



Winter 2024/2025

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EVENTS

December | January | February



Message From the CEO

We are excited to announce a new addition to our museum pass lending program this winter – the ROM! The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) has generously agreed to partner with public libraries to provide a limited number of free passes that our customers may borrow. ROM passes may be borrowed for one (1) week by customers with a valid resident library card and will admit up to 4 people. Stay tuned for the official launch in the coming weeks. We know these passes will be popular, so be patient and put your name on the holds list.

We have plenty of holiday fun for families, including our annual New Year's Eve magic shows with Owen Anderson as part of the Oshawa Celebrates activities at Delpark.

Adults can have fun crafting this winter by learning how to needle felt, make a stained-glass bookmark, or create a gift box using a Cricut®.

One of our newest programs for kids is Math Buddies. Similar to our long-standing Reading Buddies program, which helps kids improve their reading skills, Math Buddies pairs volunteers with kids in grades 1-3 who need a little extra help learning math. See page 7 for more information.

See you at the Library!

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Frances Newman
CEO Oshawa Public Libraries



In Every Issue



One-on-One Tech Help

For an appointment call (905) 579-6111:
McLaughlin ext. 5200 | Delpark ext. 5800
Northview ext. 5871 | Jess Hann ext. 5861

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 2, 9 /
Jan 13-Feb 24

Zoom / Tue / 6:30-7:30 pm / Dec 3, 10 /
Jan 14-Feb 25

Toastmasters / Tue / 12-1 pm

McLaughlin / Zoom / Dec 3 / Jan 7 / Feb 4

Winter Paint Along

Delpark / Tue / Feb 4 / 2-3:30 pm

Genealogy Club / Wed / 2-3:30 pm

McLaughlin / Dec 18 / Jan 15 / Feb 19

Lunchtime Book Club / Thu / 1-2 pm

McLaughlin / Dec 19 / Jan 16 / Feb 20

Local History Speaker Series / Tue / 6-7 pm

McLaughlin / Jan 21 / Feb 18

Creative Aging: Books and Ideas / Thu / 2-3 pm

Zoom / Jan 30 / Feb 27

Eyes Forward Audiobook Club / Wed / 2-3:30 pm

Northview / Zoom / Jan 29 / Feb 26

Ladies Social for Newcomers

McLaughlin / Thu / Dec 5 / 5:30-7:30 pm

Repair Café

Jess Hann / Sat / Feb 1 / 1-4 pm

Winter Programs

Heat Pump Workshop

Northview / Tue / Dec 3 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Heat pumps are a great eco-friendly option for heating homes and can help reduce the impact of climate change. They come in different models to suit various homes and budgets and can lower your energy bills. If you want to learn more about how they work or the new incentives available, consider attending this workshop from Durham Greener Homes.

Create with Cricut®: Holiday Lanterns

Jess Hann / Wed / Dec 4 / 5:30-7:30 pm

Create a hanging lantern to enjoy during cozy winter evenings. Tea light provided.

Digital Travel Documents

Northview / Fri / Dec 6 / 10-11:30 am

Flying during the 2024 holiday season may pose challenges, particularly when checking in online. Make the most of Apple or Google Wallet to streamline the process and enhance your vacation experience.

DIY Wrapping Paper

McLaughlin / Sat / Dec 7 / 2-3:30 pm

Create your own unique wrapping paper and gift bag. All materials are provided.

Auto Tips with OMVIC

Zoom / Tue / Dec 10 / 2-3 pm

Make smart decisions when buying or leasing your next car. Get helpful tips about spotting tricky ads and avoiding fraud, understanding car loans and agreements, and the OMVIC compensation fund. Presented in partnership with the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council (OMVIC), the regulator of motor vehicle sales in Ontario.



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Beginner Needle Felting: Gingerbread Person
Northview / Wed / Dec 11 / 6-7 pm

Create an adorable gingerbread person using wool and needle-felting techniques! All supplies provided.

Winter Book BINGO
Jan 1-Feb 28

Cozy up to new genres, authors, and ways to read. Score a BINGO, then drop off your completed card at any branch to enter a prize draw. Create your account on the READSquared app or at oshlib.readsquared.com

Envisioning Your Best Self in 2025
Northview / Tue / Jan 7 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Create a vision board to turn your dreams into reality. Join Rose Birt of Transitions Reiki as we learn how to set your intentions, choose images and quotes that match your desires, and incorporate relaxation and mindfulness techniques you can apply throughout the year.

Solving with the Signs
Delpark / Mon / Jan 13 / 6-7 pm

Learn about astrology, our connection to the planets, and the primary motivators of each party in a conflict.

Lunar New Year Calligraphy
Zoom / Mon / Jan 20 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Join artist Jojo Liu as she teaches the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy in celebration of Lunar New Year. Supply list provided when you register.

Stained-Glass Bookmarks
Northview / Tue / Jan 28 / 6-7 pm

Create faux stained-glass bookmarks to mark your place in your winter reads.

Oshawa's Black History: One Family's Story
Northview / Mon / Feb 3 / 6-7 pm

This presentation by the Oshawa Museum features five generations of one of Oshawa's earliest Black families, spanning from Vermont to Quebec, Oshawa, and finally, California.

Author Talk: Gwen Tuinman
McLaughlin / Tue / Feb 4 / 6-7 pm

Meet author Gwen Tuinman, who is fascinated by the landscape of human tenacity and writes about women navigating the social restrictions of their era. In her Ottawa-based historical fiction novel *Unrest*, brash, duplicitous women, murder and mayhem, and illicit love abound in this wild adventure for fans of *Outlander* and *The Home for Unwanted Girls*.

Create with Cricut®: Gift Boxes
Delpark / Mon / Feb 10 / 6-7:30 pm

Create and decorate a small gift box perfect for trinkets or goodies.

Sip 'n' Stitch
Northview / Wed / Feb 19 / 6-7 pm

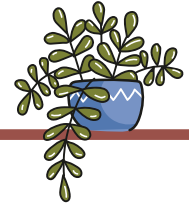
Grab your favourite hot beverage, and bring your fibre crafts to work on while you sip and chat!

Tax Clinic
 OPL will host a tax preparation clinic in partnership with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and the Canada Revenue Agency. Eligible individuals with a modest income and simple tax situations can have their 2024 taxes prepared for free by a CVITP-approved volunteer at the Library in March and April. For more information or to volunteer, please visit oshawalibrary.ca/tax-clinics or call (905) 579-6111 ext. 5260.



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Teen Discord Server

Join the Teen Discord Server, your cozy corner of the internet for chatting and chilling with like-minded teens! Whether you're into gaming, reading, art, cute cat pics, or want to chat about your day, this is the place for you! Ages 13-18.

Grab & Go Bags

Registration opens Monday / Dec 2

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.

DIY Tote Bag

Delpark / Tue / Dec 3 / 6-7 pm

Personalize a tote bag using our Cricut®. Tote bag provided. Ages 12-18.

Home School Youth / Ages 12-18

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

Dec 4 / Library mystery

Jan 15 / Stop-motion animation

Feb 19 / Building dreams and achieving goals

OPL Teen Advisory Group

McLaughlin / Thu / 6-8 pm / Dec 12 / Jan 9 / Feb 13

Delpark / Mon / 6-8 pm / Jan 27 / Feb 24

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

Creative Writing Circle

McLaughlin / 6-7:30 pm

Come meet fellow writers and chat about your works in progress! Each meeting will have an engaging theme-related activity to help inspire your creativity, plus writing sprints to get those words in! Laptops are provided but feel free to bring your own. Ages 12-18.

Dec 19 – Writing relatable characters

Jan 22 – Dynamic world building

Feb 26 – Writing FanFiction

Black Light Paint Party

McLaughlin / Sat / Jan 18 / 2-3:30 pm

Get creative with glow-in-the-dark paint! See your work come alive under the black light. Ages 12-18.

Teen Paint Along

Delpark / Thu / Jan 23 / 6-7:30 pm

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

Murder Mystery

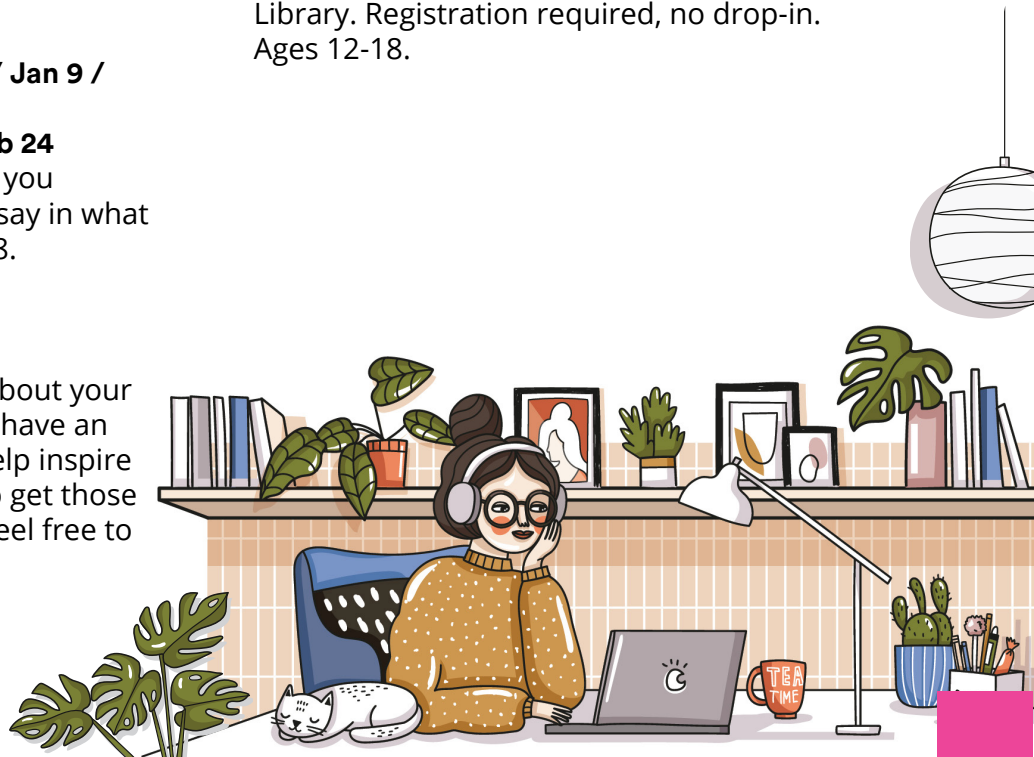
McLaughlin / Sat / Feb 1 / 2-4 pm

Put your detective skills to the test! Search for clues, unlock puzzling mysteries, and challenge Library staff in a race to solve the case! Ages 12-18.

NERF Tag After Hours

Northview / Fri / Feb 21 / 5-7 pm

Gather after hours to duck, dodge, and dive around the shelves and around furniture to avoid getting tagged. It's a night of fun, friendly competition, and memorable moments at the Library. Registration required, no drop-in. 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 / Sat

Bedtime Bash / Wed / 6:15-7 pm / Drop-in
McLaughlin / Dec 11 / Jan 8 / Feb 12

Chess Club / 10 am-12 pm / Drop-in
Delpark / Sat / Dec 7-Feb 22

Board Game Bonanza / 2-4 pm / Drop-in
Delpark / Sat / Dec 7-Feb 22

Family Music and Movement with EarlyON
10-10:45 am / Drop-in
McLaughlin / Tue / Dec 3-17 / Jan 7-Feb 25
Northview / Sat / Dec 7 / Jan 11 / Feb 1

Sunday Funday! / Sun / 2:30-3:30 pm / Drop-in
Delpark / Dec 1, 29 / Jan 26 / Feb 23
Northview / Dec 15 / Jan 12 / Feb 9

Kinder-Garden / Ages 3-5 / 11-11:45 am
McLaughlin / Wed / Dec 4-18 / Jan 15- Feb 26

Creation Station / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm
Northview / Mon / Dec 2-16 / Jan 6-Feb 10
OR Thu / Dec 5-19 / Jan 9-Feb 13

STEAM After School / Ages 7-12 / 4-4:45 pm
Jess Hann / Wed / Dec 4, 18 / Jan 15, 29 /
Feb 12, 26

Coding Club / Ages 7-13 / Wed / 4-4:45 pm
Jess Hann / Dec 11 / Jan 22 / Feb 19

Tween Scene / Ages 9-12 / Wed / 6-7 pm
Northview / Dec 4, 18 / Jan 15, 29 / Feb 12, 26

Home School Club
McLaughlin / Wed / 1:30-2:30 pm
Dec 4 / Coding Explorers

Jan 15 / Family literacy fest

Feb 19 / Building dreams and achieving goals

Neighbourhood Play Date / Ages 0-5 / 10-10:45 am
Jess Hann / Thu / Dec 19 / Jan 16 / Feb 20

Reading Buddies / Ages 5-10 / Mon / 4-6 pm
Zoom / Dec 9, 16 / Jan 6-Feb 24

STEAM Saturday / Sat / 2-4 pm
McLaughlin / Dec 14 / Jan 11 / Feb 8

Ontario Tech Workshops / Sat / 10 am-12 pm
Northview
Jan 18 / STEM / Grades 5-8
Feb 15 / Coding / Grades 1-4

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! Discover new milestone prizes at oshawalibrary.ca/1000-books



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Page-by-Page Reading Quest / Ages 5-10 Sep 2024-May 2025

Your quest is to read as many books as you can during the school year. Join a community of readers, track your progress, and celebrate milestones. Check in each month for a new fun theme. Visit oshlib.readsquared.com or any branch to get started!

Holiday PJ Story Time

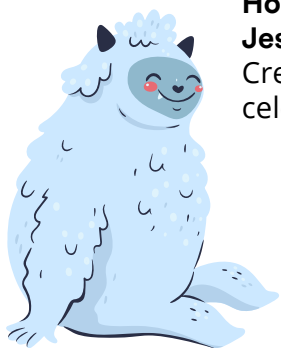
McLaughlin / Sat / Dec 7 / 10:30-11:30 am

Escape the hustle and bustle for a calm, enjoyable morning in a comfortable, sensory-friendly environment. We've prepared interactive stories, activities, and crafts that you can enjoy in your pyjamas or comfy clothes. Don't forget to bring your favourite stuffed animal or blanket. Let's build friendships, promote social interaction, and create a sense of community in this relaxed setting. Participants can fidget, stand up, stretch, make noise, and exit and re-enter the space at any point during the story time, for any reason. In partnership with Autism Ontario.

Holiday Ornaments

Jess Hann / Tue / Dec 10 / 6-7 pm

Create one-of-a-kind ornaments to celebrate the season. Ages 5-9.



Holly Jolly Crafts

Delpark / Mon / Dec 16 / 6-7 pm

Get into the holiday spirit at the Library! Enjoy a festive evening creating cheerful holiday crafts. It's a fun, hands-on way for you to express your creativity and celebrate the season. All materials are provided, and everyone will take home their jolly creations! Family program.

Oshawa Celebrates

Delpark / Tue / Dec 31 / 6-9 pm

Ring in the New Year at this free event that includes ice skating, swimming, magic shows in the Library with Owen Anderson, live entertainment, a zoo, dinosaurs, and crafts! You won't want to miss this free, family-friendly event!

Winter Art

Delpark / Jess Hann / Fri / Jan 3 / 2-3:30 pm

Get ready for a flurry of winter-themed art activities using various materials. Family program.

Snowman Games

McLaughlin / Northview / Sat / Jan 4 / 2-3:30 pm

Spark creativity, encourage teamwork, and have plenty of laughs at this program filled with winter-themed activities. Family program.

Math Buddies / Grades 1-3 / 5-7 pm or 6-7 pm

McLaughlin / Tue / Jan 7-Feb 25

Looking for math support for your child? Math Buddies offers one-on-one math practice for children in Grades 1, 2, and 3. For one hour each week, your child will sharpen their math skills with a dedicated volunteer. Regular attendance is essential to make the most of this program. Spots are limited, so sign up now! For more information, contact vbird@oshawalibrary.on.ca or call (905) 579-6111 ext. 5264.

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity? Help kids strengthen their math skills by committing one hour each week! Call (905) 579-6111 ext. 5279 for more information.

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Yeti Tales and Snowy Trails

Jess Hann / Tue / Jan 14 / 6-7 pm

Be captivated by delightful tales of winter escapades while making your yeti-inspired crafts! Family program.

Penguin Party

McLaughlin / Thu / Jan 16 / 6-7 pm

Dive into icy fun with activities and adventures celebrating our waddling friend, the penguin. Family program.

Snowy Science

Delpark / Mon / Jan 20 / 6-7 pm

Explore the wonders of winter with exciting hands-on science experiments that will spark creativity and curiosity. Ages 5-9.

Family Literacy Celebration / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Sat / Jan 25 / 1-3 pm

Trek with us on a jungle adventure that includes fun, interactive, literacy-based activities that are fun for the whole family! Family program.

Winter Games: Ozobots Edition

Northview / Wed / Feb 5 / 6-7 pm

Code a robot to compete in alpine skiing, bobsledding, and figure skating to win gold in the winter Ozobot Olympics! Ages 9-12.

Emoji Paint Night

Delpark / Fri / Feb 7 / 6-7 pm

Create a one-of-a-kind piece of art featuring your favourite emoji. Ages 9-12.

Winter Ball

Northview / Sat / Feb 8 / 2:30-3:30 pm

A magical Winter Ball awaits for your baby to explore the wonders of winter! Your little one can engage in gentle sensory play while cheerful music fills the air, creating an interactive environment that sparks curiosity and imagination. Ages 0-2 with parents/caregiver.

STEM Stories: Black Voices

McLaughlin / Sat / Feb 15 / 2-3:30 pm

Learn about Black voices in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math with stories and hands-on activities. Family program.

Pirate Party

Northview / Sat / Feb 22 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Set sail for adventure with swashbuckling games and activities. Young Adventurers come in your best pirate gear to search for treasure. Ages 5-9.

Pokémon Night

McLaughlin / Thu / Feb 27 / 6-7 pm

Join the fun and catch 'em all at Pokemon Night! Enjoy crafts, games and activities. Family program.



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