

Oshawa Public Libraries Events

May and June 2018

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The Library Will be Closed:

May 10, Staff Development Day

May 21, Victoria Day

Loan Periods & Overdue Materials

3 WEEKS: Kobo Arcs, Lenovo Tablets, books, audio items, and eBooks

7 DAYS: Wi-Fi Hotspots, Blu-rays, Fast Read materials, magazines, video games, and 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 parent/guardian in the case of a child's card).

Message from the CEO, Frances Newman

This spring we are focusing on minimizing the digital divide. In March, we launched an exciting new pilot project loaning WiFi hotspots. Customers can borrow a hotspot for one week and have access to the internet anytime, anywhere, at no charge. Rogers provided ten devices, and the Friends of the Oshawa Public Library generously donated funds to pay the internet connectivity fees. As you can imagine, they are very popular and a huge help to those who cannot afford the internet. Additionally, we purchased twenty Lenovo tablets to loan to the public through a Government of Ontario grant.

An exciting new partnership with the UOIT Engineering Department will enable us to offer an Electronics Lending Library, called STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Stars, beginning early this summer. STEM Stars will feature twelve kits for families to borrow featuring the STEM equipment needed to experiment with coding, design thinking, and building electronics in new, inventive ways. Makey Makey, Arduino, and Kano Kits are among some of the digital tools that will be available in the kits. Not sure what these things are? Borrow a free kit to find out more.

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.

Cinefest Durham, bringing Toronto International Film Festival selections to Durham Region since 1995. Our fall selection is to be determined. Be first to know what's coming up by checking our website at oshlib.ca/cinefest. Profits help fund special projects for Oshawa Public Libraries. See you at the movies!

C'est la vie!

Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 PM

Directors: Oliver Nakache, Eric Toledano

Cast: Jean-Pierre Bacri, Jean-Paul Rouve, Gilles Lellouche

Year: 2017

Runtime: 115 minutes

Language: French with English subtitles

A hectic wedding party held in a 17th century French palace comes together with the help of the behind-the-scenes staff.

Location: Cineplex Odeon Oshawa (1354 Grandview N. Oshawa)

Tickets: \$10 cash only at the door.

CINEFEST DURHAM gratefully acknowledges the partnership with the Friends of the Library, Film Circuit, presented by TIFF, and its sponsors and supporters. For more information visit tiff.net/filmcircuit.

Programs for Adults

Senior artists are invited to enter their 2D and 3D works to the annual Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition. The Robert McLaughlin Gallery will accept submissions in Gallery A between 10 am and 3 pm on June 11, 2018. Winners will be announced at the opening reception on June 15 at 3:00 pm at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery. The Exhibition runs June 15-18, 2018.

Senior writers are invited to enter their fiction and non-fiction pieces to the annual Seniors Writing Competition. Submissions will be accepted until May 15 at 5:00 pm.

Winners will be announced at the Tell Tale Tea, June 20 at 2 pm, at the OSCC John Street Branch.

Full competition guidelines are available at any branch of Oshawa Public Libraries and Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres, or online at oshlib.ca/justforseniors.

A joint program with the Oshawa Seniors Citizens Centres.

English as a Second Language

(ESL) Social Club

Adult newcomers to the Oshawa area enjoy great conversations and make new friends. In partnership with Community Connections from Community Development Council Durham. Contact Val at 905-579-6111 ext. 5267

McLaughlin Branch, Local History Room

Mondays, 3-4:30 pm

English as a Second Language

(ESL) Social Club

Contact Lisa for further details at

905-579-6111 ext. 5880.

Northview Branch

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

Meditation Group

An evening of Meditation instruction and practice, including Reiki, Transformational Coaching, and Psych-K facilitation.

Northview Branch

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45 pm

Toastmasters, Where Leaders are Made

Whether you're called on to give a business presentation, propose a wedding toast, or be your best in a job interview, Toastmasters can help you address any situation with confidence.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Tuesdays, 12-1 pm

News & Views

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

Northview Community Centre

150 Beatrice St., E.

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am

Fridays, 10:30-11:30 am

OSCC, Legends Centre Branch

Tuesdays, 9:15-10:15 am

OSCC, Conant Branch

115 Grassmere Ave.

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am

OSCC, John Street Branch

Thursdays, 10-11 am

Infant Hearing Screening

McLaughlin and Legends Centre Branches will be hosting infant hearing screenings for children under three months of age who have not had a hearing screening. To book a screening visit childdevelopmentprograms.ca/bookmybaby or call 1-888-703-5437 ext. 4. To learn more about the Infant Hearing Program, visit childdevelopmentprograms.ca/hearing

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Wednesday, May 2, 30, June 27, 10 am-3:30 pm

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, May 16, June 13, 10 am-3:30 pm

Zephyr Organics Farm Share

Jennifer Eng, Owner of Zephyr Organics Farm Share will talk about the farm, how a Community Supported Agriculture program works, and how you can have a supply of fresh, seasonal and organic produce at home.

Jess Hann Branch

Wednesday, May 2, 6:30-7:30 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, May 3, 24, June 7, 21, 1-5 pm

Bruce Gorrie Trio

Greet spring with some lively jazz from Oshawa's favourite Trio.

Legends Centre Branch

Monday, May 7, 7-8 pm

Healthy Sleep

Sleeping difficulties are common and can become hard to manage by yourself. The Durham Region Health Department will provide information and resources you need to get a better night's sleep.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Monday, May 8, 6-7 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 are welcome. Drop off donations at any branch, attention Val.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Wednesday May 9, 23, June 13, 27, 6-7:30 pm

French Conversation Circle

Brush up on your conversational French in a relaxed environment. Beginners welcome.

Northview Branch

Saturday, May 12 from 2-3 pm

Saturday, June 9 from 2-3 pm

Meet the Author: Dorris Heffron

Dorris Heffron, recent Chair of The Writers' Union of Canada, and former Tutor in Literature for Oxford University, will talk about her career "Pioneering Canadian Novels", focusing on her latest novel, *City Wolves*. This novel tells the story of Canada's first woman veterinarian, also the ancient story of how wolves became sled dogs, and the Klondike gold rush of the 1890s.

Allergy alert.

Legends Centre Branch

Monday, May 14, 6:30-8 pm

Organize Like a Pro!

Professional Organizer, Michelle Nichols, will share proven strategies and tips for organizing your home and belongings that will save time and money at any stage of life.

Jess Hann Branch

Wednesday, May 16, 6-7 pm

Cultivating Culinary Herbs

Durham Master Gardeners will help you plan a garden and grow herbs to enhance your recipes.

Legends Centre Branch

Friday, May 18, 2-3 pm

Genealogy Support Group

Are you interested in researching your family's history? Our group meets monthly to discuss genealogy research and the many Library resources available to you.

McLaughlin Branch, Local History Room

Fridays, May 18, June 15, 2-4 pm

Royal Wedding Tea

Celebrate the nuptials of Harry and Meghan with us. Wear your fascinator, or favourite hat! Allergy alert.

Northview Branch

Saturday, May 19, 2-4 pm

Armchair Travels

Take a virtual trip to some of the world's most amazing places.

Northview Branch

Tuesday, May 22, 2-3 pm

Wales

Tuesday, June 19, 2-3 pm

Greece

Summer Wellness Reset

Get yourself on track for a more active and healthier you. This 3-part series will focus on healthy eating, physical activity, and mental health and wellness. Register for all or just one. In partnership with the Durham Region Health Department.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Wednesday, May 23, 6-7 pm

Healthy Eating

Tuesday, June 5, 6-7 pm

Physical Activity

Monday, June 25, 6-7 pm

Mental Health and Wellness

Knitting Club

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced knitter, you are welcome to be a part of our Knitting Club. We have some supplies, but feel free to bring your own if you like. Register by calling 905-576-2567 ext. 5259. In partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Durham.

Northview Branch

Thursdays, May 24 – June 28, 10:30 am-12 pm

Child Passenger Safety

Child restraints are commonly misused. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, Lauren, will give you a refresher and education on provincial laws and best practices, guidelines for choosing the right seat, child restraint stages, and installation tips with demonstrations.

Jess Hann Branch

Saturday, May 26, 10:30-11:30 am

Legends Centre Branch

Saturday, May 26, 12:30-1:30 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, May 29, June 26, 12-1 pm

Kings, Queens and In-Betweens Drag Show

Back by popular demand, Oshawa Public Libraries presents the 3rd Annual Kings, Queens and In-Betweens Drag Show. Show your pride and enjoy all the amazing talent Durham Region has to offer. Don't miss this one-night-only extravaganza!

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Wednesday, May 30, 6-7:30 pm

Book Club Celebration

Mingle with other book lovers and enjoy light refreshments. Discuss books your club has loved (and hated) and share your ideas for titles you'd like to see added to the collection. Allergy alert.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Thursday, May 31, 6-7:30 pm

Introduction to Reiki and Wellness

Reiki is a personal path of healing that brings your physical, emotional, and mental energy into balance so you can live your best life. Reiki Master, Rose Birt, will share this ancient healing technique, and how to use Reiki to heal yourself.

Jess Hann Branch

Wednesday, June 6, 6-7 pm

Genealogy: Tracing Your Ancestors

Do you want to create a family tree? Learn how to research your family history and where to find the relevant documents you will need.

Jess Hann Branch

Monday, June 11, 3-4 pm

Branded by the Pink Triangle

Author Ken Setterington will discuss how, after the Nazis came into power, they began to actively persecute the gay community. His book *Branded by the Pink Triangle*, recounts stories of bravery in the face of inhuman cruelty and the perseverance of the human spirit. Allergy alert.

Northview Branch

Monday, June 11, 6-7 pm

Body Positivity

Blogger Ena Dumais shares her message about beauty, the body positive movement, and love and happiness. Activities will help you begin your journey to a healthy self-image.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, June 13, 7-8 pm

Learn to Craft: Cross Stitch Tag

Have you ever wanted to learn traditional needlecraft skills? In our Learn to Craft series, try a new skill each month. In June learn to cross stitch and create a small gift tag.

Legends Centre Branch

Thursday, June 14, 7-8 pm

Da-giiweaat "So They Can Go Home"

Moccasin Project

Get involved! Traditional Knowledge Carrier Rick Bourque will speak about a National Campaign to raise awareness of child apprehension impacting Indigenous children in Canada. Called Da-giiwewaat, this workshop will make moccasins in the traditional way for Indigenous children in foster care. Visit sotheycangohome.com for more information.

Moccasins will be distributed by the Seventh Generation Midwives in Toronto. sgmt.ca

Northview Branch

Saturday, June 16, 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Medicinal Cannabis

Michelle Davis from Canopy Growth Corporation will present the facts of cannabis legislation, the uses of medical cannabis, safe and responsible use, and accessing medical cannabis.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Wednesday, June 20, 6-7 pm

Smart Serve – Essential Skills

The Smart Serve Responsible Alcohol Beverage Service Training Program is approved by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) as a server training program for the Ontario hospitality industry. Participants must complete one full 6-hour session and an evaluation to achieve certification. Presented in partnership with Durham College. Funded by the Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development. Ages 18+.

Legends Centre Branch

Thursday, June 21, 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Ashunyang Singers

In honour of National Aboriginal History Month, Ashunyang Singers, an emerging Indigenous men's drum group from around Lake Simcoe, will perform traditional songs for healing and enjoyment. Experience the rich culture of First Nations people through storytelling, dance and rhythms. Family Program.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Wednesday, June 27, 6-7:30 pm

Brain Waves Café

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

Northview Branch

Wednesday, May 30, June 27, 1-2:30 pm

Technology Programs for Adults

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

Tuesdays, May 15, June 12, 2-3:30 pm

Northview Branch

Wednesdays, May 2, 16, June 6, 20, 2-3:30 pm

Read. Watch. Listen. For Free!

Satisfy all your reading needs without spending a dime. Download free entertainment using Library apps.

Jess Hann Branch

Monday, May 7, 2:30-3:30 pm

Get Appy

Explore the many mobile apps available to enhance your digital experience and simplify your life. Bring your fully charged device and your App Store or Google Play login information.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Monday, May 28, 3-4 pm

Pinterest

Northview Branch

Monday, June 4, 2-3 pm

Meditation

Legends Centre Branch

Tuesday, June 19, 2-3 pm

LinkedIn

Jess Hann Branch

Friday, June 22, 2:30-3:30 pm

Kijiji and VarageSale

Book Clubs for Adults

Our book clubs offer titles that will challenge and entertain you, a forum for interesting conversation, and a place to meet fellow book lovers.

Monday Afternoon Book Club

Legends Centre Branch

Monday, May 14, 1-2 pm

Red Notebook by Antoine Laurain

Monday, June 11, 1-2 pm

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

Thursday Morning Book Club

Jess Hann Branch

Thursday, May 24, 11 am-12 pm

Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks

Thursday, June 21, 11 am-12 pm

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

Lunchtime Book Club

McLaughlin Branch, Local History Room

Thursday, May 17, 1-2 pm

Goodnight from London by Jennifer Robson

Thursday, June 21, 1-2 pm

The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club

Northview Branch

Tuesday, May 29, 2-3 pm

The Gathering by Anne Enright

Tuesday, June 26, 2-3 pm

Ten Things I Learned About Love by Sarah Butler

Eyes Forward Audiobook Club

A book club for those with vision loss to meet and discuss audiobooks.

Northview Branch

Wednesday, May 30, 2-3:30 pm

Wednesday, June 27, 2-3:30 pm

Programs for Teens

Teen Summer Reading Club: Feed Your Passions

It's Reading Bingo, play to win! Pick up a Teen Summer Reading Club Bingo Card at any branch or print one online to participate.

Read or listen to books between June 16 and August 22, 2018, and keep track of the titles you've finished on the back of your Bingo card.

When you score a Bingo (horizontal, vertical or diagonal), bring your card to any branch location and receive a ballot to enter the monthly draws for books, gift cards, free 3D print jobs and more!

Keep playing to be part of the Grand Prize draw on August 23 for your chance to win a Cineplex Odeon Gift Card!

Please note: each book may only be used once in the game. There is no limit to the number of cards you can enter, so the more you read, the more chances you have to win! Ages 12-17.

No-Heat Lava Lamp

Learn how food colouring reacts in liquids to make a groovy lava lamp. Ages 12-17

Northview Branch

Thursday, May 3, 6-7 pm

Teen Writing Club

Need some motivation to get creative? Meet other writers, free write, or follow prompts and exercises provided. Feel free to bring any creative writing projects you're working on.

Ages 12-17.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Fridays, May 4, June 1, 4-5 pm

Babysitting for Teens and Tweens

This course covers topics like basic first aid, diapering, and creating a safe environment. The Red Cross certified facilitator will collect the \$60 fee on the day of the program. Please bring a peanut-free lunch and a baby doll or teddy bear. Ages 11-16.

Legends Centre Branch

Saturday, May 5, 10:30 am-5 pm

Whimsical Wind Chimes

Build a unique wind chime. Different materials will create different sounds. What sound will your chimes strike as the air passes through? Ages 12-17.

Jess Hann Branch

Tuesday, May 8, 6-7 pm

Teen Advisory Board

Earn community service hours and have your say in what happens for teens at the Library. Volunteer for the Teen Advisory Board.

Ages 12-17.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Mondays, May 14, June 11, 6:30-7:30 pm

Melting Beads

Make beadwork even more fun, by melting the beads. Create a lovely image using perler beads, then melt them. Take crafting to the next level. Ages 12-17.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Tuesday, May 29, 6-7 pm

Paint Night

A little painting and a lot of fun! Paint your own work of art with a little guidance from us. All materials provided. Ages 12-17.

Northview Branch

Thursday, June 7, 6-7:30 pm

Stuff I Learned On the Internet

Do ideas from the internet actually work? Will pop bottles keep hornets away? Does Hairspray remove permanent marker? Ages 12-17.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, June 20, 7-8 pm

Bristle Bots

A toothbrush robot? Yup! Transform an electric toothbrush into a teeny robot that will be the envy of all your friends. Ages 12-17.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Tuesday, June 26, 6-7 pm

#TeenTalk

Calling all teens! We supply a safe, non-judgmental space. You come and discuss any questions or concerns you may have. #TeenTalk will be led by Library and CAREA Community Health Centre staff. Ages 12-17.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Tuesdays, May 15, June 19, 6-7 pm

Mindfulness

During this interactive session you will learn and experience a variety of relaxation techniques, like deep breathing, mindfulness, progressive muscle relaxation, guided imagery, and grounding and balancing exercises. In partnership with CAREA Community Health Services. Ages 12-17.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Thursday, May 24, 6-7 pm

Programs for Tweens

Coding Club

Welcome to the wonderful world of coding! Learn how apps and video games are created with Library staff and Brendan Oldman, Certified Technology Teacher. Ages 9-12.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Thursdays, May 3, 17, 6-7:30 pm

Thursdays, June 7, 14, 6-7:30 pm

Maker Zone

Imagine, design and create at this inventive after school program. Ages 9-12.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Wednesdays, May 9 - June 13, 4-5 pm

May the Fourth Be With You

Enjoy Star Wars fun! Wear your costume, play games, and have fun celebrating this great film franchise. Ages 9-12.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, May 9, 7-8 pm

Build a Cat Castle

Build your cat its very own cardboard castle. Ages 9-12.

Northview Branch

Monday, May 14, 6-7 pm

Puzzle Piece Paint Night

Use recycled puzzle pieces, paint, and your imagination to create a perfect "puzzling" masterpiece. Ages 9-12.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Wednesday, May 16, 6-7 pm

Tween Tech @ the Library

See what new and exciting features are available to you with some hands-on fun in our pop-up MakerSpace. Ages 9-12.

Legends Centre Branch

Saturday, May 19, 11 am-12 pm

Northview Branch

Thursday, June 28, 6-7 pm

DIY Straw Bracelets

Using drinking straws and other materials, make your own dazzling bracelet design. Ages 9-15.

Jess Hann Branch

Tuesday, June 5, 6-7 pm

Mixed Tape Art

Learn how cassette tapes work! Upcycle old tapes into fun art pieces. Ages 9-12.

Legends Centre Branch

Wednesday, June 6, 7-8 pm

Fractured Fairy Tales!

You know how the story goes. Do you dare to change how the story ends? Ages 9-12.

McLaughlin Branch, Story Hour Room

Tuesday, June 12, 6-7 pm

TDSRC

TD Summer Reading Club: Feed Your Passions

Focus on the things that you know and love. Explore new interests and passions. This is a chance for you to connect with the Library in a whole new way!

Last summer, we surpassed our goal and read a combined total of 418,368 minutes. Let's beat that number and read 450,000 minutes! Children ages 12 and under are encouraged to register for the TD Summer Reading Club; registration opens on June 16. Watch for special themed programs and activities all summer!

Programs for Kids

Story Time Programs

Each 30-minute story time program features a combination of activities, stories, rhymes, finger plays, and songs. From *Books and Bounces* to *Pre-School Story Time*, we have a specially-designed story time for your child. Caregivers attend all story time programs except for Pre-School Story Time. Caregivers remain in the Library for the duration of PSST.

These programs run during the weeks of May 7 to June 11. Thursday programs run from May 17 to June 21.

There will be additional programs on Monday, June 18 to make up for Victoria Day.

Drop-ins welcome, space permitting. Drop-ins welcome, space permitting.

Books and Bounces (birth – 11 months)

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| Mondays at 9:30 am | Legends |
| Tuesdays at 10:30 am | McLaughlin |
| Wednesdays at 10:30 am | Northview |
| Fridays at 9:30 am | Legends |

Fun for Ones (12 – 23 months)

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| Mondays at 10:30 am | McLaughlin |
| Mondays at 10:30 am | Legends |
| Thursdays at 9:30 am | Northview |
| Fridays at 10:30 am | Legends |

Tales for Twos (2 years)

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| Tuesdays at 9:30 am | Legends |
| Tuesdays at 9:30 am | McLaughlin |
| Tuesdays at 10:30 am | Legends |
| Wednesdays at 9:30 am | Northview |

Rise and Shine Family Story Time (birth - 5 years)

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| Wednesdays at 9:30 am | McLaughlin |
| Fridays at 10:00 am | Jess Hann |

Pre-School Story time (3 - 5 years)

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| Mondays at 9:30 am | McLaughlin |
| Wednesdays at 9:30 am | Legends |
| Thursdays at 9:30 am | Legends |
| Fridays at 9:30 am | Northview |

Reading Buddies

Brings children in grades 2 or 3 who need help reading together with library volunteers interested in helping children improve their reading skills. To arrange a volunteer interview or to register a child for the Reading Buddies program please call 905-579-6111:

McLaughlin Branch ext. 5279

Jess Hann Branch ext. 5864

Legends Centre Branch ext. 5818

Northview Branch ext. 5875

French Reading Buddies

Pairs library volunteers fluent in French with children who need support with their French speaking skills. Contact the Northview Branch for more information at 905-579-6111, ext. 5875.

Imagination Box

Get your creative juices flowing! Write a story or comic based on random items that you find in our Incredible Imagination Box! Create a practice tale as a group then challenge yourself to come up with your own tale! Ages 5-12.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Saturday, May 5, 10:30-11:30 am

Creation Station

Play and learn with science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. Ages 5-8.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Tuesdays, May 8 - June 12, 4-5 pm

French Family Story Time

Stories, rhymes, and songs for the whole family.

Contes, rimes, et chansons pour toute la famille.

Northview Branch

Mondays, May 7 - June 18, 9:30-10 am

McLaughlin Branch, Story Hour Room

Thursdays, May 17, 31, June 14, 28,

10:30-11:30 am

LEGO® Club

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

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Mondays, 3:30-4:30 pm

Jess Hann Branch

Fridays, May 11 - June 15, 3:30-4:30 pm

Northview Branch

Tuesdays, 4-5 pm

Make It for Mother's Day

Use fun art supplies to make a Mother's Day card for your mother or maternal figure in your life. Ages 5-9.

Jess Hann Branch

Saturday, May 12, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Family Story Time: Marvelous Moms

Celebrate this special day with your mom, grandma, or favourite caregiver. Family program.

Legends Centre Branch

Saturday, May 12, 10:30-11 am

Craftapalooza: Mommy Edition

Create your own Mommy Masterpiece! Celebrate your Mom or someone special in your life by creating a portrait or a surprise masterpiece. Family program.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Saturday, May 12, 2:30-4:00 pm

After School Zone Action

Fun activities, interactive wall games, and stories! A great place to make new friends! Ages 5-9.

Jess Hann Branch

Thursdays, May 17 - June 21, 3:45-4:45 pm

Legends Centre Branch

Mondays, May 7 - June 18, 4-4:45 pm

Home School Club

At our monthly club for home school families, we have stories for younger children and their parent-teachers, literacy activities for older kids, plus refreshments and networking with other home school families. Allergy alert.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Thursday, May 17, 2-3 pm

Digital Story Time

Story Time for the 21st century! Experience a balanced combination of traditional books, songs, and activities along with digital content designed to prepare your child for modern education!

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Thursdays, May 17 – June 21, 9:30-10 am

Bedtime Bash: Seussapalooza

The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go! Enjoy crafts, activities, and treats. Allergy alert. Family program.

Northview Branch

Thursday, May 17, 6-7 pm

After School French Club

Practice your French in a group setting. All comprehension levels welcome. Ages 5-9.

Northview Branch

Mondays, May 14, 28, June 11, 25, 4-5 pm

Run, Jump, Play

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

Northview Branch

Saturdays, May 19, June 16, 10-11 am

Fairy Tales Around the World

Discover different fairy tales from around the world. Share and read stories, and create fairy tale themed crafts. Family program.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Sunday, May 20, 10:30-11:30 am

Alphabet Soup

Enjoy activities, games, and stories about the letters of the alphabet. Learn new letters each month, match them to sounds, and put them together to make words. Ages 3-6.

Legends Centre Branch

Saturday, May 26, 10:30-11 am

Letters Q and R

Saturday, June 23, 10:30-11 am

Letters S and T

Yoga Story Time for Families

Stretch, balance, and move. Our Yoga story time for families encourages healthy, peaceful, and literate children. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. Family program.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Thursdays, May 24, June 28, 6-7 pm

Family Board Game Fun!

Who loves board games? We do! Have a fun-filled afternoon trying new board games and enjoying your old favourites. Come as a family or bring your friends. Family program.

McLaughlin Branch, Lower Level Studio

Sundays, May 27, June 24, 2:30-3:30 pm

Over the Rainbow Story Time

Celebrate Pride Durham with a story time led by local drag queens Skarlett Vain and Lucy Purr. This family-friendly program will showcase stories that explore diversity and inclusion, song performances, and a little glitter. Family program.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Saturday, June 2, 10:30-11:30 am

Dig for Dinosaurs

Calling all amateur paleontologists, we need you to help us unearth our Librarysaurus! Dig up, assemble, and identify an assortment of dinosaurs. Ages 5-9.

Jess Hann Branch

Saturday, June 2, 2:30-3:30 pm

Family Story time: Dads

Dads, grandads, and your favourite caregiver are what today is all about. Share stories and make them a gift. Family program.

Legends Centre Branch

Saturday, June 9, 10:30-11 am

Classic Literature Crafts: The Hobbit

Have you ever dreamed about becoming a character from your favourite children's book? Make crafts based on the children's classic story, The Hobbit. Family program.

McLaughlin Branch, Auditorium

Sunday, June 10, 2:30-3:30 pm

My Superhero is My Dad

Bring your dad, grandad, or your favourite caregiver to a superhero party and let them know you think they are super! Family program.

Jess Hann Branch

Saturday, June 16, 2:30-3:30 pm

Bedtime Bash: Summer Family Dance Party

Get your boogie on with us and enjoy fun activities. Family program.

Northview Branch

Thursday, June 21, 6-7 pm