

Fall 2026

EVENTS

September | October | November



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Message From the CEO

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of our Jess Hann branch and, in preparation for the golden anniversary, we are doing a little interior refresh to spruce things up. It was back in 1977 that the Hann family offered space in the newly built Lake Vista Plaza, so the south end could have a dedicated neighbourhood library. That is why this branch honours the Jess Hann name to this day.

To do our 50-year “glow-up”, the Jess Hann branch will be temporarily closed after Labour Day for approximately one month. I know you will miss us and we’ll miss you too, but it will be worth the wait. In the meantime, you can visit another branch or use our digital services at oshawalibrary.ca. Stay tuned for special events commemorating the 50th anniversary in 2027.

Also, this fall, the Friends of the Library Book Sale is running from September 17-19 in the McLaughlin Library auditorium. Stop by for some great bargains!

See you at the Library!

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Frances Newman
CEO Oshawa Public Libraries



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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
Re-entering the workforce? Book an appointment to learn more about how the library can support you.

French Conversation Circle / Drop-in

Delpark / Wed / 6-7 pm

Meditation Group

Northview / Thu / 6:30-7:30 pm

Toastmasters / Tue / 12-1 pm

McLaughlin / Zoom / Sep 1 / Oct 6 / Nov 3

English Conversation Circle / Drop-in

McLaughlin / Mon / 3-4 pm / Sep 14-Nov 30

Local History Speaker Series / Tue / 6-7 pm

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery / Sep 15
Northview / Oct 20
McLaughlin / Nov 17

Sip 'N' Stitch / Wed / 6-7 pm

Northview / Sep 16 / Oct 14 / Nov 11

Lunchtime Book Club / Thu / 1-2 pm

McLaughlin / Sep 17 / Oct 15 / Nov 19

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

Zoom / Sep 24 / Oct 22 / Oct 29 / Nov 26

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

Northview / Zoom / Sep 30 / Oct 28 / Nov 25

Spooky Paint Along

Delpark / Tue / Oct 27 / 2-3:30 pm



Volunteers are needed to assist with tax returns for the 2026 filing season. Your support will help community members navigate tax filing and receive the benefits they deserve. Training provided by the Canada Revenue Agency.

To apply, email Jen Clark at jclark@oshawalibrary.on.ca

Seniors Art Competition & Exhibition

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Fri / Aug 14 – Thu / Sep 24

View the participants' works of art on display.

Genealogists in Residence / Sep 1-Oct 31

Discover your family story with expert help! Let our experienced volunteers provide personalized guidance to help you uncover new branches in your family tree. In partnership with the Durham Region Branch of Ontario Ancestors. Book an appointment to explore your roots! Contact Nicole at 905-579-6111, ext. 5243 or npatterson@oshawalibrary.on.ca

Truth & Reconciliation Reading Challenge

September 1-30

Explore stories that centre on Indigenous voices and perspectives on Truth and Reconciliation. To register, visit oshlib.readsquared.com create an account on the READSquared app.

Oshawa Public Libraries and the AIDS Committee of Durham Region are collecting handmade scarves for the **Red Scarf Project**. The Library Sip 'N' Stitch program will also use donations of red yarn to create scarves. You can donate red scarves or yarn to any Oshawa Public Libraries branch until November 23.

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

Unless marked as drop-in, register at oshawalibrary.ca/signup starting Saturday, August 22 at 9 am.

Fall Programs



Colour By Sticker

Northview / Wed / Sep 2 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Wind down, relax, and create vibrant images using stickers during this stress-free art activity.

Voter 101: From Registration to Ballot

McLaughlin / Tue / Sep 22 / 6-7 pm

Ahead of the October municipal elections, the City of Oshawa will host an informative session on civic engagement covering voter registration, how to cast your ballot, and ways to take part in the democratic process.

Culture Days: Happy Little Paint Night

Delpark / Tue / Sep 29 / 6-7:30 pm

Follow along step by step and embrace the happy little tree vibes of everyone's favourite painter. No experience needed. All supplies provided.

Young Adults:

Queer Peer Group & Community Support

Delpark / Fri / 6:30-8 pm / Sep 25 / Oct 30 / Nov 27

A pflag Durham Region social and supportive group serving 2SLGBTQIA+ young adults and their allies. Ages 18-29.

Virtual Author Talk: Monique Gray Smith

Zoom / Mon / Sep 28 / 7-8 pm

Bestselling author Monique Gray Smith will discuss her personal journey of Truth and Reconciliation and read excerpts from her books. She will explore Canada's historical treatment of Indigenous people and how it impacts them today and she will also share her Cultural Resilience model and strategies for weaving aspects into our work. Presented in partnership with Durham and York Region Libraries.



Games Café for Autistic & Neurodivergent Adults

McLaughlin / Wed / Oct 7-Nov 18 / 4-6 pm

A weekly social meetup for independent neurodivergent adults 18+. Enjoy group trivia, board games, or bring your favourite game from home! In partnership with Autism Home Base.

Create with Cricut®: Retro Party

Jess Hann / Wed / Oct 14 / 5:30-7:30 pm

Explore the decades from the '60s to the '90s with crafts that will take you back in time.

Ontario Public Library Week: October 18-24

Drop by all week to check out fun displays, activities, and book draws.

Embroidered Felt Bookmarks

McLaughlin / Sat / Oct 24 / 2-3:30 pm

Celebrate Ontario Public Library Week! Make an embroidered-felt corner bookmark. All supplies are provided.

Meet the Author: Uzma Jalaluddin

Northview / Tue / Oct 27 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Known for weaving funny, heartwarming tales around South Asian, Muslim, and Canadian identities, this internationally bestselling Canadian author, playwright, and educator has a brand-new page-turner. Check out *Moonlight Murder*, the thrilling new sequel to *Detective Aunty* following Khan's second major murder investigation through the streets of Toronto.

Climate Action Week: November 2-8

Enjoy special displays and activities throughout the week focused on promoting climate action.

Getting Started in Canada: Money Basics

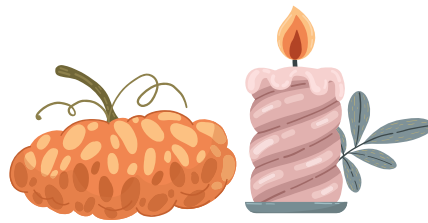
Zoom / Mon / Nov 2 / 6-7:30 pm

New to Canada? Take control of your money with confidence. Experts from the Canadian Foundation for Financial Planning will walk you through the essentials, including filing taxes, choosing banks, understanding credit cards, and protecting yourself against scams.

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Learn to Crochet: Poppy

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

A beginner-friendly workshop that teaches you how to crochet a simple poppy for Remembrance Day.



Repair Café

McLaughlin / Sat / Nov 7 / 1-4 pm

Our volunteers can help you give new life to your broken small appliances, electronics, jewelry, clothing, and more. Special guests Green Neighbours will be there to host a clothing swap. If you have a flair for repair, please consider volunteering as a member of our Repair Café team. For more details, call (905) 579-6111, ext. 5279. Drop-in.

Bright & Merry Market

McLaughlin / Fri / Nov 20 / 5-9 pm

Have a holly jolly time at the Bright & Merry Market! Starting at 6 pm, warm up at the library with fun activities and live music from the Bruce Gorrie Trio. In collaboration with the City of Oshawa, Oshawa Senior Community Centres, and The Robert McLaughlin Gallery. For more information and updates, visit oshawa.ca



'90s Trivia Night

Northview / Mon / Nov 23 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Dig out your butterfly clips for an evening of '90s pop culture nostalgia! We're testing your memory of the '90s, from legendary boy bands and sitcom classics to fashion trends you wish you could forget. Grab your crew (or come solo) and channel your inner Spice Girl. It's going to be a totally rad night!

Planning for Your Child's Future

Jess Hann / Tue / Nov 24 / 6-7:30 pm

Be in the know for your child's financial future. The Canadian Foundation for Financial Planning will provide information on budgeting for child-related expenses, government benefits for new parents, education saving, planning for the unexpected, and finding community supports.

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

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

From November 9-20, bring your gently used puzzles (with all the pieces) to a McLaughlin Branch service desk. For each puzzle you bring, you will receive a ticket that can be exchanged for a new-to-you puzzle at the puzzle swap on November 24 in the Auditorium.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Northview / Sat / Nov 28 / 1-4 pm

Ready, set, puzzle! Put your brainpower and teamwork to the test in our first-ever jigsaw puzzle competition. Teams of 2-4 people will race against the clock, and one another, to assemble the same 500-piece puzzle. Can you finish before the 3-hour time limit runs out?

Crafting Calm: Bath Bombs

Jess Hann / Sat / Nov 28 / 2-3 pm

Learn how to make bath bombs on a budget for your own enjoyment or gift-giving.



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

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Fall Programs

programs for teens

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Grab & Go Bags

Registration opens Sat / Sep 12

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.

Join the Teen Discord Server!

A chill space to chat, game, share art, post cat pics, and vibe with awesome teens like you. Check in regularly for exclusive giveaways! Apply online at oshawalibrary.ca/teens-browse or email Lidia at lelsdon@oshawalibrary.on.ca

OPL Teen Advisory Group / 6-8 pm

McLaughlin / Thu / Sep 10 / Oct 8 / Nov 12

Delpark / Mon / Sep 28 / Oct 26 / Nov 30

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

Crafty Teens / 6-7:30 pm

Delpark / Mon / Sep 14 / Oct 5 / Nov 16

Each month features a new craft project—from painting and jewelry-making to upcycled art and more. All supplies provided. Ages 13-18.

Discord Gaming Night

Discord / Thu / Sep 24 / 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us on the Teen Discord Server for an evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and group games in voice chat! Ages 13-18. Drop-in.

Ghost Hunting

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

Enjoy a spine-chilling evening searching for a library ghost. Bring your scariest ghost stories and get ready to be spooked! In partnership with The Paranormal Seekers. Ages 13-18.

Creative Writing Circle

Jess Hann / Wed / Oct 28 / Nov 25 / 6-7 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. Ages 13-18.

Spooky Snow Globes

Northview / Wed / Oct 28 / 6-7 pm

Create a spooky and glittery globe featuring ghosts, pumpkins, and Halloween chaos. Ages 13-18.

Climate Action: Paper Bead Jewelry

Jess Hann / Wed / Nov 4 / 6-7 pm

Transform old magazines into beautiful, eco-friendly jewelry. Ages 13-18.

Anime Art: Miyazaki Mobiles

Delpark / Tue / Nov 10 / 6-7 pm

Create your own decorative wall hanging based off popular Hayao Miyazaki films. Ages 13-18.

Game On!

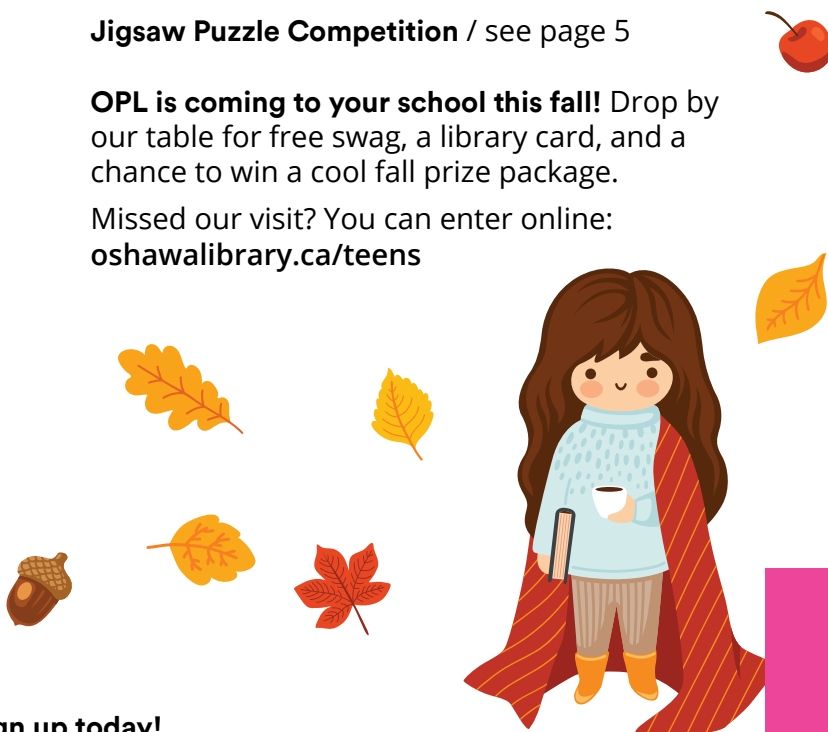
McLaughlin / Sat / Nov 21 / 2-3:30 pm

Meet us in the teen zone and enjoy gaming fun with other teens. Ages 13-18.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition / see page 5

OPL is coming to your school this fall! Drop by our table for free swag, a library card, and a chance to win a cool fall prize package.

Missed our visit? You can enter online: oshawalibrary.ca/teens



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programs for kids & families

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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

Sensory Zone / Drop-in / Family

McLaughlin / Tue / Sep 1-Nov 24 / 4-5 pm

Bedtime Bash / 6:15-7 pm / Drop-in / Family

McLaughlin / Wed / Sep 2 / Oct 7 / Nov 11

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

Northview / Sep 9, 23 / Oct 7, 21 / Nov 4, 18

Family Music and Movement with EarlyON / Drop-in

Northview / Sat / 10-10:45 am / Sep 12 / Oct 3 / Nov 7
Jess Hann / Tue / 11:30 am-12:15 pm / Oct 13-Nov 24
McLaughlin / Tue / 10-10:45 am / Nov 3-24

STEAM Saturday / Sat / 2-4 pm / Drop-in / Family

Delpark / Sep 12 / Oct 3 / Nov 21
McLaughlin / Sep 26 / Oct 17

Creation Station / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm

Northview / Mon / Sep 14-Nov 16
OR Thu / Sep 17-Nov 19

Neighbourhood Play Date / Ages 0-5

10-10:45 am / Drop-in
Delpark / Tue / Sep 15 / Oct 13 / Nov 10
Jess Hann / Thu / Oct 15-Nov 26

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

McLaughlin / Wed / Sep 16 / Oct 28 / Nov 18

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

Zoom / Sep 17-Nov 19

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

McLaughlin / Sep 23-Nov 25



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.



Home School Club

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

Sep 16 / The Great Library Adventure

Oct 21 / Behind the Scenes @ Your Library

Nov 18 / Family History Fun!

Ontario Tech Workshop

Northview / Sat / Oct 10 / 10:30 am-12 pm

Grade 1-4 / STEM

Coding Club / Ages 9-12 / 4-4:45 pm

Jess Hann / Wed / Oct 14 / Nov 11

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

Jess Hann / Wed / Oct 21 / Nov 4, 18

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!

To start your reading journey, visit any branch or oshlib.readsquared.com

(oshawalibrary.ca/1000-books)



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Page-by-Page Reading Quest / Ages 5-10 Sep 2026-Dec 2026

Join a community of readers, track your progress, and celebrate milestones. Check in each month for a new fun theme. Visit any branch or oshlib.readsquared.com to get started!

Terrific Trains

Northview / Wed / Sep 2 / 2-3 pm

All aboard for stories and LEGO activities featuring trains. Family.

French STEAM Story Time / 10:30-11:15 am

Delpark / Sat / Sep 19 / Oct 17 / Nov 14

Enjoy French stories, songs, and activities for the whole family. Drop-in.

Beyond the Book / 6:15-7 pm

Northview / Tue / Sep 22 / Oct 13 / Nov 17

Relax in this exploratory story time with engaging storytelling and creative literacy activities in a variety of formats. Drop-in, family.

Culture Days: Métis Jigging

Northview / Sat / Sep 26 / 10:30-11:30 am

Experience and learn about Métis jigging with professional Métis dancer Auriele Diotte. All ages.

Cuentos Encantados / Enchanted Tales

Drop-in / 6:15-7 pm

McLaughlin / Thu / Oct 1 / Nov 26

Acompáñanos a disfrutar de cuentos, canciones, y juegos en Español e Inglés. Estas actividades se pueden disfrutar en familia.

Join us for stories, songs, and fingerplays in Spanish and English that are fun for the whole family. In partnership with Latinx Hispanic Educators Alliance of Durham Region.

Once Upon a Farm

McLaughlin / Sat / Oct 10 / 2-3 pm

Dig into Ontario Agriculture Week! Explore the world of farming with stories, crafts, and a planting activity. In partnership with Durham Farm Connections. Family.

Ontario Public Library Week: October 18-24

Drop by all week for fun activities, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and more to share your love of the Library.

Camp Snoopy Library Adventure

Delpark / Mon / Oct 19 / 6-7 pm

Join us for a Camp Snoopy adventure inspired by the Peanuts gang! Enjoy campfire stories, crafts, games, and a special scavenger hunt. Family.

Ukrainian Story Time

Jess Hann / Tue / Oct 20 / 6-6:45 pm

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

Islamic History Month Story Time

Northview / Sat / Oct 24 / 11 am-1 pm

Everyone is welcome to enjoy story time, crafts, colouring, and henna celebrating Islamic History Month. A partnership with Muslim Women of Durham Region and Oshawa Public Libraries. Drop-in, family.

Marvelous Mummies

Delpark / Tue / Oct 27 / 6-7 pm

Get wrapped up in spooky tales and crafts about mummies. Family.

Cauldron Chaos: Ozobot Edition

Jess Hann / Wed / Oct 28 / 4-4:45 pm

Code your Ozobot robot to gather quirky ingredients for a bubbling witch's stew. Fill the cauldron with eye of newt, toadstools, dragon scales, and more! Ages 9-12.



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**ONTARIO
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GENERATION**

The
**Power
for Change
Project**

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

#PowerForChange #ElectrifyingLife

Boo Beats: A Baby Rave

Northview / Fri / Oct 30 / 10:30-11:30 am

Dance, bop, or crawl to your favourite beats. Capture fun moments in the photo booth and explore exciting sensory stations while meeting new friends. Wear a costume or dress to impress! Ages 0-2.

TAG Presents: A Haunted House

McLaughlin / Sat / Oct 31 / 1-4 pm

Tour the halls of our Haunted School! Where the science teacher brews bubbly potions and ghosts roam the library stacks. Will you make the grade or become history? You'll have to survive if you want an A+! Presented by the Teen Advisory Group. Different levels of scariness are available upon request. Drop-in, family.

Dino Safari Scavenger Hunt: November 1-30

There's dinos to discover! Each week hidden dinosaurs are waiting to be found, find them, and you could win a prize! Ask staff for details.



Climate Action Week: November 2-8

Eco-inspiration is taking over! Check out special displays and activities focused on climate action. Regular programming will feature recycled and reusable materials. See how simple it is to protect our planet!

Indigenous Drumming

McLaughlin / Thu / Nov 5 / 6-7 pm

Explore rhythm, music, and the spirit of the drum while learning about its important role in Indigenous cultures as the "heartbeat of Mother Earth." In partnership with the Regional Municipality of Durham. Family.

Sibling Story Time: For Children with Autistic Siblings / 4:30-5:30 pm

Delpark / Mon / Nov 9

McLaughlin / Wed / Nov 25

Big conversations start with great stories. Connect with your children at this Foundational Family Service program that uses storytelling to teach kids about their Autistic siblings. Each session features an engaging story and a creative activity designed to build empathy and embrace differences. Plus, parents and caregivers will receive a helpful debrief to support ongoing questions at home. Offered in partnership with Kerry's Place Autism Services. Ages 5-12.

Bright & Merry Market / see page 5

Little Paws

McLaughlin / Sat / Nov 14 / 2:30-3:30 pm

Shine a spotlight on little critters with songs, stories, hands-on fun, and a surprise furry guest. Allergy alert. In partnership with Oshawa Animal Services (Shelter donations welcome). Family.

Baby STEM

McLaughlin / Fri / Nov 27 / 10:30-11:30 am

Introduce Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to your baby with fun activities. Drop-in, ages 0-2.

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Friends of the Library

Giant Book Sale

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium (65 Debwewin Miikan)

Thu / Sep 17 / 9:30 am-7:30 pm

Fri / Sep 18 / 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Sat / Sep 19 / 9:30 am-4:30 pm



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