Summer 2025

EVENTS



June | July | August



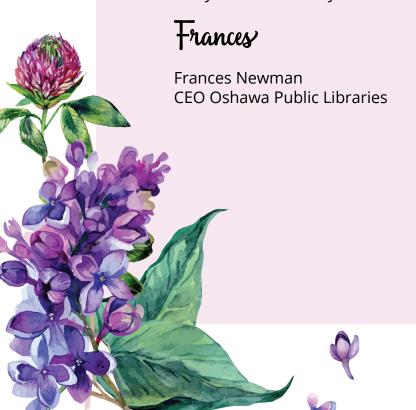


Message From the CEO

Later this summer and into the autumn, we plan to replace the front steps and accessibility ramp at the McLaughlin Library. After many years, the cement is starting to crumble creating a tripping hazard. During construction the front entrance will be temporarily closed and visitors can enter the McLaughlin Library through the children's patio on the Queen Street side of the building next to the back-parking lot. Visitors can access the main level of the Library using the stairs or the elevator. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Our annual Summer Reading Club returns from June 14 – August 22 with plenty of games, activities, and special events to keep the kids excited about reading all summer long. Studies have shown that children who continue to read throughout the summer transition back to school more easily in the fall and often excel in their classes. The same is true for teens who can take part in our Teen Summer Reading Challenge, and adults can set a good example by participating in the Adult Summer Reading Challenge Book Bingo.

See you at the Library!





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 / Jun 2-16 Zoom / Tue / 6:30-7:30 pm / Jun 3-17

Toastmasters / Tue / 12-1 pmMcLaughlin / Zoom / Jun 3 / Jul 8 / Aug 5

Genealogy Club / Wed / 2-3 pm McLaughlin / Jun 18

Lunchtime Book Club / Thu / 1-2 pm McLaughlin / Jun 19 / Jul 17 / Aug 21

Ladies Social for Newcomers / Thu

McLaughlin / Jun 5 / Aug 21 / 5:30-7:30 pm Jul 17 / 1:30-3:30 pm

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

Northview / Zoom / Jun 25

Summer Paint Along / Drop-in Delpark / Tue / Jul 15 / 2-3:30 pm

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.

Summer Programs

Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition

The annual Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition is now accepting entries. Show us your creative interpretation of the 2025 theme "Adventure."

Submission Drop Off

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
Tue / Aug 12 / 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 15 - Sep 25

Opening and Awards Reception

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery Tue / Aug 19 / 2:30 pm

Adult Summer Reading Challenge / Jun 14-Aug 22

Explore new authors, books, and reading formats with Summer Book BINGO! Complete a BINGO for a chance to win a gift card from a local business. Drop off your completed BINGO card at any branch. Register in person for summer reading swag. Share your reads by tagging @OshawaLibraries!

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!

Sound Healing Session McLaughlin / Tue / Jun 3 / 6-7 pm

Indigenous musician John Standingready will lead a sound bath and meditation session using gongs, drums, chimes, and more. This workshop is an excellent opportunity to explore mindfulness practices and try some instruments.

My Father's Murder

McLaughlin / Thu / Jun 5 / 6-7 pm

Join us for a powerful presentation with Lisa Freeman, an Oshawa-born writer and advocate. Lisa will share the story of her father's murder and discuss the lasting impact of crime and the strength to keep standing.

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



Learning Henna Northview / Sat / Jun 7 / 2-4 pm

Learn the history of henna traditions, practice designs, and have henna professionally applied.

Start-Up Session

Delpark / Tue / Jun 10 / 6-7:30 pm

This program outlines the fundamental elements of success for every business (Business Concept, Marketing and Sales, Operations, and Finance) and the steps needed to start and grow successfully. A partnership with Business Advisory Centre Durham.

Sip n' Stitch

Northview / Wed / Jun 11 / Jul 9 / Aug 6 / 6-7 pm Grab your favourite hot beverage and bring your fibre crafts to work on while you sip and chat!

Meet the Authors: Kevin Craig & M-E Girard Northview / Mon / Jun 23 / 6-7 pm

Meet 2SLGBTQ+ authors Kevin Craig and M-E Girard for a discussion about their award-winning young adult fiction. Kevin Craig is a poet, playwright, and author of books *The Camino Club* and *Book of Dreams*. M-E Girard is the award-winning author of *Girl Mans Up* and *Then Everything Happens at Once*.

Book Club Bash

McLaughlin / Tue / Jun 24 / 6-7:30 pm

Socialize with book club participants, share your favourite reads, and learn about upcoming book club sets. Refreshments provided.

Create with Cricut®: Teacup Candle / Drop-in Delpark / Tue / Jul 8 / 5:30-7:30 pm

Bring an old teacup and give it fresh purpose by transforming it into a candle.



Introduction to Email Services Northview / Fri / Jul 11 / 10-11:30 am

Learn to use email services from Microsoft through Outlook.com, including Microsoft cloud storage and Microsoft Online products.

Twist & Bloom: Pipe Cleaner Flowers Jess Hann / Tue / Jul 15 / 6-7 pm

Transform simple pipe cleaners into beautiful, colourful flowers!

Create with Cricut®: DIY Keychains Jess Hann / Wed / Aug 6 / 5:30-7:30 pm

Design and create a personalized keychain. All materials provided.

Beginner Birding Walk Offsite / Thu / Aug 14 / 9:30-11:30 am

Discover the beauty of local birds in their natural habitat and learn birdwatching tips from Steve Burrows, author of the Birder Murder Mystery series. Meet us at the Second Marsh Waterfront Trail. Wear comfortable footwear for walking.

Interview with an Author: Steve Burrows Northview / Tue / Aug 19 / 6-7 pm

Three murder scenes, two causes of death, and one body—this is the puzzle that Domenic Jejeune must solve. In the upcoming book, *A Deceit of Lapwings*, part of the Birder Murder Mystery series, you'll see how he unravels this mystery. Meet Steve and get an exclusive sneak peek of his new book in this interview-style program led by a special guest author.

Sipping & Stories: Summer Farewell Northview / Wed / Aug 20 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Say farewell to the Adult Summer Reading Challenge and enjoy a refreshing (non-alcoholic) drink. Bring your favourite summer read and enjoy lively conversation with fellow book lovers. Celebrate the stories that made your summer memorable, and look ahead to new stories for fall. Win prizes!

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

Grab & Go Bags / Ages 12-18 Registration opens Saturday / Jun 7

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

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.

Teen Summer Reading Challenge / Ages 13-18 Jun 14-Aug 22

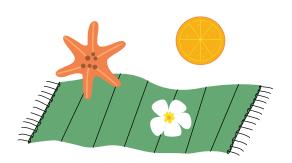
Welcome to the 2025 Teen Summer Reading Challenge: Survive the Stacks! Your mission is simple: complete reading challenges, test your survival skills, earn points, and come out on top. Will you adapt to the dystopian world—or forge your way to a new future? Prizes await!

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!

OPL Teen Advisory Group / Ages 13-18 / 6-8 pm McLaughlin / Thu / Jun 12 / Jul 10, 24 / Aug 14, 28 Delpark / Mon / Jun 23 / Jul 14, 28 / Aug 11, 25 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.

Jun 25 / Discussing Dialogue
Jul 30 / New Perspectives:

Exploring Points of View

Aug 27 / Villainous Visions: Writing Antagonists







Dystopian Books for Teens

Fable for the End of the World by Ava Reid

Gearbreakers by Zoe Hana Mikuta

Oblivion Rouge by Pap Souleye Fall

Hearts Still Beating by Brooke Archer

Eve by Victor Lavalle

All That's Left in the World by Erik J. Brown

Jamilah at the End of the World by Mary-Lou Zeitoun

Down Came the Rain by Jennifer Mathieu

We Didn't Ask for This by Adi Alsaid

Thief of the Heights by Son M.

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

Dystopian Survival School / Ages 13-18 McLaughlin / Wed / Jul 9 / 2-3:30 pm

Channel your inner Katniss or Tris! You will face challenges like water filtration, Morse code decoding, and basic survival skills. Test your abilities, earn your "survivor badge," and discover if you have what it takes to thrive in a dystopian future.

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt / Ages 13-18 Northview / Mon / Jul 14 / 2-3:30 pm

The world has changed, and survival depends on your ability to adapt. Embark on an exciting indoor/outdoor adventure where you'll track down supplies, solve clues, and prove you have what it takes to succeed in a dystopian landscape.

Upcycle for the Apocalypse Ages 13-18 / Drop-in Delpark / Tue / Jul 22 / 6-7 pm

Upcycling is the ultimate survival skill in a world where every resource counts! Turn everyday trash into creative treasures like survival tools, accessories, and art in this hands-on crafting session.

Dystopian Novel Trivia Night / Ages 13-18 / Drop-in Teen Discord Server / Thu / Jul 31 / 6:30-7:30 pm Show off what you know about dystopian worlds, characters, and plots! Join fellow readers on the Teen Discord Server to see who knows the most about your favourite dystopian books. Compete for ultimate bragging rights! Before the event, participants must sign up for the Teen Discord Server to receive the invite link.

Post-Apocalyptic Garden Workshop Ages 13-18 / Drop-in

Delpark / Tue / Aug 5 / 3-4 pm

Could you grow your food in a dystopian world? Learn how to plant and care for a sustainable garden using upcycled materials and hardy plants perfect for harsh conditions.

Escape the Fallout Shelter:

A Dystopian-Themed Escape Room / Ages 13-18 McLaughlin / Tue / Aug 12 / 2-3 pm OR 3-4 pm You're trapped in a fallout shelter, and time is running out! Work together to solve puzzles, find clues, and escape before it's too late in this dystopian escape room experience.

After Hours: Hunger Games Nerf Tag / Ages 13-18 Northview / Fri / Aug 22 / 5-7 pm

Dive into an epic after-hours Nerf battle inspired by your favourite dystopian series! Alliances will be tested; strategies will be forged. The question remains: will you emerge as the victor or fall to the chaos of the games? Nerf guns and safety glasses provided. A Teen Summer Reading Challenge celebration.



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Join the TD Summer Reading Club!

Free registration: June 14-August 22

* Soar into Summer Reading Party / Drop-in / Family All branches / Sat / Jun 14 / 2-3:30 pm

This summer, the sky's the limit for fun with the TD Summer Reading Club! Enjoy scavenger hunts, games, themed activities, and more! Special story time at 2:15 pm.

Create an account on the **READsquared app** or at **oshlib.readsquared.com**. 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 14 and June 21 for your chance to win one of eight exciting prizes!

Track your reading and complete at least one activity each week:

- Give a book report 30 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 a TDSRC Weekly Activity 30 points
- Read a book from a SRC book list 20 points
- Solve an online jigsaw puzzle 10 points
- Answer a trivia question 10 points
- Attend a program 20 points

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





Soar into any OPL branch for adventurous activities all summer long.

Week 1: Get Your Summer Read On

Week 2: Pack Your Bags

Week 3: Pen Pal Friends

Week 4: Tell us a Story!

Week 5: Mosaic Puzzle

Week 6: Animal Atlas

Week 7: Hieroglyphic Typewriter

Week 8: Seven Wonders Trivia

Week 9: Summer Snapshot

Week 10: Animals Around the World Scavenger Hunt



In Every Issue

Bouncing Babies / Drop-in

Northview / 9:45-10:15 am / Mon Delpark / 10:15-10:45 am / Wed / Fri

Family Story Time / 10:15-10:45 am / Drop-in Delpark / Mon | Jess Hann / Mon / Wed Northview / Thu | McLaughlin / Fri / Sat

* Creation Station / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm Northview / Mon / Jun 2-23 OR Thu / Jun 5-26

Family Music and Movement with EarlyON 10-10:45 am / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Tue / Jun 3-July 22 Northview / Sat / Jun 7 / Jul 5 / Aug 9

* STEAM After School / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm Jess Hann / Wed / Jun 4, 18

Tween Scene / Ages 9-12 / Wed / 6-7 pm Drop-in

Northview / Jun 4, 18 / Jul 2, 16, 30 / Aug 13, 27

- * Coding Club / Ages 9-12 Jess Hann / Wed / Jun 11 / 4-4:45 pm
- * Bedtime Bash / 6:15-7 pm / Drop-in McLaughlin / Wed / Jun 11 / Jul 9 / Aug 13

Home School Club
McLaughlin / Wed / Jun 18 / 1:30-2:30 pm
TD Summer Reading Club launch party
celebration

Neighbourhood Play Date / Ages 0-5 Jess Hann / Thu / 10-10:45 am Jun 19 / Jul 17 / Aug 21

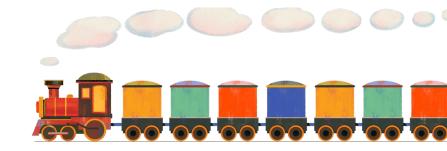
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* STEAM Saturday / Sat / 2-4 pm / Drop-in McLaughlin / Jun 21 / Jul 19 / Aug 16 Delpark / Jun 28 / Jul 12 / Aug 2

Ontario Tech Workshops / Thu / 10 am-12 pm McLaughlin Jul 10 / STEM / Grades 1-4

Jul 24 / Coding / Grades 1-4
Jul 31 / STEM / Grades 5-8

Aug 7 / Coding / Grades 5-8



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 = 1,000 books in 3 years! Three books a night = 1,000 books in 1 year!

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

Sensory Support Kits

Developed by Autism Canada, Sensory Support Kits are designed to help those on the Autism Spectrum self-regulate and remain calm when experiencing stress. The kits contain various tactile and sensory items that can comfort autistic and neurodivergent customers. Check out a kit today at any branch!

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

programs for kids & families

Summer Programs

* Pride in STEAM / Ages 9-12 McLaughlin / Fri / Jun 6 / 2-3:30 pm

Celebrate the impact and contributions of 2SLGBTQ+ individuals in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). Recognize their vital roles in driving innovation and shaping the future across these disciplines.

Drag Queen Story Time / Family McLaughlin / Sat / Jun 7 / 1-2 pm

This family-friendly program features two fabulous queens and showcases stories celebrating diversity and inclusion. After story time, enjoy musical performances, and activities. Presented in partnership with Durham Children's Aid Society, Youth Pride Durham, and all Durham Region Libraries.

Outdoor Indigenous Story Time / Family McLaughlin / Sat / Jun 21 / 11 am-12 pm

Enjoy Indigenous stories and colouring activities. Help us to spread awareness about The Moccasin Identifier Project by stenciling moccasins on the sidewalk.

3D Printer Frog Art / Ages 9-12 Northview / Wed / Jun 25 / 6-7 pm

Explore fascinating frogs and their unique habitats on different continents. Paint your very own 3D-printed frog!

* Baby STEM / 11 am-12 pm / Drop-in / Ages 0-2 McLaughlin / Wed / Jul 2 Jess Hann / Thu / Aug 14

Introduce Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to your baby with fun activities.

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Juggling Chef / Family / Drop-in Jess Hann / Wed / Jul 2 / 2-3 pm Delpark / Tue / Aug 12 / 11 am-12 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.

* Choose Your Own Adventure: STEAM Edition Drop-in / Ages 5-9

Delpark / Thu / Jul 3 / 11 am-12 pm

Dive into a world where each decision unlocks a new challenge featuring coding, engineering, robotics, and puzzle solving.

Lego: Around the Brick World / Drop-in / Family McLaughlin / Thu / Jul 3 / 2:30-3:30 pm / Vehicles Jess Hann / Tue / Jul 15 / 11 am-12 pm / Space Northview / Mon / Jul 28 / 2:30-3:30 pm / Oceans Delpark / Sat / Aug 9 / 2:30-3:30 pm / Cities Get ready to think outside the brick and let your imagination take you on a building adventure! Whether you're building a rocket to explore the stars or a vehicle to zoom through cities, this program encourages creativity, teamwork, and hands-on learning for all ages.

The Great Coding Mouse Race / Ages 5-9 Northview / Mon / Jul 7 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Using the Code & Go Robot Mouse, create a track or maze and code your robot mouse to explore the world you've made.

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

Sensory Zone / Drop-in / Family
McLaughlin / Mon / Jul 7, 21 / 11 am-1pm
McLaughlin / Tue / Aug 5, 19 / 2-4 pm
Enjoy sensory-friendly stories and activities.
Special guests will join us on select dates.

*Explorers Hangout / 2-3 pm
Drop-in / Ages 7-12
Jess Hann / Mon / Jul 7-Aug 11
Northview / Tue / Jul 8-Aug 12
Delpark / Wed / Jul 9-Aug 13
McLaughlin / Thu / Jul 10-Aug 14
Join fellow explorers each week for exciting activities featuring your favourite book characters, hands-on STEAM challenges, games, and more! Collect points and chart your progress as you explore new worlds every week.

Little Globetrotters / 11-11:45 am Drop-in / Ages 3-6 Delpark / Tue / Jul 8 / Jul 22 / Aug 5 Jess Hann / Thu / Jul 10 / Jul 24 / Aug 7 McLaughlin / Mon / Jul 14 / Jul 28 / Aug 11 Northview / Fri / Jul 18 / Aug 1 / Aug 15 Discover the world through engaging books, crafts, music, and games. Collect points and chart your progress by participating in fun summer reading activities!

Escape Room:

Where in the world is Cosmo / Family McLaughlin / Fri / Jul 11 / 2-3 pm OR 3-4 pm

Travel from station to station, solving clues and unravelling puzzles inspired by the world's most iconic landmarks and cultures. Work together to uncover Cosmo's mysterious whereabouts, all while learning fun facts and experiencing the excitement of global exploration. Presented by the Teen Advisory Group.

Fly-In Story Time / Drop-in / Family Delpark / Tue / Jul 15 / 6-7 pm

First, build a cardboard airplane, then settle in and enjoy movie snacks and NFB shorts from TDSRC on the Library's big screen. Backyard Story Time / Drop-in / Family
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
Wed / Jul 16 / Aug 20 / 10:30-11:30 am
Oshawa Public Libraries' storytellers blend art,
storytelling, and the outdoors at story time in the art gallery's backyard.

Arctic Sensory Playtime / 11 am-12 pm
Drop-in / Ages 0-2
Delpark / Thu / Jul 17
McLaughlin / Wed / Aug 13
Dive into a world of chilly wonder with sensory activities that will introduce your little one to the magic of the Arctic.

LivingRoom Art Mobile / 12 pm-4 pm
Drop-in / Family
Northview / Mon-Thu / Jul 21-24
Create art and build community at the
LivingRoom's Mobile Community Art Studio art
bus. Drop in all week and start creating!

Rainforest Story Time / Drop-in / Family Delpark / Sat / Jul 26 / 2-3 pm
Swing into the rainforest for tales of jungle animals and craft a colourful parrot.

Sensory Art / Drop-in / Ages 0-2 Northview / Tue / Jul 29 / 11-11:45 am Explore art with sensory experiences geared to infants.

Ukrainian Story Time / Drop-in / Family McLaughlin / Tue / Jul 29 / 6-6:45 pm Celebrate Ukrainian culture and language through stories, songs, and play.

Recycled Sea Creatures / Ages 5-9
Jess Hann / Wed / Jul 30 / 2-3:30 pm
Be a marine biologist and make ocean animals using recycled materials.

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World Tour Obstacle Course / Family Northview / Wed / Aug 6 / 2-3:30 pm

Race through thrilling obstacles inspired by worldwide landmarks and learn something new along the way. Presented by the Teen Advisory Group.

Twisted Ones / Family Northview / Wed / Aug 13 / 2-3 pm

This hour is packed full of humour and impressive balloon creations. Relish in enchanting stage performances, exciting music, and audience interaction. Allergy alert.

Toy Repair Café / Drop-in / Family Delpark / Sat / Aug 16 / 1-4 pm

Every toy has a story; we're here to help your beloved items continue their adventures! Whether it's a stuffed animal needing a stitch or a toy car that needs a little TLC, our skilled repair team is ready to help you bring them back to life.

Hands-On Exotics: Jurassic Adventure / Family McLaughlin / Mon / Aug 18 / 2-3 pm

Get up close with scaly friends like snakes, lizards, tortoises, and other furry and feathered friends. Allergy alert.

Journey to the Pyramids: Ozobots / Ages 9-12 Northview / Wed / Aug 20 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Embark on an epic coding adventure through the Egyptian desert! Navigate a robot around obstacles like sand dunes, quicksand, and camels, all while making your way to the pyramids at Giza.

* Bon Voyage Bash:

Summer Reading Wrap-Up / Drop-in / Family Northview / Thu / Aug 21 / 2-4 pm

Celebrate all the incredible places you've travelled to through your summer reading. From magical worlds to distant lands, this exciting wrap party is your ticket to a fun-filled afternoon of games, activities, and special surprises. Allergy alert.

Create with Cricut®:

school water bottle.

Water Bottle Decals / Drop-in / Family
Delpark / Tue / Aug 26 / 2-3 pm
Create a personalized decal to decorate your

Back to School Backpack Art / Ages 9-12 Northview / Fri / Aug 29 / 2-3 pm

Create a beaded animal keychain to decorate your backpack.





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Oshawa Public Libraries is a proud participant in Ontario Power Generation's Power for Change Project, supporting grassroot initiatives in the communities where OPG operates. The Empowerment Grant support will help OPL to offer more STEAM-related resources and materials to support the Library's popular learning programs.

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