

Oshawa Public Libraries Events

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The Library Will be Closed:

Canada Day – July 1

McLaughlin Day – August 7

Loan Periods & Overdue Materials

3 WEEKS: Kobo tablets, books, audio items and non-fiction DVDs, eBooks (up to three weeks)

7 DAYS: Blu-rays, Fast Read materials, magazines, video games, and feature film DVDs

1 HOUR, IN LIBRARY: Apple iPads

RENEWALS: In person at any branch, by calling 905-579-6111, or online at www.oshlib.ca

OVERDUE MATERIALS: As a courtesy we try to contact our customers about overdue items. However, ensuring that materials are returned on time is the borrower's responsibility (or the parents' in the case of a child's card).

Message from the CEO, Frances Newman

If you are a fan of Coronation Street like I am, you won't want to miss a visit from Deborah Cyr, Canada's #1 Corrie fan, on July 25 at 6:30 PM . Test your knowledge about the show by trying the trivia challenge, and find out what goes on behind the scenes of one of the world's longest running soap operas.

If soap operas aren't your thing, then maybe a visit with the Paranormal Seekers might be for you. On August 1 at 6:30 PM find out about strange happenings, and the unexplained in Durham Region.

For families, did you know that kids lose a lot of what they have learned over the summer months? Stop "summer slide" in its tracks by having your child participate in the Summer Reading Club, and by attending STEM Village programs. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) are topics a lot of kids struggle with and are so very important in the job market. The STEM Village interactive learning tool makes these subjects fun to learn and can be accessed through our website oshlib.ca/stemvillage.

See you at the Library!

Frances Newman
CEO, Oshawa Public Libraries

Friends of the Library

Interested in Becoming a Friend of the Library?

The Friends of the Oshawa Public Library promote and enhance the services provided by Oshawa Public Libraries through fundraising and advocacy. The Friends operate two major book sales each year in the spring and fall, as well as an ongoing used book sale at the McLaughlin Branch.

The Friends meet monthly for most of the year and membership is just \$10 annually for an individual or \$15 for a family. To find out more about becoming a Friend of the Oshawa Public Library, please leave a message at 905-579-6111 ext. 5266 and a Friend of the Library will return your call.

Celebrating Canada's 150th!

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation at special events and activities that are being planned at all of our branches. Each month we will feature a different theme. Be sure to browse our themed programs and displays.

Be sure to check out our list of the top 150 Canadian books. Pick up a copy at any branch, or visit www.oshlib.ca/canada150

January Canadian Writers

February	Sports and Activities
March	Canadian Comedy and Humour
April	Canadian Art
May	Canadian Music
June	Telling our Stories
July	Canada Day
August	Gardening and Food
September	Canadian Film
October	Local and Canadian History
November	War and Remembrance
December	Canadian Inventions and Discoveries

Programs for Adults

#OshawaReads Adult Summer Reading Challenge

From June 17 to August 23 take the #OshawaReads Adult Summer Reading Challenge. Push your reading boundaries by reading books from our list of challenges available at any branch or online.

Read or listen to whatever you want (including books read as a family) to complete challenges. **Rate** what you've read and submit challenges online or at any branch for entry to our monthly draws and the grand prize draw, a Kobo Aura.

Use the hashtag #OshawaReads to share what you've read and see what others are reading. *Submissions must be in by August 23 in order to qualify for the grand prize draw.*

News & Views

A lively discussion group highlighting the week's local, national, and international events. Hosted by Library staff. This is a joint program with the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres.

Northview Community Centre

150 Beatrice Street East

Mondays at 10:30 AM

Fridays at 10:30 AM

Legends Centre Branch

Tuesdays at 9:15 AM

OSCC, John Street Branch

43 John Street West

Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Toastmasters - Better Presentation Skills

Toastmasters is the best way for anyone to improve communication and leadership skills.

Overcome your fear of public speaking and learn skills to aid you in becoming more successful.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Tuesdays at 12:00 PM

English as a Second Language (ESL) Social Club

A program for adult newcomers to the Oshawa area. Join us for great conversations and make new friends. Contact Lisa for further details at 905-579-6111 ext. 5880.

Northview Branch

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM (No meeting on August 29)

Meditation Group

Join us for an evening of Meditation instruction and practice, including Reiki, Transformational Coaching and Psych-K facilitation.

Northview Branch

Tuesdays at 7:15 PM

Canadian Bingo Night

Share your love of Canada and its 150th anniversary with a fun night of Bingo just for adults. Fun Canadian themed prizes to be won.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Wednesday, July 5 at 6:30 PM

Employment Services and Email Workshops

For employment help, book an appointment with the John Howard Society staff. Call 905-579-8482.

Jess Hann Branch

Thursday, July 6, 20, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Thursday, August 3, 17, 31, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Mystery Game Afternoon

Can you work with other adults to find hidden clues and solve the mystery before time runs out? This interactive Escape Room game is a great way to exercise your brain!

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Monday, July 10 at 2:00 PM

STEM Village

Did you know that STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) are required for 90% of today's top jobs? STEM Village is a fun, educational tool for students and their families. Join us for a guided tour of this interactive tool and help reduce summer learning loss for the children in your life.

Legends Centre Branch

Monday, July 10 at 7:00 PM

Northview Branch

Thursday, August 10 at 6:30 PM

Crafters Corner

Bring your own project or contribute to our knit/crochet charity projects. Socialize with other community crafters and artists. All skill levels welcome. Donations of acrylic yarn would be welcome. Drop off donations at any branch, attention Valerie Day.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Wednesday, July 12, 26 at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 9, 23 at 6:00 PM

Cultivating Hydrangeas

Durham Master Gardeners will share tips on how to get your hydrangeas to flourish and make a great show in your garden.

Jess Hann Branch

Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 PM

The Language of Flowers

Red roses for love, white tulips for forgiveness. Durham Master Gardeners will share the meaning of flower sentiments.

Legends Centre Branch

Monday, July 17 at 7:00 PM

Tech Help Desk

Bring your tablet, eReader, or laptop, along with your tech questions and we'll work together to get your devices running smoothly.

McLaughlin Branch, Local History Room

Tuesday, July 18, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Tuesday, August 22, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Resume Workshop and Who's Hiring

Employment Ontario will review your resume and offer tips and advice to help you find a job.

Northview Branch

Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 PM

Thursday, August 24 at 6:00 PM

Drums Alive!

Explore the tradition of West African hand drumming and chants. Drums will be provided for participants. Personal drums are welcome.

All ages.

Northview Branch

Saturday, July 22 at 12:00 PM

Oshawa Poetry Club

Each month features a new poet, open mic readings, and discussion. Everyone is welcome.

Bring your lunch if you like.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Tuesday, July 25 at 12:00 PM

Tuesday, August 29 at 12:00 PM

Relish! A Cookbook Club for Foodies

Club members make recipes from pre-selected cookbook themes and take pictures of the results. At the meeting, share your pictures and experiences. Each month a sample dish will be chosen for tasting. Allergy alert.

Jess Hann Branch

Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30 PM

B-B-Q

Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 PM

Cool Treats

Calling all Coronation Street Fans!

Are you a fan of one of the world's longest-running TV soap operas, Coronation Street? Canada's #1 Corrie Fan Deborah Cyr sure is! Ask questions, try the trivia challenge, and win prizes.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30 PM

Brain Waves Café

For individuals with cognitive (memory) change to meet for stimulating conversation, support and activities. In partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Durham. Call 905-576-2567 to register.

Northview Branch

Wednesday, July 26 from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Wednesday, August 30 from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Paranormal Seekers

Dedicated to seeking out ghosts and hauntings, the Paranormal Seekers deal with poltergeists, strange happenings, legends and the unexplained. What will they say about Durham Region and the surrounding area?

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Tuesday, August 1 at 6:30 PM

Art Maker Series: Learn to Draw

Most people would like to be able to draw better - but either don't know where to start or get discouraged because they don't have someone to show them what to do. In this drawing workshop, Donna Love will show you how to get on the path to drawing excellence.

Northview Branch

Fridays, August 4 – 25, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

How Does 3D Printing Work?

Join us for an overview of the technology surrounding 3D printing, including what's going on in the world of 3D and what the future holds for this exciting technology. We'll demonstrate our own 3D printer, giving you a first-hand look at how it works.

McLaughlin Branch, MakerSpace

Thursday, August 10 at 6:00 PM

Banish the Bloat

Are tummy troubles taking over your life? Registered Dietitian, Nicole Osinga, will talk about foods that may be causing your symptoms and how your gut contributes to the proper functioning of a healthy immune system.

Legends Centre Branch

Monday, August 14 at 7:00 PM

We Grow Food

Hear helpful tips about gardening, what your local community gardeners are up to, and how you can benefit by taking part.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 PM

Story Time for Teen Parents

For teen parents (19 and under) and your little ones, a story time just for you. Join us for stories, songs, and puppets; explore Library resources and make new friends!

McLaughlin Branch, Story Time Room

Thursday, August 17 at 6:00 PM

Programs for Teens

Is Canada Even Real? Teen Summer Reading Club

In honour of Canada's 150th Anniversary, let's have fun and celebrate being quirky Canadians. This summer be challenged by weird Canadian trivia and scavenger hunts. Why not review a book for the Library? (See page 8.)

Every other week there will be a new card with a new trivia question and challenge, plus space to record your hours spent reading.

Keep track of your time spent reading for entry to our weekly draws and the end-of-summer grand prize draw, a \$150 Chapters/Indigo gift card. Visit any Library branch to register and you'll be on your way to winning prizes.

Please Note: All entries will be included in the grand prize draw. There is no limit to the number of times you can enter. Runs June 17 – August 23. All submissions must be in by August 23 in order to qualify for the grand prize draw. Ages 12-17.

Teen Reviewers

Join our community of Teen Reviewers, and review books, music, and movies. Share your picks and find new favourites. Earn one community service hour for every review. Reviews may be posted on the Teen Blog and used in Library promotions. You may review up to ten items per year. Please borrow your items for review from Oshawa Public Libraries, or from our selection of Advanced Readers Copies. Ages 12-17.

Fill out the "Become a Reviewer" online form to select items to review. If approved we will email you and you can start writing. Questions?

Email: teenreviewers@oshawalibrary.on.ca

Digital Deviants

Experiment with Cubelets, Green Screens, iMovie, 3D printers, coding and more in this weekly summer program. Explore the techiest gadgets the library has to offer and create unique summer projects. Ages 12-17.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio
Thursdays, July 6 – August 24 at 2:00 PM

Escape Room Challenge

Work as a team to discover clues, solve puzzles, and accomplish tasks to move on to victory!
Ages 12-17.

Northview Branch
Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 PM

Teen Advisory Board

Have your say in what happens for teens at the Library, and earn community service hours too!
Volunteer for the Teen Advisory Board. Ages 13-17.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio
Monday, July 10 at 6:30 PM
Monday, August 14 at 6:30 PM

Cameo Creation

Learn an old portrait technique to create a beautiful profile design. Ages 9-17.
Jess Hann Branch

Tuesday, July 18 at 2:00 PM

Bullet Journaling

Learn all about this new form of journaling to keep track of your reading for the Teen Summer Reading Club or just for fun. Ages 12-17.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio
Tuesday, July 18 at 6:00 PM

Torn Paper Landscapes

Using torn paper, create a Canadian wilderness landscape inspired by Canadian artists like The Group of Seven, Tom Thomson or Emily Carr. Ages 12-17.

Legends Centre Branch
Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00 PM

#TeenTalk

Calling all teens! We'll supply a safe, non-judgemental space. You are encouraged to express any concerns or questions you have. No topic is off limits! Staff will share library and community resources that are available to help you! Ages 12-17.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio
Thursday, July 27 at 6:00 PM

STEM Village: 3D Design Shop

Using Tinkercad, learn the basics of 3D design to create a 3D print, then paint your piece to give it your own unique style. Ages 12-17.

Northview Branch

Wednesday, August 2, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Part 1: Tinkercad: Design in 3D

Wednesday, August 16, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Part 2: Painting your 3D Print

Design a Canadian Bird House

We'll provide the bird house, you decorate it any way you'd like and provide a home to a native bird. Ages 9-17.

Jess Hann Branch

Monday, August 14 at 11:00 AM

Fruit Smoothie Creation

Use the harvest of the season to create a unique, tasty and healthy treat. Part of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge. Allergy alert. Ages 9-17.

Jess Hann Branch

Tuesday, August 15 at 2:00 PM

Story Time for Teen Parents

For teen parents (19 and under) and your little ones, a story time just for you. Join us for stories, songs, and puppets; explore Library resources and make new friends!

McLaughlin Branch, Story Time Room

Thursday, August 17 at 6:00 PM

3D Paper Succulents

Don't have much of a green thumb? Make plants out of paper, then display the beautiful floral arrangement in your room or house. No watering required. Ages 12-17.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 PM

Teen Summer Reading Club After Party

Celebrate the quirkiness of Canada and all the fun you had in the Teen Summer Reading Club. Food and prizes. Ages 12-17.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Tuesday, August 29 at 2:00 PM

Hair and Makeup Master Class

Learn the latest trends in hair and makeup artistry from leading industry professional Eden Boudreau. Hear about the path her career took from behind the chair, to behind the runways, to appearing on Slice Network. Ages 12+.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium, Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 PM

Programs for Tweens

My Strange Tales of Canada

Create your own legendary creatures and folk tales of Canada. Ages 9-12.

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Tuesday, July 4 at 2:30 PM

Arctic Landscapes

Using strips of torn coloured paper create horizons and other images inspired by the artwork of

English-Canadian artist Ted Harrison. Ages 9-12.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00 PM

STEM Village: Innovators

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Be the first to explore them all using the Library's newest database and exciting hands on activities. For extended learning on this topic check out oshlib.ca/stemvillage. Ages 9-12.

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Mondays, July 10 – August 21 at 10:00 AM

Maker Camp

This summer embrace your inner maker! Join other budding inventors, tinkerers and artists who enjoy creating, crafting, hacking and learning. In each workshop you might explore robots, circuits, games, musical instruments, making movies and more. The possibilities are endless and inspired by Google's Maker Camp. Ages 9-12.

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Wednesdays, July 12 – August 16 at 2:30 PM

Big Wall O' Fun

Challenge your friends with interactive touchscreen games, like Hangman, Charades and Escape Rooms. Come by and try them out on the big screen, multi or single-player games available.

Northview Branch

Ages 7-10.

Thursday, July 6, at 2:00 PM

Thursday, August 3, 17, 31 at 2:00 PM

Legends Centre Branch

Ages 9-12.

Friday, July 14, 28 at 2:30 PM

Friday, August 11, 25 at 2:30 PM

Balloons with a Twist

Learn how to twist and turn balloons into amazing animal shapes. Just bring your imagination and a pair of hands! Ages 9-12. Allergy alert.

Northview Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

STEM Village: 3D Print and Paint

Come see a 3D printer in action, learn how it works, and then paint your own printed piece to make it unique. Register before July 10 to choose from a selection of designs to decorate.

Ages 9-12.

Northview Branch

Wednesday, July 19 at 2:00 PM

STEM Village: Coders Club

Want to learn how to code? Join us for some fun coding exercises and games as we build on your skills each week. No prior experience necessary. For extended learning on this topic check out oshlib.ca/stemvillage. Ages 9-12.

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Fridays, July 21, 28 at 2:00 PM

Fridays, August 18, 25 at 2:00 PM

YYC to YYZ

A journey from coast to coast will test your knowledge in this fun twist on the popular Pin the Tail on the Donkey game! Ages 9-12.

Legends Centre Branch

Friday, July 21 at 7:00 PM

Hockey in the Library

Did you know that the Stanley Cup has been stolen, lost, and borrowed over the years? Test your hockey knowledge at our trivia challenge. Prizes to be won! Ages 9-12.

Legends Centre Branch

Tuesday, July 25 at 2:00 PM

STEM Village: Terrariums

Create your own plant terrarium in a jar. Nurture it and watch it grow! For extended learning on this topic check out oshlib.ca/stemvillage. Ages 9-12.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, August 2 at 7:00 PM

Patio Lanterns

Decorate a candle holder with a Canadian motif, pop in a candle or flameless tea light, and you have your own patio lantern. Ages 9-12

Legends Centre Branch

Thursday, August 17 at 7:00 PM

Dark and Stormy Nights

Creepy Canadian tales can be found in all parts of the country. Explore these spooky legends and create something to help keep those fears at bay. Ages 9-12.

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Tuesday, August 22 at 2:30 PM

Programs for Kids

TD Summer Reading Club

This year Canada turns 150 and the TD Summer Reading Club invites you to celebrate what makes books, libraries and Canada great. Together let's explore new ideas, new characters, new landscapes, and one another.

Register at any Library branch starting June 17.

Track your reading minutes using your TD Summer Reading Club journal.

Report your reading minutes as often as you like up until August 23. Play games, earn reward stickers, and enter draws.

Last summer we read a combined total of 362,882 minutes. Let's beat that number and reach 400,000 minutes! Children ages 12 and under are encouraged to register for the TD Summer Reading Club; registration opens on June 17. Watch for Canadian-themed programs and activities all summer!

Travel free all summer with Ride to Read!

Children who register for the TD Summer Reading Club can turn their library card into a Durham Region Transit bus pass for July and August.

Story Time Summer Samplers

Try our story time summer samplers with stories, rhymes, songs and activities.

Books and Bounces

Ages birth to 11 months with parent(s).

Legends Centre Branch

Tuesday, July 4 at 9:30 AM

Friday, July 21 at 9:30 AM

Wednesday, August 2 at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, August 15 at 9:30 AM

French Family Story Time / Contes en famille

Family program

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Tuesday, July 4, 18 at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, August 1, 15 at 10:00 AM

Tales for Twos

Age 2 with parent(s).

Legends Centre Branch

Thursday, July 6 at 10:30 AM

Monday, July 17 at 10:30 AM

Thursday, August 3 at 10:30 AM

Monday, August 14 at 10:30 AM

Rise and Shine Family Story Time

Family program

Jess Hann Branch

Fridays at 10:00 AM

Fun for Ones

Ages 12 to 23 months with parent(s).

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, July 12 at 9:30 AM

Monday, July 24 at 9:30 AM

Friday, August 11 at 9:30 AM

Thursday, August 24 at 9:30 AM

Story Time in the Sun

Story Time at Alexandra's Bounty Community Garden

Join us for stories and songs in the lush community garden at Alexandra's Bounty. In partnership with We Grow Food. Donations of seeds for Need a Seed, Leave a Seed appreciated. Rain or shine. Family program.

Alexandra's Bounty Community Garden

Next to Lakeridge Health Hospital, Hospital Court and Simcoe Street

Thursdays, July 6 – August 24 at 10:00 AM

Story Time at Henry House Museum

Join us Thursday mornings in the summer for stories and songs in the garden of Henry House Museum at Lakeview Park. If it's raining, we'll meet in the Parlour of the Museum.

Family program.

Henry House, Oshawa Museum

1450 Simcoe Street South, Lakeview Park

Thursdays, July 13 – August 17 at 10:00 AM

Family Story Time: C is for Canada

Family program

Legends Centre Branch

Saturday, July 8 at 10:30 AM

Family Story Time: Going on a Picnic

Family program

Legends Centre Branch

Saturday, July 22 at 10:30 AM

Family Story Time: Swimming is Super Fun

Family program

Legends Centre Branch

Saturday, August 12 at 10:30 AM

Story Time for Teen Parents

For teen parents (19 and under) and your little ones, a story time just for you. Join us for stories, songs, and puppets; explore Library resources and make new friends!

McLaughlin Branch, Story Time Room

Thursday, August 17 at 6:00 PM

Family Story Time: Back to School

Family program

Legends Centre Branch

Saturday, August 26 at 10:30 AM

LEGO® Club

We'll supply the LEGO®, you bring your imagination and create something unique! Family program.

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Mondays at 3:30 PM

Northview Branch

Tuesdays at 3:30 PM

Mini-Artists Finger Painting

It's time to get messy at the Library. Join us for some finger-painting fun. Bring your creativity and wear an old shirt. Ages 4-7.

Jess Hann Branch

Monday, July 3 at 2:30 PM

150th Scavenger Hunt

Join us for games and activities celebrating Canada's birthday. Ages 6-9.

Jess Hann Branch

Tuesday, July 4 at 11:00 AM

Mystic Drumz – The Button People

From the bongos and congos of Cuba to the giant Taiko Drumz of Japan, and everywhere in between, this show will explore over 30 unique instruments as you embark upon a search for The Button People. Family program.

Jess Hann Branch

Wednesday, July 5 at 10:30 AM

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Wednesday, July 5 at 1:00 PM

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, July 5 at 3:00 PM

Maple Art

Create a beautiful work of art using leaves from Canada's official tree, the Maple. Ages 3-6.

Legends Centre Branch

Thursday, July 6 at 2:30 PM

STEM Village: Jr. Science Club

Get hands on with science! Each session will focus on a new topic to explore through stories and experiments. Everyone should dress in clothes that can get messy! For extended learning on this topic check out oshlib.ca/stemvillage. Ages 3-6 with an adult.

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Friday, July 7, 21 at 10:00 AM

Friday, August 18 at 10:00 AM

Summer Dance Party

Get your groove on as we celebrate the start of summer with fun games and activities and, of course, music! Ages 5-10.

Northview Branch

Friday, July 7 at 2:00 PM

Spiderman School

Come develop your spidey-senses at our cool Spiderman course. Ages 8-12.

Jess Hann Branch

Saturday, July 8 at 10:30 AM

STEM Village: Do You Want to be a Dinosaur Hunter?

Can you find the bones and build a dinosaur? For extended learning on this topic check out oshlib.ca/stemvillage. Ages 6-9.

Legends Centre Branch

Monday, July 10 at 2:30 PM

A Style of My Own

Some colourful and lively activities gives everyone a little taste of who they are!

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Ages 6-8.

Tuesday, July 11 at 2:30 PM

Legends Centre Branch

Ages 3-6.

Friday, August 18 at 2:30 PM

STEM Village: Escape from Ice Mountain

Use your scientific skills to help your favorite super-heroes escape from blocks of ice.

Ages 8-12.

Jess Hann Branch

Tuesday, July 11 at 3:00 PM

STEM Village: From Seed to Sprout, Create a Grass Head Person

Get ready to sprout your seeds! Decorate your own grass head person and watch its hair grow for weeks. Ages 6-9.

Jess Hann Branch

Wednesday, July 12 at 9:30 AM

Hidden Treasures

There are so many hidden treasures and surprises to be discovered in these short easy games!

Ages 3-6.

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Wednesday, July 12 at 10:00 AM

Canadian Christmas in July

A Moose in a Maple Tree and a Porcupine in a Pine Tree? What will happen next? Ages 3-6.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, July 12 at 2:30 PM

Joyful Juggler

The Joyful Juggler is the perfect blend of comedy, music, and juggling! Marla Brennan is an engaging and comedic clown who encourages audience participation and dances to classical music. Family Program.

Legends Centre Branch

Thursday, July 13 at 11:00 AM

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Thursday, July 13 at 2:00 PM

Sensory & Process Art

Make a mess and have fun learning at a variety of sensory-stimulating stations! Explore different art activities and focus on the process, not the product. Each child must be accompanied by an adult, and everyone should dress in clothes that can get messy! Ages 6-24 months with an adult.

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Friday, July 14, 28 at 10:00 AM

Friday, August 25 at 10:00 AM

Our Friends the Trees

Trees are an important part of Canada's identity, so let's celebrate them with tree-related books and activities!

Northview Branch

Ages 6-9.

Friday, July 14 at 10:30 AM

Legends Centre Branch

Ages 3-6.

Thursday, August 3 at 2:30 PM

Comic Book Day

Meet local comic book authors, illustrators and artists to find out how they got started, what it takes to be successful and check out what they are working on now. Family program.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Saturday, July 15, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Run, Jump, Play

Read stories and have fun with superhero capes, giant parachutes, bean bag games, fitness dice, and so much more. Ages 3-6.

Northview Branch

Saturday, July 15 at 10:00 AM

Saturday, August 12 at 10:00 AM

Part of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge. HKCC Theme 3 is "Choose to boost veggies and Fruit", encouraging kids and families to eat healthier and to make vegetables and fruits part of their everyday lives.

Mad Science: True North Science Workshop

Join us for this interactive, exciting workshop featuring home-grown Canadian Science! Experience hands-on experiments and discoveries, and learn about Canada's contribution to science over the past 150 years. Ages 5-12.

Legends Centre Branch

Tuesday, July 18 at 9:30 AM

Northview Branch

Tuesday, July 18 at 12:00 PM

Canadian License Plate Scavenger Hunt

How well do you know Canada? Can you recognize these provincial license plates?

Ages 6-9.

Legends Centre Branch

Tuesday, July 18 at 2:30 PM

STEM Village: Project Humpty Dumpty

Humpty has had a great fall, but will need all the king's men to put him back together again.

Use your imagination to design ways to save Humpty from future disasters. Ages 8-12.

Jess Hann Branch

Wednesday, July 19 at 10:00 AM

Oh, Canada

A program inspired by Canada's flag! Ages 3-6.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, July 19 at 10:30 AM

Giant Games Night

Play giant board games where you get to be the moving pieces! Family program.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Wednesday, July 19 at 6:00 PM

Juggling Workshop

Gain a new and impressive skill this summer; learn how to juggle with the Joyful Juggler Marla Brennan as your instructor. Ages 7-12.

Legends Centre Branch

Thursday, July 20 at 11:00 AM

Northview Branch

Thursday, July 20 at 2:00 PM

Bedtime Bash: Paw Patrol Party

No job is too big and no pup is too small for the PAW Patrol! Join us for fun games and activities. Family program.

Northview Branch

Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 PM

Canadian Animal Parade

Take inspiration from our native animals and move like they do in an animal parade. Ages 3-6.

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Tuesday, July 25 at 2:30 PM

Legends Centre Branch

Monday, August 21 at 10:30 AM

Escape Room Challenge

Can you find all the clues and solve the mystery in time? Test your skills in our Escape Room Challenge. Ages 7+.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Wednesday, July 26, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM or 3:30 PM

East Coast Seabird

Discover the vibrant Atlantic puffin through songs and games. Ages 6-9.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, July 26 at 10:30 AM

Beaver Fever

Have fun exploring one of Canada's national symbols, the beaver. Take part in our beaver dam building challenge!

Northview Branch

Ages 6-9.

Friday, July 28 at 10:30 AM

Legends Centre Branch

Ages 3-6.

Wednesday, August 9 at 2:30 PM

STEM Village: Ultimate Building Challenge

Who can build the tallest, strongest, longest structures using your imagination and our mixture of materials? For extended learning on this topic check out oshlib.ca/stemvillage.

Ages 8-12.

Jess Hann Branch

Wednesday, July 26 at 2:00 PM

Mary Lambert in Concert!

Juno-nominated children's entertainer, Mary Lambert, will join us for an energetic musical performance and lots of audience participation. Family program.

Legends Centre Branch

Thursday, July 27 at 10:30 AM

Northview Branch

Thursday, July 27 at 1:00 PM

Jess Hann Branch

Thursday, July 27 at 3:00 PM

Jane Austen Tea Party

Jane Austen is celebrating her 200th anniversary and wants you and your favorite adult to join her for tea and create a stylish new bonnet to wear. Ages 7-12.

Jess Hann Branch

Saturday, July 29 at 2:00 PM

Team T and J

Ready to sing and dance? Team T and J are an enthusiastic duo who entertain through music interaction and education for all ages.

Family Program.

Legends Centre Branch

Tuesday, August 1 at 10:00 AM

Northview Branch

Tuesday, August 1 at 12:00 PM

Jess Hann Branch

Tuesday, August 1 at 2:30 PM

Fairy Tale Puppet Theatre

Oshawa Public Libraries' very own highly acclaimed Puppet Theatre Troupe is performing your favourite stories. Family program.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Wednesday, August 2 at 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM

Kid, Car and a Movie

Build your own car to sit in and enjoy a "drive-in" movie with us. Popcorn included. Ages 6-9.

Jess Hann Branch

Wednesday, August 2 at 11:00 AM

Colourful Horizons

Let the beautiful and diverse colours of the Canadian Northern sky be your inspiration for these craft activities. Ages 6-9.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, August 2 at 2:30 PM

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services, Wednesday, August 9 at 10:00 AM

STEM Village: I Love Dirt!

Discover the wonders of nature as you learn how things grow in this hands-on activity. For extended learning on this topic check out oshlib.ca/stemvillage. Ages 6-9.

Northview Branch

Friday, August 4 at 2:00 PM

STEM Village: Three Little Pigs Make it Right

Build some houses to keep out the Big Bad Wolf and keep your piglets safe. Ages 8-12.

Jess Hann Branch

Saturday, August 5 at 10:30 AM

Paper Bag Princesses and Princes

Celebrate this classic Canadian children's story at our Paper bag boutique. Listen to the story, then make costumes. Ages 5-9.

Jess Hann Branch

Wednesday, August 9 at 10:30 AM

Erick Traplin Musical Show

Children's entertainer Erick Traplin will get your feet moving and your hands clapping at this lively show. He will perform music from his new CD, *My Magic Carpet*, along with family favourites. Family program.

Legends Centre Branch

Thursday, August 10 at 10:30 AM

Northview Branch

Thursday, August 10 at 1:00 PM

STEM Village: Tin Can Robots

Use your imagination and create a robot with personality from hardware and materials found around the house. For extended learning on this topic check out oshlib.ca/stemvillage.

Ages 8-12.

Jess Hann Branch

Friday, August 11 at 2:00 PM

STEM Village: Science is Fun!

Put on your lab coats, and be prepared for lots of activities that will make you love science! For extended learning on this topic check out oshlib.ca/stemvillage. Ages 6-9.

Northview Branch

Friday, August 11 at 2:30 PM

Nice Bowtie

Use duct tape to create some fashion-geek accessories. Ages 8-12.

Jess Hann Branch

Saturday, August 12 at 10:00 AM

This is NOT a Box

A box is just a box . . . unless it's not a box. Inspired by Antoinette Portis's books, learn creative ways to play with a box. Family program.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Monday, August 14 at 6:00 PM

Coming Home

Celebrate Canada's diverse people, places and natural wonders. Ages 6-8.

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services

Tuesday, August 15 at 2:30 PM

Red, White and Wow with Owen Anderson!

Owen Anderson offers a fast-paced, fun-filled, and entertaining magic show for all ages!

Family program.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, August 16 at 10:30 AM

McLaughlin Branch

Wednesday, August 16 at 1:00 PM

Jess Hann Branch

Wednesday, August 16 at 3:00 PM

STEM Village: Canadian Footprints

Do you know the tracks of Canadian wildlife? For extended learning on this topic check out oshlib.ca/stemvillage. Ages 6-9.

Legends Centre Branch

Thursday, August 17 at 10:30 AM

Bedtime Bash: Fashion Frenzy

It's your chance to dress up in wacky outfits and play silly games. Family program.

Northview Branch

Thursday, August 17 at 6:00 PM

STEM Village: Make a Scribblebot

Learn how to make a mini-robot that can draw! For extended learning on this topic check out oshlib.ca/stemvillage. Ages 8-12.

Jess Hann Branch

Saturday, August 19 at 10:30 AM

STEM Village: Eclipse Party

Did you know that the moon will pass in front of the sun on August 21? This is called a solar eclipse and we'll be making special viewers and watching the amazing event together! Ages 6-9.

Northview Branch or

McLaughlin Branch, Children's Services, Monday, August 21, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Create your Own Postage Stamp

Create a postage stamp from a place in the world you'd like to visit one day! Ages 6-9.

Legends Centre Branch

Tuesday, August 22 at 2:30 PM

TD Summer Reading Club Wrap-Up Party

This year, everyone is invited to attend our fun-filled, end-of-the-summer celebrations! There will be games, activities, live performances by top secret guests, and more! Don't forget to bring your TD Summer Reading Club journal and receive your official certificate! Rain or shine.

Lakeview Park, Area D, Oshawa

Wednesday, August 23, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Pirate Party

Hunt for treasure, solve a puzzle, have some fun or be prepared to walk the plank. Allergy alert. Ages 6-9.

Jess Hann Branch

Tuesday, August 29 at 2:30 PM