteroids with thrilling space-themed activities! Presented by the Teen Advisory Group. Family program.

Lego Story Builder

Delpark / Tue / Aug 20 / 11 am-12 pm

Brick by brick, build characters using Lego and imagination for our unique story. Ages 5-9.

TDSRC Wrap Party / Drop-in

Lakeview Park / Mon / Aug 26 / 1-3 pm

Celebrate your reading triumphs with us at the park! We'll have games, crafts, and special guests. Arrive early to receive your certificate of completion. Family program.

Back to School Survival Kit

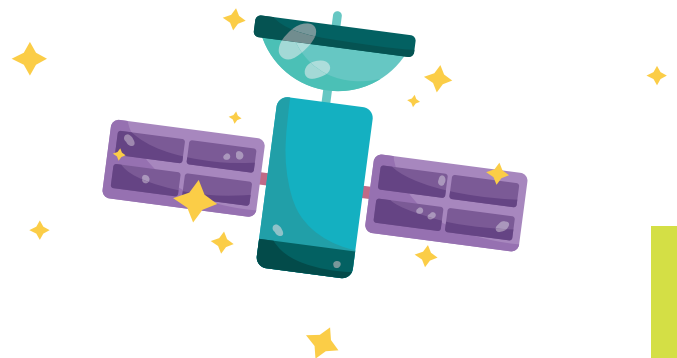
Northview / Tue / Aug 27 / 2-3 pm

Create a back-to-school survival kit with the materials provided. Ages 5-9.

Crayon-rific Story Time

Delpark / Thu / Aug 29 / 11 am-12 pm

Delight in crayon-themed stories, crafts, and activities inspired by the book *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. Family program.



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