Winter 2026/2027

EVENTS

December | January | February



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Message From the CEO

You asked for it, we got it! Some library users expressed a desire for a more user-friendly way to download cloudLibrary eBooks to their Kobo eReaders. I'm pleased to say that there is now a "send to Kobo" button for eligible eBooks. This feature enables wireless delivery of eligible eBooks to supported Kobo devices, including the Kobo Libra Colour, Kobo Clara Colour, and Kobo Clara BW.

When you are not staying home reading this winter, consider trying one of our craft programs, or an author reading. For New Year's Eve family fun, check out our free shows with the Juggling Chef as part of Oshawa Celebrates at the Delpark Homes Centre from 6:00-9:00 pm.

Read on to find out what's happening at your local branch.

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
Re-entering the workforce? Book an appointment to learn 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
McLaughlin / Zoom / Tue / Dec 1 / 12-1 pm

English Conversation Circle / Drop-in
McLaughlin / Mon / 3-4 pm / Dec 7 / Jan 11-Feb 22
Delpark / Tue / 6-7 pm / Jan 12, 26 / Feb 9, 23

Sip 'N' Stitch / Wed / 6-7 pm
Northview / Dec 9 / Jan 6 / Feb 3

Lunchtime Book Club / Thu / 1-2 pm
McLaughlin / Dec 17 / Jan 21 / Feb 18

Winter Paint Along
Delpark / Tue / Jan 19 / 2-3:30 pm

Local History Speaker Series / Tue / 6-7 pm
McLaughlin / Jan 19 / Feb 16

Eyes Forward Audiobook Club / Wed / 2-3:30 pm
Northview / Zoom / Jan 27 / Feb 24

Creative Aging: Books and Ideas / 2-3 pm
Zoom / Jan 28 / Feb 25

Tax Clinic
OPL is hosting tax preparation clinics 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 2026 taxes prepared for free by a CVITP-approved volunteer at the Library in March and April. Appointments can be booked starting February 17 by calling (905) 579-6111 ext. 5810. For more information or to volunteer, please visit **oshawalibrary.ca/tax-clinics**.





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Holiday Paint Night
Jess Hann / Wed / Dec 2 / 6-7:30 pm
Paint with step-by-step guidance from our instructor and create beautiful holiday artwork. All supplies are provided.

Make & Donate: Shelter Pet Toys
McLaughlin / Sat / Dec 5 / 2:30-3:30 pm
Handcraft DIY toys to keep shelter animals happy and content while they await adoption. Meet a special furry guest. Allergy alert. In partnership with Oshawa Animal Services (shelter donations welcome).

Trivia Night: Holiday Movies
Northview / Tue / Dec 15 / 6:30-7:30 pm
Test your knowledge of classic and modern holiday films from heartwarming favourites to laugh-out-loud comedies. Play solo or with a team, enjoy friendly competition, and celebrate the season with fellow movie lovers.

Seasonal Reset
Delpark / Sat / Jan 9 / 2-3 pm
This interactive workshop will teach you how to declutter your home, reduce stress, and build lasting organizational habits—especially during life's shifting seasons.

Pages into Vases
Delpark / Mon / Jan 18 / 6-7:30 pm
Learn the art of page folding and transform old books into beautiful case-style decor pieces.

Cultivating Gratitude
Northview / Tue / Jan 19 / 6:30-7:30 pm
Explore gratitude as a tool to enhance well-being in this interactive workshop.



Create with Cricut®: Valentine's Lantern
Jess Hann / Wed / Feb 10 / 5:30-7:30 pm
Create a romantic lantern to hang for Valentine's Day. All supplies are provided.

Nifty Nalbinding
Northview / Wed / Feb 17 / 6-7:30 pm
Make a small pouch using the ancient textile art that predates knitting and crocheting called nalbinding.



Migration, Memory & Belonging in Contemporary Canada
McLaughlin / Thu / Feb 18 / 6:30-7:30 pm
This engaging program explores how stories of migration and memory shape identity and belonging in contemporary Canada. Drawing on her novel *A Ladder of Bones*, Bunmi Oyinsan combines a short reading with an interactive discussion inviting participants to reflect on personal and collective histories, cultural identity, and the meaning of home. The program will conclude with an audience Q&A and conversation.

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Grab & Go Bags
Registration opens Tuesday / Dec 1
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

Teen Discord Server
Join the Teen Discord Server, your cozy online corner for chatting and chilling with like-minded teens! Whether you are into gaming, reading, art, cute cat pics, or just want to chat about your day, this is the place for you! Check in regularly for exclusive giveaways. Ages 13-18.

Bedazzled Tote Bags
McLaughlin / Thu / Dec 3 / 6-7:30 pm
Paint, bedazzle, and make a special bag charm to create a tote-ally unique bag! Ages 13-18.

Make & Donate: Shelter Pet Toys / see page 4

Crafty Teens / 6-7:30 pm
Delpark / Mon / Dec 7 / Jan 11 / Feb 1
Each month features a new craft project from painting and jewelry-making to upcycled art and more. All supplies provided. Ages 13-18.

OPL Teen Advisory Group / 6-8 pm
McLaughlin / Thu / Dec 10 / Jan 14 / Feb 11
Delpark / Mon / Dec 14 / Jan 25 / Feb 22
Earn community service hours by attending TAG meetings and having your say in what happens for teens at OPL. Applications will open December 1 and will close once spots have been filled. Ages 13-18.

Creative Writing Circle / 6-7 pm
Jess Hann / Wed / Dec 16 / Jan 27 / Feb 24
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.

Air Dry Clay Magnets
Northview / Tue / Jan 5 / 6-7 pm
Design and sculpt your own custom magnets from air dry clay. All supplies are provided. Ages 13-18.

Anime Art: One Piece
Delpark / Tue / Feb 2 / 6-7:30 pm
Calling all One Piece fans! Decorate a straw hat, treasure chest and Devil Fruit, then pose for a picture on your wanted poster. Ages 13-18.

Chocolate Bingo: Snowflake Edition
Delpark / Mon / Feb 8 / 6-7 pm
Match your bingo card to one of our snowy-themed patterns for a chance to win a chocolate treat! Allergy alert. Ages 13-18.

Vinyl Record Painting
McLaughlin / Sat / Feb 27 / 2-3:30 pm
Upcycle old vinyl records with paint and your imagination! All supplies are provided. Ages 13-18.





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Bouncing Babies / Drop-in
Northview / Mon / 9:45-10:15 am
Delpark / Wed / Fri / 10:15-10:45 am
Please Note: Bouncing Babies and Family Story Time will pause from Mon / Dec 21 to Sun / Jan 3.

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

Family Music and Movement with EarlyON / Drop-in
McLaughlin / Tue / 10-10:45 am /
Dec 1-15 / Jan 5-Feb 23
Jess Hann / Tue / 11:30 am-12:15 pm /
Dec 1-15 / Jan 5-Feb 23
Northview / Sat / 10-10:45 am / Dec 5 / Jan 9 / Feb 6

Sensory Zone / McLaughlin / Drop-in / Family
Tue / 4-5 pm / Dec 1-Feb 23
Sat / 11 am-12 pm / Dec 12 / Jan 9 / Feb 13

Kinder-Garden / Ages 3-5 / Wed / 11-11:45 am
McLaughlin / Dec 2-9 / Jan 6-Feb 24

STEAM After School / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm
Jess Hann / Wed / Dec 2, 16 / Jan 13, 27 / Feb 10, 24

Tween Scene / Ages 9-12 / Wed / 6-7 pm / Drop-in
Northview / Dec 2, 16 / Jan 13, 27 / Feb 10, 24

Neighbourhood Play Date
Ages 0-5 / 10-10:45 am / Drop-in
Jess Hann / Thu / Dec 3-17 / Jan 7-Feb 25
Delpark / Tue / Dec 8 / Jan 5 / Feb 2

Reading Buddies / Thu / Ages 5-10 / 4-6 pm
Zoom / Dec 3-10 / Jan 7-Feb 25

STEAM Saturday / Sat / 2-4 pm / Drop-in
Delpark / Dec 5 / Jan 2 / Feb 27
McLaughlin / Dec 19 / Jan 16

Creation Station / Ages 5-9 / 4-4:45 pm
Northview / Mon / Dec 7-14 / Jan 4-Feb 22
OR Thu / Dec 10-17 / Jan 7-Feb 25

Coding Club / Ages 9-12 / 4-4:45 pm
Jess Hann / Wed / Dec 9 / Jan 20 / Feb 17

Bedtime Bash / 6:15-7 pm / Drop-in / Family
McLaughlin / Wed / Dec 9 / Jan 13 / Feb 10

Family Maker Magic
6-7:30 pm / Drop-in / Family
McLaughlin / Wed / Dec 16 / Jan 20 / Feb 17

Ontario Tech Workshops
Northview / Sat / Jan 16 / 10:30 am-12 pm
Grades 1-4 / STEM

Home School Club
McLaughlin / Wed / 1:30-2:30 pm
Jan 20 / Winter Crafternoon
Feb 17 / Paint afternoon

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** or any branch to start your reading journey! (**oshawalibrary.ca/1000-books**)



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Create with Cricut®: Cards for Seniors
McLaughlin / Tue / Dec 1 / 6-7 pm
Brighten someone's holiday season by creating a handmade holiday card to give to local seniors in our community. Drop-in, family.

Baby STEM
Jess Hann / Fri / Dec 4 / 10:30-11:30 am
McLaughlin / Fri / Feb 12 / 10:30-11:30 am
Introduce Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to your baby through fun activities. Drop-in, ages 0-2.

Beyond the Book / 6:15-7 pm
Northview / Tue / Dec 8 / Jan 12 / Feb 9
Enjoy a relaxed, exploratory story time with engaging storytelling and creative literacy activities in a variety of formats. Drop-in, family.

French STEAM Story Time / 10:30-11:15 am
Delpark / Sat / Dec 12 / Jan 9 / Feb 6
Enjoy French stories, songs, and STEAM activities for the whole family. Drop-in.

The Big Gingerbread Build
Jess Hann / Sat / Dec 12 / 2:30-4 pm
Unleash your creativity while working together to decorate a life-size cardboard gingerbread house. Drop-in, family.

Pokémon Club / 6-7 pm
Delpark / Tue / Dec 15 / Jan 19 / Feb 16
Learn and connect while playing the Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG) and other themed activities. All skill levels are welcome. Ages 9-12.

Nature Holiday Ornaments
Northview / Sat / Dec 19 / 10:30-11:30 am
Get crafty with nature as we turn pinecones, twigs, and other woodland materials into festive holiday ornaments. Ages 5-9.

Holiday Scavenger Hunt: December 21-30
Drop by any branch to complete our scavenger hunt for a chance to win a 3D print prize.

Cocoa Club
Jess Hann / Tue / Dec 29 / 2-3 pm
Northview / Fri / Jan 22 / 2-3 pm
McLaughlin / Tue / Feb 23 / 6-7 pm
Enjoy cozy winter stories and activities while sipping hot chocolate. Drop-in, family.

Frosty Fiesta
Northview / Wed / Dec 30 / 2-3 pm
Families are invited to enjoy snowy stories, winter crafts, games, and cozy activities for all ages. Drop-in.

Oshawa Celebrates
Delpark / Thu / Dec 31 / 6-9 pm
This free event includes ice skating, swimming, performances by The Juggling Chef in the Library, live entertainment, interactive activities, and plenty of indoor fun. You won't want to miss this free, family-friendly event!

Winter Lullaby
Delpark / Thu / Jan 21 / 6:30-7:15 pm
Discover the magic of winter through Indigenous stories and activities. Drop-in, family.

Fairy Tale Puppet Theatre
Jess Hann / Fri / Jan 22 / 10:30-11:30 am
Join us for an interactive puppet show for all ages, based on an original adaptation of a public-domain fairy tale. Drop-in, family.



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Family Literacy Celebration
McLaughlin / Sat / Jan 23 / 11 am-3 pm
This year's family literacy day theme is Craft Together, Learn Forever. Discover your inner artist and build skills through stories and creative activities as a family. Drop-in.

Winter Cardboard Village
Delpark / Sat / Jan 30 / 10:30 am-12 pm
Spend the morning building a one-of-a-kind winter village! We'll supply the materials so you can create miniature houses, igloos, shops, bridges, and more. Family.

Lunar New Year Story Time
McLaughlin / Sat / Jan 30 / 2:30-3:30 pm
Celebrate Lunar New Year and learn Mandarin through bilingual stories, songs, and play. Drop-in, family.

Pajamas & Plushies Story Time
Jess Hann / Tue / Feb 2 / 6-7 pm
Enjoy stories, songs, and activities perfect for bedtime. Wear your comfiest pajamas and bring your favourite stuffed animal. Family.

Ozobot Love Bugs
Northview / Sat / Feb 13 / 10:30-11:30 am
Code a robot love bug to navigate a Valentine's maze and collect candy hearts, roses, and chocolates. Ages 9-12.

Caturday Celebration
Jess Hann / Sat / Feb 13 / 2:30-3:30 pm
Curl up with cozy cat-themed stories, songs, and activities, plus a surprise furry guest. Allergy alert. In partnership with Oshawa Animal Services (shelter donations welcome). Family.

Little Arctic Engineers
Delpark / Sat / Feb 20 / 10:30-11:30 am
Bundle up and tackle fun winter-themed STEM challenges from building sturdy igloos to testing speedy sleds, while exploring the science behind Arctic life. Ages 5-9.

STEM Stories: Black Voices
Northview / Sat / Feb 20 / 2:30-3:30 pm
Learn about Black voices in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through stories and hands-on activities. Family.

Cuentos Encantados / Enchanted Tales
McLaughlin / Thu / Feb 25 / 6:30-7:15 pm
Acompáñanos a disfrutar de cuentos, canciónes, 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 the Latinx Hispanic Educators Alliance of Durham Region. Drop-in.

Rebel Readers: Celebrating the Freedom to Read
Northview / Sat / Feb 27 / 11 am-12 pm
Discover the joy of reading freely through stories and activities designed to foster kindness and equality. Drop-in, family.



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