

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Baby & Me

Date and Time: Thursday, February 1 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 0-12 months

Event Category:Registration Required

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Stay and Play: Toys will be available for babies while you enjoy time with other caregivers after the program.

[Register once for the entire series.](#)

Tech 1 on 1: Basic Tech Help

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Age Group: Adults

Event Category:Registration Required

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Friday, February 2, 2024

Spice Club Take-Away Kits: Anise (grain)

Date and Time: Friday, February 2 10:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Adults

Event Category:Not Registered

Do you enjoy cooking, experimenting with ingredients and trying new recipes? Pick up our monthly Spice Club Takeaway Kits featuring spices and herbs from all over the world. Kits are available first come, first served on the first Friday of the month.

Want to learn more about the people and cultures who cook with this spice? Attend our [monthly Living Library Plus event](#) and bring a potluck dish made with your spice kit.

PA Day: Better Me, Better We, Better Community Concert

Date and Time: Friday, February 2 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category:Not Registered

Errol Lee's caring concert, Better Me Better We Better Community, is about how the community takes unity, and unity takes you and me to be the change we want to see. It's sure to be fun for the whole family!

Teen Friday Night Hangout - CANCELLED

Date and Time: Friday, February 2 06:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Teens

Event Category:Not Registered

Friday nights just got a bit more fun at the Library! Stop by and play Mario Kart on our new Nintendo Switch, check out our collection of board games, and get creative with our giant LEGO collection - all the while enjoying snacks!

All skill levels are welcome.

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Grab & Go Craft Kits

Date and Time: Saturday, February 3 10:15 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 3-5 years

Event Category:Takeaway

Visit the Library on Saturdays and bring home a Family Grab & Go Craft Kit! Each kit contains the materials and instructions you need to make a fun craft or activity at home.

Kits are available on a first come, first served basis at the Children's Check-Out Desk while supplies last.

This program has been made possible by the generosity of the [Friends of the Library](#).

Fixit Café - CANCELED

Date and Time: Saturday, February 3 01:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Not Registered

Regrettably, Repair Cafe has had to cancel this event due to illness. Please look for future events at facebook.com/repaircafetbo

Our fixit friends will be on hand to help you repair your favourite jewellery. You will learn basic repair skills and how to use simple tools to fix common problems. Save a necklace, save money, save the planet!

Monday, February 5, 2024

Homeschool Hangout

Date and Time: Monday, February 5 01:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Join us once a month for an afternoon of special guests, games, STEM activities, arts & crafts, and more with other homeschooling families.

January 8th - Special Guest Visit - Guide Dogs with CCB

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

Date and Time: Monday, February 5 02:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Preschool Story Time

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 6 10:15 am - 10:45 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 2-4 years

Event Category:Not Registered

Drop in for a fun and lively story time for you and your preschooler. We will help expand your child's attention span and imagination through stories and songs while focusing on early literacy skills.

February 20 Special Guest: Guide Dogs from CCB

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 6 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Adults

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LEGO hour

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 6 04:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category:Not Registered

Use your imagination to build epic LEGO creations every week! We'll supply the LEGO; you bring the ideas.

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

FULL - Toddler Time

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 7 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 12-24 months

Event Category:Registration Required

Build vocabulary and share the love of reading through picture books, finger plays, songs, and rhymes in this

interactive program for busy toddlers and their caregivers.

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Craft Café

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Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Adults

Event Category:Not Registered

Bring your own needlework or papercraft projects for our weekly crafters' meetup where we share tips, ideas, challenges, and successes!

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Forest of Reading - Silver Birch Express Meetup

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 7 04:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category:Not Registered

For Ages 8 to 10.

Have you joined the Silver Birch Express Beanstack Challenge as part of the Forest of Reading program? If so, this meetup is for you!

Come and meet people reading the books, discuss what you like and don't like about the books and which ones you're thinking of voting for, and enjoy author visits and illustrator activities!

Writing Circle

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 7 07:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category:Registration Required

Join other writers in a safe space to share your writing, receive feedback, offer advice, and discuss issues you may be experiencing in your writing journey.

Our meetings occasionally feature mini-writing workshops led by professional writers to provide insight into

the writing process and craft.

January 24: Guest speaker: Matthew Flager

Matthew Flager is the author of *Held to the Fire*, the story of the 1916 fire at the Quaker Oats factory in Peterborough. Matthew will talk about the challenges of writing a book about an event that happened 107 years ago; how *Held to the Fire* came into being; why this is an important story to tell; and do a select reading from the book.

Thursday, February 8, 2024

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Draw Together

Date and Time: Thursday, February 8 04:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category: Not Registered

Drop by the Story Corner for an hour of creative colouring and drawing. We will provide art supplies and new guided drawing activities each week.

Indigenous Bilingual Story Time

Date and Time: Thursday, February 8 06:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Once a month, families are invited to come and listen to a story read in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) by an Indigenous community member, followed by a craft or activity.

December Reader: Ashley Wynne

Title: Waabii the Rabbit

January Reader: Sarah Wood

Title: Mii maanda ezhi-gikendamanh (This is how I know) by Brittany Luby and Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley

Translated by Alvin Ted and Alan Corbiere

February Reader: Crys Wintjes

Title: Gimanaadenim (You Hold Me Up) by Monique Gray Smith and Danielle Daniel. Translated by Angela Mesic and Margaret Noodin

An English translation of the story will be provided. Everyone is invited to listen, learn and enjoy!

This program is offered in partnership with the [Nogojwanong Friendship Centre](#).

Friday, February 9, 2024

Makerspace

Date and Time: Friday, February 9 05:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category:Not Registered

We are transforming the Story Corner into a Makerspace where you can come and create things together!

- **CANCELLED DUE TO ILLNESS** October: see what you can build with things like popsicle sticks, corks and straws.
- November: make a marble maze with cardboard and playdough.
- December: make your own holiday cards and gifts.
- January: construct a bridge using a set number of materials
- February: make a superhero costume - complete with mask and cape.

This program has been made possible by the generosity of the [Friends of the Library](#).

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Children's Films for Black History Month

Date and Time: Saturday, February 10 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category:Not Registered

Celebrate Black History Month at the Library with a family-friendly movie on the big screen! We've picked some of our favourites to share with you, so get comfortable and grab some popcorn while supplies last.

February 10: Double Feature

Hair Love (G) Hair Love is a heartfelt animated short film featuring a Black father who has to do his daughter's hair for the first time. Winner of the Academy Award® for Best Animated Short, this film is all about love – for your hair and yourself. (2019, 7 min)

The Princess and the Frog (G) Walt Disney Animation Studios presents the musical The Princess and the Frog, an animated comedy set in the great city of New Orleans. In this modern twist on a classic tale, Tiana became Disney's first animated Black princess, a big moment for both her viewers and Disney. (2009, 98 min)

February 24:

Little Mermaid (G) The youngest of King Triton's daughters, Ariel is a beautiful and spirited young mermaid with a thirst for adventure. Longing to find out more about the world beyond the sea, Ariel follows her heart and endeavours to experience life on land. In this live remake of the 1989 classic, Disney cast Halle Bailey – an African American actor singer. (2023, 135 min)

Monday, February 12, 2024

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

Date and Time: Monday, February 12 02:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Teen Reviewers

Date and Time: Monday, February 12 04:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category:Registration Required

Earn volunteer hours for participating in our monthly online discussion and contributing book reviews to share with your library community.

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Preschool Story Time

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 13 10:15 am - 10:45 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 2-4 years

Event Category:Not Registered

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February 20 Special Guest: Guide Dogs from CCB

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

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LEGO hour

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Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category:Not Registered

Use your imagination to build epic LEGO creations every week! We'll supply the LEGO; you bring the ideas.

Film & Discussion: Whitney Houston--I Wanna Dance with Somebody

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 13 05:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Adults

Event Category:Not Registered

We'll be viewing and discussing this Whitney Houston biopic as a celebration of Black Lives. How did Whitney Houston change the music industry for black women? What can we learn from her legacy?

Light refreshments will be served.

Please note: if you are more than 10 minutes late for a program you may not be admitted.

Tween Creative Writing Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 13 06:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category:Registration Required

Get your creative juices flowing through writing activities, prompts, and games with other young, aspiring authors.

FULL - Toddler Time

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 14 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 12-24 months

Event Category:Registration Required

Build vocabulary and share the love of reading through picture books, finger plays, songs, and rhymes in this interactive program for busy toddlers and their caregivers.

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Living & Aging Well: Heart Health

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 14 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Adults

Event Category:Registration Required

This event is now FULL.

We're partnering with Age-friendly Peterborough in this series for older adults, focussing on learning ways to stay safe, connected, and active in our community. Each month's session will feature a presentation, discussion, and time for socializing over a small luncheon.

February topic: Heart Health

Take care of your heart this Valentine's Day! This workshop led by the Peterborough Family Health Team (PFHT) teaches you about lifestyle choices that can help you manage your cholesterol and blood pressure and reduce your risk of heart disease. The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada states that 8 in 10 cases of premature heart disease and stroke are preventable through healthy lifestyle habits. Start a new healthy habit today!

Craft Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 14 01:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Adults

Event Category:Not Registered

Bring your own needlework or papercraft projects for our weekly crafters' meetup where we share tips, ideas,

challenges, and successes!

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Forest of Reading - Yellow Cedar Meetup

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 14 04:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category:Not Registered

For Ages 10 to 12 years

Have you joined the Yellow Cedar Beanstack Challenge as part of the Forest of Reading program? If so, this meetup is for you!

Come and meet people reading the books, discuss what you like and don't like about the books and which ones you're thinking of voting for, and enjoy author visits and illustrator activities!

Teen Library Ambassadors - CANCELLED

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 14 04:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Teens

Event Category:Registration Required

We'll be starting this group during the second school term on Feb. 14. Please feel free to apply using the link below and we'll contact you in January to discuss your application. Thank-you!

Teen Library Ambassadors will gain experience relevant to work and education, develop leadership and teamwork skills, earn volunteer hours, and have lots of fun along the way! We're looking for teens interested in planning, promoting, and participating in monthly programs. This commitment will include monthly meeting attendance and activities outside of our monthly meetings.

Apply at [Teen Library Ambassadors](#).

Thank you to the City of Peterborough's Youth Council, who provide our Teen Library Ambassadors with bus passes to make their volunteer duties easier.

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Baby & Me

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Tech 1 on 1: Basic Tech Help

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Genealogy with Ontario Ancestors

Date and Time: Thursday, February 15 01:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Adults

Event Category:Registration Required

We're partnering with family history research experts, the Kawartha Branch of Ontario Ancestors to explore the physical and digital resources available from local museums and archives. You'll also learn about Ontario Ancestors and the benefits of joining your local Kawartha Branch. There will be time for questions and answers at each meeting.

February: Emma Robinson, Archivist Services - Archives of Ontario

Emma will share information to assist with understanding the basics of archival research and how to locate and access the records in the Archives' collections.

This orientation has been requested as Kawartha Branch is planning a Bus Trip to the Archives in April of this year. Details regarding date, 3 bus pickup and drop-off locations, to be confirmed soon and posted on the Branch Website and Facebook page. If interested in joining us on the bus trip please contact

Tween Book Club

Date and Time: Thursday, February 15 06:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category:Registration Required

Each month, we meet at the Library for some fun and lively discussions around our monthly book club title. This is a terrific opportunity to discover new genres, series and authors while making new friends.

- **January:** [Saving Fable](#) by Scott Reintgen
- **February:** [Swim Team](#) by Johnnie Christmas
- **March:** [El Deafo](#) by Cece Bell
- **April:** [The Girl who Fell to Earth](#) by Patricia Forde
- **May:** [Tiger Daughter](#) by Rebecca Lim

This program has been made possible by the generosity of the [Friends of the Library](#).

Friday, February 16, 2024

Teen Friday Night Hangout - CANCELLED

Date and Time: Friday, February 16 06:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Teens

Event Category:Not Registered

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All skill levels are welcome.

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Grab & Go Craft Kits

Date and Time: Saturday, February 17 10:15 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 3-5 years

Event Category: Takeaway

Visit the Library on Saturdays and bring home a Family Grab & Go Craft Kit! Each kit contains the materials and instructions you need to make a fun craft or activity at home.

Kits are available on a first come, first served basis at the Children's Check-Out Desk while supplies last.

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Crafternoon: Single-use Snowflake Soap

Date and Time: Saturday, February 17 01:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Teens

Event Category: Registration Required

Set aside an afternoon to craft with us and learn new skills along the way.

February: Single-use Snowflake Soap

A single-use slice of soap is a tiny amount of soap - just enough to wash your hands, or whatever else you're washing, just once. Learn this very low-energy process using natural melt-and-pour soaps that are environmentally friendly and biodegradable. Perfect for carrying with you in your purse, pack or bag, these paper-thin soaps will melt away just like the snowflakes they are inspired by.

Please note: if you are more than 10 minutes late for a program you may not be admitted.

Snowsuit Story Time at the Museum

Date and Time: Saturday, February 17 02:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: Peterborough Museum and Archives - Heritage Pavillion

Age Group: 2-4 years

Event Category: Offsite

Meet us at the Heritage Pavilion for snowy stories and songs to celebrate the season. Be sure to dress for the weather, we will be outside for the entire story time.

Afterwards, warm up with some hot apple cider before going into the [Peterborough Museum & Archives](#) for a craft and to explore their featured exhibit.

This program is offered in partnership with the Peterborough Museum & Archives and is a Peterborough

Snofest activity.

Monday, February 19, 2024

Library Closure - Family Day

Date and Time: Monday, February 19 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Address: 345 Aylmer St. N

Age Group: All Ages

Event Category: Library Closure

The Library will be closed on Monday, February 19 for Family Day.

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Preschool Story Time

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 20 10:15 am - 10:45 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 2-4 years

Event Category: Not Registered

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LEGO hour

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Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category: Not Registered

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Trail Tales

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 20 06:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Various Parks in Peterborough ON

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Come out for an evening family stroll along some of Peterborough's lovely trails while Laura shares some oral stories, songs and rhymes that connect us to the natural beauty around us.

Please dress for the weather, we only cancel if there's a downpour or storm. Also, please bring a headlamp or flashlight as we move into the darker months.

Oct 10 - Meet at Ecology Park

Nov 7 - Meet at Jackson Park by the Pagoda Bridge

Dec 5 - Meet at Ashburnham Memorial Park: Peterborough Museum & Archives

Jan 23 - Meet at Pioneer Memorial Park: Master's College and Seminary

Feb 20- Meet at Sherbrooke Woods: Monseigneur-Jamot

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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Forest of Reading - Blue Spruce Meetup

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Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 2-4 years

Event Category:Not Registered

Ages: 4 to 7

Have you joined the Blue Spruce Beanstack Challenge as part of the Forest of Reading program? If so, this meetup is for you!

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Writing Circle

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Thursday, February 22, 2024

Baby & Me

Date and Time: Thursday, February 22 10:15 am - 11:00 am

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Draw Together

Date and Time: Thursday, February 22 04:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 5-8 years

Event Category:Not Registered

Drop by the Story Corner for an hour of creative colouring and drawing. We will provide art supplies and new guided drawing activities each week.

Friday, February 23, 2024

CANCELLED Tween Nintendo Switch Night

Date and Time: Friday, February 23 06:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 9-12 years

Event Category:Registration Required

CANCELLED due to illness.

Grab your friends and play Mario Kart at the Library on a Friday night! Enjoy multi-player fun with the Nintendo Switch on the BIG Screen, snacks will be provided.

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Drag Queen Story Time with Betty Baker

Date and Time: Saturday, February 24 10:15 am - 10:45 am

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: 3-5 years

Event Category: Not Registered

Betty Baker, a local Drag Queen and star personality, will share some of her favourite stories exploring diversity, inclusion, and respect.

Please note: if you are more than 10 minutes late for a program you may not be admitted.

This program has been made possible by the generosity of the [Friends of the Library](#).

Children's Films for Black History Month

Date and Time: Saturday, February 24 01:30 pm - 4:15 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer Street North.

Age Group: Family

Event Category: Not Registered

Celebrate Black History Month at the Library with a family-friendly movie on the big screen! We've picked some of our favourites to share with you, so get comfortable and grab some popcorn while supplies last.

February 10: Double Feature

Hair Love (G) Hair Love is a heartfelt animated short film featuring a Black father who has to do his daughter's hair for the first time. Winner of the Academy Award® for Best Animated Short, this film is all about love – for your hair and yourself. (2019, 7 min)

The Princess and the Frog (G)

Walt Disney Animation Studios presents the musical The Princess and the Frog, an animated comedy set in the great city of New Orleans. In this modern twist on a classic tale, Tiana became Disney's first animated Black princess, a big moment for both her viewers and Disney. (2009, 98 min)

February 24: Little Mermaid (G)

The youngest of King Triton's daughters, Ariel is a beautiful and spirited young mermaid with a thirst for

adventure. Longing to find out more about the world beyond the sea, Ariel follows her heart and endeavours to experience life on land. In this live remake of the 1989 classic, Disney cast Halle Bailey – an African American actor singer. (2023, 135 min)

Monday, February 26, 2024

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

Date and Time: Monday, February 26 02:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Adults

Event Category:Registration Required

If you need some guidance navigating the world of technology, you can book a personal session with one of our Tech Coaches!

We have two types of coaching sessions available:

Digital Collection Help: for help with accessing and using our eBooks and other Digital Library resources.

Basic Tech Help: for basic questions related to your computer or mobile device.

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Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Tech 1 on 1 - Digital Collection Help

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 27 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Age Group: Adults

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Adult Book Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 27 02:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. North

Age Group: Adults

Event Category:Registration Required

Our monthly Librarian-led book discussion is a great way to discover new authors and genres, meet new people and discuss books in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Print copies of the next Book Club title are available at the Main Check-out Desk following each meeting on a first come, first served basis. You can also access digital copies through [hoopla](#) or [cloudLibrary](#).

- **January:** [Hello Beautiful](#) by Ann Napolitano
- **February:** [Black Buck](#) by Mateo Askaripour
- **March:** [Looking for Jane](#) by Heather Marshall
- **April:** [The New Wilderness](#) by Diane Cook
- **May:** [The Story of Us](#) by Catherine Hernandez

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Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Living Library Plus: Aruasy Aguilera

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 28 06:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Main Library - 345 Aylmer St. N.

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Registration Required

We're partnering with our friends at the **New Canadians Centre (NCC)** to deliver this mash-up program featuring personal storytelling and cultural food-sharing. NCC's Living Library aims to share human stories of immigration and integration by highlighting diverse and compelling stories of transition, settlement and belonging.

We'll begin each event with a potluck featuring spices from our Spice Club Take-away kits. Feel free to join the potluck or just the talk which starts at 7:00 pm.

Attendees will have first dibs on the next month's kits!

February Topic: Two Daughters, a Decision, and a New Chance to Live

Speaker: Aruasy Aguilera | **Country:** Venezuela | **Spice:** Anise (grain, not star)

In 1992, Aruasy and Rafael welcomed their first daughter during Venezuela's first coup attempt. Over the next 18 years, as political changes unfolded in their native country, they grew concerned about their daughters' future. Eventually, they decided to send their daughters to Canada as international students. However, as the situation in Venezuela deteriorated, it became clear that the girls could not return home. The couple made the life-changing decision to join their daughters in Canada in 2020. Now, in Peterborough, Aruasy shares their Canadian adventure, discussing the experiences, challenges, and joys they have encountered along the way.

Peterborough Horticultural Society Speaker Series

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 28 07:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Address: Peterborough Lions Centre, 347 Burnham Street

Age Group: Adults

Event Category: Offsite

We're partnering with the Peterborough Horticultural Society (PHS) to offer free passes to their excellent informational sessions on landscape and vegetable gardening from local experts. The library has 10 guest passes. They are available on the first Wednesday of each month on a first come, first served basis at the Main Check-Out desk.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the PHS and attend their monthly meetings. The PHS meets monthly

on the fourth Wednesday of every month, except July, August and December. Meetings start with a social time at 6:30 pm, with the official meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

October 25: Gary Westlake, Ptbo MG, “What Plants Eat: Soil”

Gary has a PhD in Biology from Texas A&M and is a retired biologist having worked for 30 years in environmental science. He has been a Master Gardener for about 20 years. He and his wife Dianne look after an acre of property on a hill overlooking the city. For a couple of years Gary was a director on the board of Master Gardeners of Ontario. Dianne and Gary were editors of the Master Gardeners of Ontario newsletter for several years. Both are past presidents of horticultural societies. A few years ago Dianne and Gary were awarded the Silver Medal from the OHA. Over the years Dianne and Gary’s garden has changed to suit their tastes and capabilities. Very few gardens outlive their gardeners, so it is best to enjoy the activity of gardening rather than trying to create a finished garden. Gary is going to share with us some new science on how plants function with respect to how they get their nutrients and what you can do (or perhaps not do) to allow them to thrive.

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