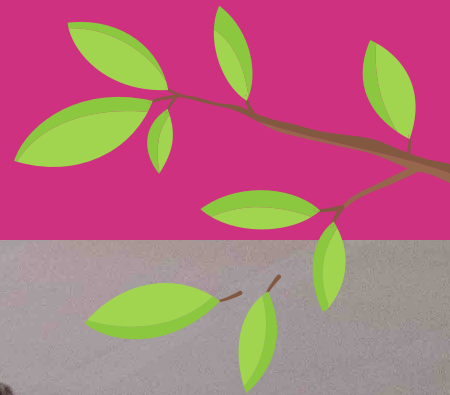


Spring 2025

EVENTS

OSHAWA
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LIBRARIES

March | April | May



Message From the CEO

March Break promises to be lots of fun, with theme days and plenty of activities to keep the kids busy. Will you choose sports day, space day, my favourite character day, music day, beach day, or every day? See page 7 for a full list of free activities.

Best-selling historical fiction author Bryn Turnbull will promote her new novel *The Berlin Apartment* on May 5. For those who love music, check out a performance from Isshin Daiko Drumming on May 3.

This spring, we will again host Tax Clinics for modest income earners in partnership with the Canada Revenue Agency. Last year, our volunteers prepared over 500 income tax returns for individuals and families, resulting in a cumulative economic value of over two million dollars!

Bargains galore can be found at the Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale from April 10–12. Proceeds from the book sale are used to sponsor special projects for the Library, such as the Memory Lab in our Local History Room at the McLaughlin branch. Have you tried the Memory Lab yet? Check it out at oshawalibrary.ca/memory-lab/

See you at the Library!

Frances

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 / Mar 3 / Mar 17-May 26
Zoom / Tue / 6:30-7:30 pm / Mar 4 / Mar 18-May 27

Toastmasters / Tue / 12-1 pm

McLaughlin / Zoom / Mar 4 / Apr 1 / May 6

Local History Speaker Series / Tue / 6-7 pm

McLaughlin / Mar 18 / Apr 15 / May 20

Genealogy Club / Wed / 2-3:30 pm

McLaughlin / Mar 19 / Apr 16 / May 21

Ladies Social for Newcomers / Thu / 5:30-7:30 pm

McLaughlin / Mar 20 / Apr 17 / May 15

Lunchtime Book Club / Thu / 1-2 pm

McLaughlin / Mar 20 / Apr 17 / May 15

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

Northview / Zoom / Mar 26 / Apr 30 / May 28

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

Zoom / Mar 27 / Apr 24 / May 29

Spring Paint Along

Delpark / Tue / Apr 15 / 2-3:30 pm

Repair Café

Northview / Sat / May 31 / 1-4 pm



Spring Programs

Indigenous Reads Challenge, Mar 1-31

Throughout March, discover and read titles by Indigenous authors. You could win an Indigenous book bundle! Register by creating an account on the READsquared app or at oshlib.readsquared.com

Tax Clinic

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

Newcomer Settlement Services

Delpark / Wed / By Appointment

Supporting newcomers, immigrants, refugees, and their families in their settlement journey. Book an appointment at (647) 925-8929 or (905) 686-2661 ext. 200.

Computer Basics

Northview / Fri / Mar 21 / 10-11:30 am

This program is for absolute beginners who may be intimidated by computers. We have a safe learning space where you can use one of our Windows laptops or bring your own. (iOS products not covered.)

Create with Cricut®: Spring Cards

Delpark / Sat / Mar 22 / 3-4 pm

Design a one-of-a-kind spring card for a loved one! All materials are provided—just add vibrant colours, thoughtful messages, and seasonal designs.



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Spring Programs

Sip 'n' Stitch

Northview / Wed / Apr 2 / 6-7 pm

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

DRIFF Film Screening

McLaughlin / Thu / Apr 3 / 6-8 pm

Enjoy a free screening of *Revival69: The Concert That Rocked the World*, presented by Durham Region International Film Festival.

Discovery Hub / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Fri / Apr 4 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Visit us on the main floor to discover Library technologies like Ozobots, Snap Circuits, Cricut, Virtual Reality, 3D Pens, and more. Come curious; leave inspired!

Getting Hands-On with AI

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

Discover how AI can be impressive, useless, and/or weird. Build your knowledge about AI tools that can help you in your daily life. Presented by Ontario Tech University.

Pressed Flower Bookmarks

McLaughlin / Sat / Apr 12 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Create a personalized acrylic bookmark with a variety of pressed flowers. All materials provided.

Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition / Drop-in Information Session

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Tue / April 15 / 1-2 pm

Introduction to Gmail Services

Northview / Fri / Apr 25 / 10-11:30 am

Learn to use Gmail safely and boost productivity with Google Workspace.

Create with Cricut®: Spring Garden Sign

Jess Hann / Wed / Apr 30 / 5:30-7:30 pm

Create a whimsical wood sign to display in your spring garden. All materials provided.

Doors Open Oshawa / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Sat / May 3 / 10 am-4 pm

Visit doorsopenontario.on.ca or Oshawa.ca for more information.

Isshin Daiko Drumming

McLaughlin / Sat / May 3 / 2-3 pm

Experience powerful drumming that can be felt as well as heard. The walls seem to shake, and the echoes will vibrate through your body. Isshin Daiko is a community music ensemble that plays traditional Japanese instruments, including taiko (drum), fue (bamboo flutes), and chappa (cymbals). Don't miss this phenomenal performance!

Interview with an Author: Bryn Turnbull

Northview / Mon / May 5 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Bryn Turnbull is an international best-selling author of historical fiction like *The Paris Deception* and *The Woman Before Wallis*. Learn more about Bryn's new book, *The Berlin Apartment*, and her writing process in this interview-style program led by award-winning author Susanna Kearsley.

Library Plant Exchange / Drop-in

Northview / Sat / May 10 / 3-4 pm

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

Birdwatchers Story Circle

Northview / Tue / May 13 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Appreciate the beauty of birds, from backyard sightings to exotic adventures, through storytelling and connection. Attendees will be entered in a draw for a birdwatching kit!

Mindful Art

McLaughlin / Fri / May 16 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Tap into your creativity and find inner peace with mindful art activities. Enjoy a calming space for self-expression and reflection, whether drawing, painting, or crafting.

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Spring Programs

Teen Discord Server / Ages 13-18

Join the Teen Discord Server, your cozy internet corner for chatting and chilling with like-minded teens. Whether you are into gaming, reading, art, cute cat pics, or want to chat about your day, this is the place for you. Check in regularly for exclusive giveaways!

Grab & Go Bags / Ages 12-18

Registration opens Saturday / Mar 1

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

OPL Teen Advisory Group / Ages 13-18

McLaughlin / Thu / 6-8 pm / Mar 13 / Apr 10 / May 8

Delpark / Mon / 6-8 pm / Mar 31 / Apr 28 / May 26

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

Creative Writing Circle / Ages 13-18

McLaughlin / Wed / 6-7:30 pm

Connect with fellow writers and share your works in progress! Each session features a themed activity to spark creativity and writing sprints to boost productivity. We'll provide laptops, but you're welcome to bring your own.

Mar 26 / Dynamite Descriptions

Apr 30 / Revise & Revamp

May 28 / The Road Ahead

Zine Night / Ages 13-18

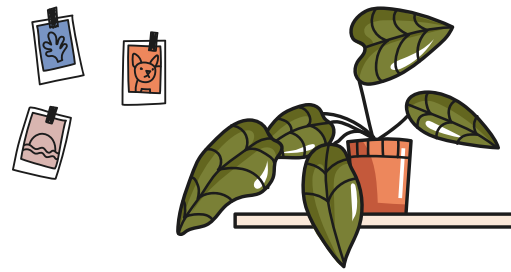
McLaughlin / Thu / Mar 6 / 6-7:30 pm

Unlock your creativity in this hands-on workshop and dive into the world of zines—a powerful DIY medium for self-expression and social commentary.

#Bookstagram Photography / Ages 13-18

Delpark / Mon / Mar 10 / 6-7 pm

Learn how to create "Bookstagram" worthy photos using your device or one of the provided iPads.



Nailed It! / Ages 13-18

Delpark / Sat / Apr 5 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Inspired by the hit show Nailed It!, this fun challenge will have you attempting to recreate a Pinterest-worthy dessert just by looking at a photo—no instructions allowed! Allergy alert.

Woven Wall Art / Ages 13-18

Northview / Wed / Apr 16 / 6-7:30 pm

Make a wall hanging with colourful fabrics using basic weaving techniques.

Résumés, Cover Letters, and References, Oh My! / Ages 13-18

Delpark / Tue / May 6 / 6-7 pm

This info session will cover the basics of résumés, cover letters, and references.



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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 / Drop-in
McLaughlin / Wed / 6:15-7 pm
Mar 19 / Apr 23 / May 14

**Family Music and Movement with EarlyON
10-10:45 am / Drop-in**
Northview / Sat / Mar 1 / Apr 5 / May 3
McLaughlin / Tue / Mar 4 / Mar 18-May 27

Sunday Funday! / Sun / 2:30-3:30 pm / Drop-in
Northview / Mar 9 / Apr 6 / May 4
Delpark / Mar 23 / May 18

Kinder-Garden / Ages 3-5 / Wed / 11-11:45 am
McLaughlin / Mar 19-May 28

Creation Station / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm
Northview / Mon / Mar 17-May 12
OR Thu / Mar 20-May 15

Coding Club / Ages 9-12 / Wed / 4-4:45 pm
Jess Hann / Mar 19 / Apr 16 / May 14

STEAM After School / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm
Jess Hann / Wed / Mar 26 / Apr 9, 23 / May 7, 21

**Tween Scene / Ages 9-12 / Wed / 6-7 pm
Drop-in**
Northview / Mar 12, 26 / Apr 9, 23 / May 7, 21

Home School Club
McLaughlin / Wed / 1:30-2:30 pm
Mar 19 / March Maker Mayhem
Apr 16 / Bibliotherapy with Literacy Network of Durham
May 21 / BiblioBINGO



Neighbourhood Play Date / Ages 0-5
Jess Hann / Thu / 10-10:45 am
Mar 20 / Apr 17 / May 15

Reading Buddies / Grades SK-4 / Thu / 4-6 pm
Zoom / Mar 20-May 22

Math Buddies / Grades 1-3 / Tue / 5-7 pm
McLaughlin / Mar 18-May 20

STEAM Saturday / Sat / 2-4 pm / Drop-in
Delpark / Mar 15 / Apr 12 / May 10
McLaughlin / Mar 22 / Apr 19 / May 24

Ontario Tech Workshops / Sat / 10 am-12 pm
Northview
Mar 22 / STEM / Grades 5-8
May 10 / Coding / Grades 1-4

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



Spring Programs

**Ramadan Story Time / Drop-in
McLaughlin / Sat / Mar 1 / 1-3 pm**
Learn about the traditions of Ramadan and Eid through storytelling, crafts, colouring, and henna. Family program in partnership with the Muslim Women of Durham Region.

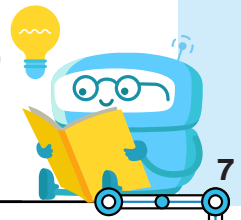
**Construct It! Adventures in Civil Engineering / Ages 9-12
Northview / Wed / Mar 5 / 6-7 pm**
The small town of Northview is growing and needs improvements to help its residents. Can you design a bridge or repair a road using STEAM principles?



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MARCH

BREAK



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March Break Kick-Off Party / Drop-in / Family All branches / Fri / Mar 7 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Let's make this March Break unforgettable! Enjoy crafts, activities, and fun games for the whole family.

Women in STEAM / Ages 9-12

McLaughlin / Sat / Mar 8 / 2:30-3:30 pm

In honour of International Women's Day, we're highlighting the remarkable contributions of Canadian women in STEAM! Enjoy engaging activities that showcase their achievements and inspire curiosity and learning.

March Break Celebration!

Each day will bring something new! Visit the Library throughout the week for fun programs and self-led activities.

Mon / Mar 10 / Sports Day

Tue / Mar 11 / Space Day

Wed / Mar 12 / My Favourite Character Day

Thu / Mar 13 / Music Day

Fri / Mar 14 / Beach Day

Library Mini-Putt / Ages 5-9

Jess Hann / Mon / Mar 10 / 3-4 pm

Help create a mini-putt course and compete to be the ultimate mini-putt champion!

Cosmic Glow Party / Drop-in / Family

McLaughlin / Tue / Mar 11 / 10:30-11:30 am

Enjoy a morning of family fun with glow-in-the-dark games and activities! Wear white or neon for extra fun.

Space Science Fair / Ages 9-12

Northview / Tue / Mar 11 / 2-3:30 pm

Create a space-inspired science project at the Library and share your model, experiment, or presentation in a friendly space. All materials provided.

Storybook Art / Ages 5-9

Northview / Wed / Mar 12 / 10:30-11:30 am

Journey into popular stories with art activities that showcase their characters.

Minecraft Mania! / Ages 9-12

Delpark / Wed / Mar 12 / 3:30-4:30pm

Calling all Minecrafters! Enjoy an afternoon of fun with Minecraft-inspired STEAM projects, games, and art!

Musical STEAM / Ages 9-12

McLaughlin / Thu / Mar 13 / 2-3:30 pm

Bring music to life with cool STEM experiments, creative art projects, and awesome tech.

Recycled Rhythm / Ages 5-9

Delpark / Thu / Mar 13 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Craft your eco-friendly instruments using recycled materials.

Ocean Science / Ages 5-9

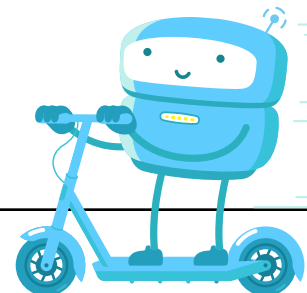
Jess Hann / Fri / Mar 14 / 11 am-12 pm

Learn about ocean life and habitats with hands-on experiments.

Beach Party / Drop-in / Family

McLaughlin / Fri / Mar 14 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Travel to the beach with us for seaside stories, crafts, and activities.



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Spring Programs

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

Your quest is to read as many books as possible 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!

Words that Dance:

A Celebration of Indigenous Languages / Family Northview / Sat / Mar 29 / 2-3 pm

In celebration of National Indigenous Languages Day on March 31, discover Indigenous languages through engaging stories, songs, and hands-on activities. In partnership with The Region of Durham.

Retro Gaming Morning / Ages 9-12

McLaughlin / Mon / Mar 31 / 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Level up your PA Day with Autism Ontario and Oshawa Libraries! Enjoy a morning of family fun featuring classic video games like Sonic, Mario Kart, and more. Not into video games? We've got retro board games plus larger-than-life games.

DIY Resource Day / Family

McLaughlin / Wed / Apr 2 / 4-5:30 pm

Meet members of the Kinark Autism Services team and create personalized visual learning resources to take home for your child. Bring your child(ren) for a sensory storytime experience while you engage with Kinark staff.

Earth Day Safari / Family

Northview / Tue / Apr 22 / 6-7 pm

Learn about Earth's most amazing creatures with stories, songs, and activities to celebrate Earth Day.

Disney Karaoke Night / Family

McLaughlin / Thu / Apr 24 / 6-7 pm

Share the magic and enjoy a night of music and laughter with your favourite Disney tunes! Dress as your favourite Disney character for extra fun!

Reading with Rabbits / Family

McLaughlin / Sat / Apr 26 / 2-3:30 pm

Hop into spring with bunny-themed stories, songs, activities, and a surprise furry guest! Allergy alert. In partnership with Oshawa Animal Services.

Springtime Tea Party / Ages 5-9

Jess Hann / Sat / May 17 / 10:30-11:30 am

Say hello to flowers and sunshine with stories and songs, and share refreshments and a craft! Feel free to dress up! Allergy Alert.

Spring into Science / Ages 5-9

Delpark / Sat / May 17 / 3-4 pm

Eco-friendly experiments to welcome spring.

Family Maker Magic / Drop-in / Family

McLaughlin / Thu / May 22 / 6-7:30 pm

Play, create, and explore in our Maker Space, where you can learn hands-on using our 3D printer, Cricut®, 3D pens, Ozobots, Snap Circuits, and more.

Plant a Seed – Read! / Ages 3-9

Delpark / Sat / May 24 / 2:30-3:30 pm

This story time features a reading of *Plant a Seed & See What Grows*, a hands-on seed planting activity, and digging into other nature-inspired fun. Brought to you by the Plant a Seed & See What Grows Foundation.

From Cocoon to Sky: Butterfly Tales / Family

Northview / Mon / May 26 / 6-7 pm

Crafts, stories, and fun activities — all in the world of butterflies.

Celebration Party: Page-by-Page / Ages 5-10

McLaughlin / Sat / May 31 / 2-3:30 pm

Wrap up a year of reading milestones with an afternoon of book-themed activities. Page-by-Page participants will receive a certificate.



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Friends of the Library

Spring Reads Book Sale

April 10 to 12, 2025

**McLaughlin Branch,
Auditorium**
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Thu / Apr 10 / 9:30 am to 7:30 pm
Fri / Apr 11 / 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
Sat / Apr 12 / 9:30 am to 4:30 pm



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