

Winter 2025/26

# EVENTS

OSHAWA  
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LIBRARIES

December | January | February



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## Message From the CEO

This winter, we have plenty of fun events for all ages to enjoy. In December, you can learn gift-wrapping gimmicks and holiday candle making or have a festive family portrait taken using a green screen backdrop. After Christmas, before the kids go back to school, you can enjoy a Winter Wonderland Party or see a free Magic Show with Owen Anderson as part of the Oshawa Celebrates New Year's Eve at Delpark Homes Centre.

In the new year, take part in Winter Book Bingo to encourage you to explore new authors and genres on those cold winter nights. You may even win a prize!

February features special visits from social media influencer Tiera Singh and a reading with Bee Quammie, author of *The Book of Possibilities*.

Keep reading to learn more about all the wonderful things happening at your local library.

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 1-15, Jan 19-Feb 23

## Toastmasters / Tue / 12-1 pm

McLaughlin / Zoom / Dec 2 / Jan 6 / Feb 3

## Ladies Social for Newcomers

McLaughlin / Dec 4 / Thu / 5:30-7:30 pm

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

Zoom / Dec 9 / Jan 29 / Feb 26

## Sip n' Stitch / Wed / 6-7 pm

Northview / Dec 10 / Jan 7 / Feb 4

## Genealogy Club / Wed / 2-3:30 pm

McLaughlin / Dec 17 / Jan 21 / Feb 18

## Lunchtime Book Club / Thu / 1-2 pm

McLaughlin / Dec 18 / Jan 15 / Feb 19

## Winter-Paint Along / Drop-in

Delpark / Tue / Jan 20 / 2-3:30 pm

## Local History Speaker Series / Tue / 6-7 pm

Northview / Jan 20 / Feb 17

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

Northview / Zoom / Jan 28 / Feb 25

## 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 2025 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](https://oshawalibrary.ca/tax-clinics) or call (905) 579-6111 ext. 5260.

## 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 at [oshlib.readsquared.com](https://oshlib.readsquared.com) or on the READSsquared app.

## NEW Borrowing Collections!

We are excited to introduce two new borrowing collections: Ukuleles and Envoy Connect Players for CELA customers.

- Ukuleles provide a fun way to explore music.
- Envoy Connect Players are audiobook devices available through the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA).

These collections expand opportunities for creative exploration and accessible services at OPL.

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

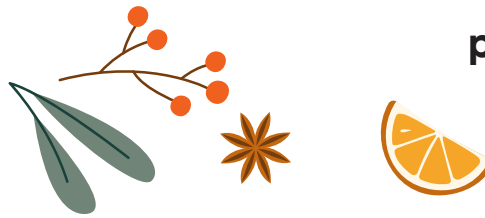
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# Winter Programs

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## Gift Wrapping Gimmicks

**Delpark / Sat / Dec 6 / 2-3 pm**

Make your own wrapping paper and learn how to wrap different shaped gifts.

## Holiday Candle Making

**Jess Hann / Tue / Dec 16 / 5:30-7:30 pm**

Create a one-of-a-kind soy candle, using festive scents and colours. Bring a small heat-safe vessel and we'll provide the rest. Allergy alert.

## Reset & Reflect

**Northview / Tue / Jan 6 / 6:30-7:30 pm**

Start the year with gentle journaling and creative prompts in a calm, pressure-free space.

## World Religion Day

**Northview / Sat / Jan 17 / 11 am-2 pm**

Celebrate World Religion Day 2026 with the Durham Multifaith Community! Explore displays about faith, family activities, and a day of learning and connection.

## Create with Cricut®: DIY Flower Wreath

**McLaughlin / Thu / Jan 22 / 5:30-7:30 pm**

Design and build a flower wreath using felt and recycled materials.

## Access to Justice Day

**Jess Hann / Sat / Jan 31 / 10 am-1 pm**

Join us for an informative legal presentation on conflict resolution and common legal issues, followed by an open Q&A session. After the presentation, participants will have access to free pro bono legal services provided by Mason Legal Services.

## Miniature Bookcase Builds

**Delpark / Mon / Feb 2 / 5:30-7:30 pm**

Decorate a miniature bookcase and fill it with tiny treasures, including your favourite books!



## Influencer 101

**McLaughlin / Tue / Feb 3 / 6-7 pm**

Meet Ajax's own Tiera Singh, social media star, former CTV Up The Dish host, and contestant on Netflix's *Squid Game: The Challenge*. She's partnered with top brands like Fuzz Wax Bar, Pizza Nova, and Burnbrae Farms, and her TikTok following keeps growing!

## Movie Trivia Night: Rom-Coms

**Northview / Tue / Feb 10 / 6:30-7:30 pm**

Come solo or bring a team of fellow film lovers for an evening filled with famous quotes, unforgettable couples, and hilarious plot twists.

## Love Bites: Anti-Valentine's Cricut® Crafts

**Jess Hann / Wed / Feb 11 / 5:30-7:30 pm**

Unwind with a night of anti-Valentine's crafting and conversation. If you're looking to skip the hearts and flowers this year, we've got everything you need. All materials provided!

## Novel Blooms

**Northview / Wed / Feb 18 / 6-7:30 pm**

Make a hanging origami flower ball from old book pages to add to your home decor.

## Meet the Author: Bee Quammie

**McLaughlin / Thu / Feb 19 / 6:30-7:30 pm**

Get to know Bee Quammie, a writer, TV personality, and public speaker who's inspiring change in her community. Bee will share insights from her debut book, *The Book of Possibilities*, which explores how small acts of courage can lead to big opportunities.

## Sound Healing Session

**Coming to the McLaughlin Branch in February!**

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 experience some instruments used. Follow us @OshawaLibraries for date and time updates.

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## Grab & Go Bags / Ages 12-18

**Registration opens Monday / Dec 1**

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.

## Creative Writing Circle / Ages 13-18 / 6-7 pm

**Jess Hann / Wed / Dec 3 / Jan 28 / Feb 25**

Connect with fellow writers and share your work in progress! Each session features a themed activity to spark creativity and writing sprints to boost productivity.

## Crafty Teens / Ages 13-18 / 6-7:30 pm

**Delpark / Mon / Dec 8 / Jan 12 / Feb 9**

Each month features a brand-new craft project—from painting and jewelry making to upcycled art and more. All supplies provided.

## OPL Teen Advisory Group / Ages 13-18 / 6-8 pm

**McLaughlin / Thu / Dec 11 / Jan 8 / Feb 12**

**Delpark / Mon / Dec 15 / Jan 26 / Feb 23**

Earn community service hours when you attend TAG meetings and have your say in what happens for teens at OPL. Teens may join the McLaughlin group **OR** the Delpark group.

## Mixed Media Magic / Ages 13-18

**Northview / Mon / Jan 19 / 6-7:30 pm**

No-rules art where you'll mash up fabric, paper, yarn, and whatever else we can find to create something totally your own. All supplies provided.

## Glow-in-the-Dark Paint Party / Ages 13-18

**McLaughlin / Sat / Jan 31 / 2-3:30 pm**

Get creative with glow-in-the-dark paint activities.

## Karaoke Jam / Ages 13-18

**Jess Hann / Sat / Feb 7 / 2-4 pm**

Sing your heart out, cheer your friends on, and have a blast! No experience needed, just bring the energy! Snacks provided. Allergy alert.

## After Hours Cozy Book Swap / Ages 13-18

**Northview / Fri / Feb 27 / 5-7 pm**

Join us for a cozy evening of fort building, book swapping, quiet reading, friendly conversation, and tasty snacks in a warm, welcoming, and inclusive space. Snacks provided. Allergy alert.



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**Please Note:** Bouncing Babies and Family Story Time will pause from Monday, December 22 to Saturday, January 3.

## 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 / Sat

## \*Creation Station / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm

Northview / Mon / Dec 1-15 / Jan 5-Feb 23  
OR Thu / Dec 4-18 / Jan 8-Feb 26

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

Jess Hann / Tue / Dec 2-16 / Jan 6-Feb 24  
Northview / Sat / Dec 6 / Jan 10 / Feb 7

## Math Buddies / Grades 1-3 / Tue / 5:30-7:30 pm

Delpark / Dec 2-9 / Jan 6-Feb 24

## \*Kinder-Garden / Ages 3-5 / Wed / 11-11:45 am

McLaughlin / Dec 3-10 / Jan 7-Feb 25

## \*STEAM After School / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm

Jess Hann / Wed / Dec 3, 17 / Jan 14, 28 / Feb 11, 25

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

Northview / Dec 3, 17 / Jan 14, 28 / Feb 11, 25

## Reading Buddies / Thu / Ages 5-10 / 4-6 pm

Zoom / Dec 4-11 / Jan 8-Feb 26

## Neighbourhood Play Date / Ages 0-5

### 10-10:45 am / Drop-in

Delpark / Tue / Dec 9 / Jan 6 / Feb 3  
Jess Hann / Thu / Dec 18 / Jan 15 / Feb 19

## \*Bedtime Bash / 6:15-7 pm / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Wed / Dec 10 / Jan 14 / Feb 11

## \*Coding Club / Ages 9-12 / 4-4:45 pm

Jess Hann / Wed / Dec 10 / Jan 21 / Feb 18

## \*STEAM Saturday / Sat / 2-4 pm / Drop-in

Delpark / Dec 13 / Jan 3 / Feb 7  
McLaughlin / Dec 27 / Jan 17 / Feb 21

## \*Family Maker Magic / 6-7:30 pm / Drop-in / Family

McLaughlin / Wed / Dec 17 / Jan 21 / Feb 18

## Home School Club

McLaughlin / Wed / 1:30-2:30 pm  
Jan 21 / Crafts and Cocoa  
Feb 18 / Lunar New Year Party

## Ontario Tech Workshops / Sat / 10 am-12 pm

Northview  
Jan 24 / STEM / Grades 1-4  
Feb 21 / 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 = 1000 books in 3 years!

Three books a night = 1000 books in 1 year!

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



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## Borrow a Sensory Support Kit

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.

## Page-by-Page Reading Quest / Ages 5-10 Sep 2025-May 2026

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](https://oshlib.readsquared.com) or any branch to get started!

## Ornaments for Seniors / Family

**Delpark / Mon / Dec 1 / 6-7 pm**

'Tis the season for giving! Create a handmade holiday ornament that will be donated to local seniors in our community.

## Festive Family Portraits / Family

**Jess Hann / Tue / Dec 2 / 6-7 pm**

Get your holiday family photo taken using our green screen and enjoy holiday activities.

## Community Champions Story Time / Family

Discover a new community helper each month through engaging stories and hands-on activities. Meet real professionals who will talk about their roles and the important ways they support our community.

**Jess Hann / Tue / Dec 9 / 6-7 pm**

Durham Regional Police

**Delpark / Sat / Jan 17 / 11 am-12 pm**

School Teacher

**Northview / Sat / Feb 28 / 2-3 pm**

Public Librarian

## Merry Grinchmas! / Family

**Northview / Sat / Dec 13 / 11 am-12 pm**

Join us for a merry and mischievous story time all about the Grinch! We'll read *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, sing silly songs, and make a fun Grinchy craft.

## Holiday Scavenger Hunt: December 22-30

Drop in to any branch to complete our scavenger hunt for a chance to win a 3D print prize.

## Cocoa Club / Family

**Jess Hann / Mon / Dec 29 / 2-3 pm**

**Northview / Fri / Jan 23 / 2-3 pm**

**McLaughlin / Tue / Feb 24 / 6-7 pm**

Enjoy cozy winter stories and activities while sipping hot chocolate.

## Winter Wonderland Party / Family

**Delpark / Mon / Dec 29 / 10:30-11:30 am**

Step into a snowy storyland! Join us for magical winter tales and fun activities that bring the season to life.

## Ozobots: Penguin Rescue Mission / Ages 9-12

**Northview / Tue / Dec 30 / 2-3 pm**

Oh no! A penguin is stuck on an iceberg! Code a mini robot to navigate frozen waters, polar bears, and glaciers to bring it back to safety.

## Oshawa Celebrates

**Delpark / Wed / Dec 31 / 6-9 pm**

This free event features ice skating, swimming, magic shows in the Library with Owen Anderson, live entertainment, a zoo, dinosaurs, and crafts! Come celebrate the new year with us—you won't want to miss it!

## \*Robot Art / Ages 5-9

**McLaughlin / Fri / Jan 2 / 2-3 pm**

Create a beautiful work of art using robots including Finch, Talebot, and Ozobots.



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## Sensory Snow Day

**Northview / Fri / Jan 9 / 10:30-11:30 am**

Join us for a cozy morning of sensory exploration, snowflake crafts, and tactile play designed for babies and caregivers. Drop-in.

## Paws & Pages: Caturday Celebration / Family

**McLaughlin / Sat / Jan 10 / 2-3 pm**

Curl up with cozy cat-themed stories, songs, activities, and a surprise furry guest. Allergy alert. In partnership with Oshawa Animal Services.

## Storybook Snowglobes / Ages 9-12

**Northview / Tue / Jan 13 / 6-7 pm**

Create a snow globe inspired by your favourite storybook scenes using jars, figurines, and glitter.

## Ukrainian Story Time / Family

**McLaughlin / 6-6:45 pm**

**Thu / Jan 15 / Tue / Feb 17**

Celebrate Ukrainian culture and language through stories, songs, and play.

## \*Volcanoes in Action / Ages 5-8

**Jess Hann / Tue / Jan 20 / 4-4:45 pm**

Discover what volcanoes are, how they form, and why they erupt. Then make one explode in a fun, hands-on experiment.

## Family Literacy Celebration / Drop-in / Family

**McLaughlin / Sat / Jan 24 / 11 am-3 pm**

Celebrate Family Literacy Day with fun, interactive, literacy-based activities that are fun for the whole family!

## \*Gears & Giggles: Robot Story Hour / Family

**Delpark / Thu / Jan 29 / 6-7 pm**

Enjoy engaging stories, interactive activities, and maybe even meet a friendly robot or two.

## Love Stinks! Story Time / Family

**Northview / Sat / Feb 14 / 2-3 pm**

Celebrate love at the Library during this story time with special guest, Stinky the skunk puppet.

## KPop Demon Hunters Party / Ages 9-12

**McLaughlin / Sat / Feb 14 / 2:30-3:30 pm**

Step into a world of music, magic, and mischief! It's a party full of K-pop beats, demon-hunting adventures, and games inspired by your favourite heroes.

## Skating into History / Family

**Delpark / Sat / Feb 28 / 11 am-12 pm**

Enjoy stories and activities celebrating Black Canadians in hockey.



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