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Whitby Public Library | doorway to discovery

Children's Programs

Registration opens for July programs on June 10 at 10:00 a.m. and August programs on July 8 at 10:00 a.m.

🕒 **Drag Queen Storytime** All ages
The award-winning Drag Queen Story Time returns! Featuring two fabulous queens, this family-friendly program showcases stories celebrating diversity and inclusion. Storytime will be followed by musical performances and a variety of fun activities. In partnership with Durham Children's Aid Society, Youth Pride Durham, and the Durham Region Public Libraries.
Central Library **Saturday, June 1, 1:00–2:00 p.m.**



🕒 **Babies, Movement and Music**
0–18 months with caregivers
A playful approach to literacy-rich songs, stories, and action rhymes.
Brooklin Branch
Mondays, June 3–August 12, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Central Library
Fridays, June 7–August 16, 10:30–11:00 a.m.



🕒 **Summer Stories** All ages
Families listen to stories and sing songs together in an interactive environment.

Central Library
Mondays, June 3–August 12, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Brooklin Branch
Fridays, June 7–August 16, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Rossland Branch
Fridays, June 7–August 16, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

July/August Outdoors at Davies Park (meet in front of the Rossland Branch)

🕒 **P.A. Day Boredom Busters** All ages
Time to get creative! Bring your imagination for a fun activity using a variety of crafting materials. While supplies last.

Brooklin Branch **Friday, June 7, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Rossland Branch **Friday, June 7, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

■ **Noticing Nature** Grades 3–6

Chicka-dee-dee-dee. Who was that? Play a game to discover nature sounds around us. Buzz your newly created bee around flowers to pollinate them. Investigate seeds and make a seed caterpillar that will grow over time. Notice all that nature has to offer, big and small!

In partnership with Scientists in School.

Brooklin Branch **Friday, June 7, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

■ **Métis Moves: Celebrating Culture through Folk Dance with Auriele** Grades 1–6

Come watch a fun jigging performance by Auriele and learn some dazzling Métis fancy footwork.

Central Library **Friday, June 7, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

🕒 **Build-a-Palooza: Exploring Construction Play**
All ages

Calling all aspiring young engineers! Author Alanna Allan will read her book 'Where Does Daddy Go All Day.' Kids will also get a chance to explore the fascinating realm of construction in a hands-on way.

Brooklin Branch **Saturday, June 8, 10:00–11:00 a.m.**





TD Summer Reading Club Ages 0–12

■ TD Summer Reading Club **Registration**

It's time to join the club! Register online to track your reading, then pick up your TD Summer Reading Club Kit at any Whitby Public Library location. Starting **Tuesday, July 2**, visit any location once a week to share what you've been reading and collect stamps for your reading passport. Registration begins **Monday, June 10**. Register anytime during the summer.
whitbylibrary.ca/tdsrc

All locations **Tuesday, July 2–Friday, August 23**

◎ TD Summer Reading Club **Kick Off**

WonderPhil the magician is here to kick off the TD Summer Reading Club!

Thursday, July 4

Brooklin Branch **10:30–11:30 a.m.**

Rosland Branch **12:30–1:30 p.m.**

Central Library **2:30–3:30 p.m.**

◎ TD Summer Reading Club **Certificate Day**

Celebrate the end of the TD Summer Reading Club with us! Raffle winners will be announced, and all members can pick up their certificate.

Wednesday, August 21, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Central Library **Interstellar Showtime**

Space is the place to be in this special performance starring our (not so) alien actors!

Brooklin Branch **Teens Present: An Out of this World Puppet Show**

Visit our stellar stage for an adventure through the cosmos. You'll love this puppet show to the moon and back.

Rosland Branch **Astronaut Academy**

Get ready to blast off! Welcome to the Astronaut Academy. Train like an astronaut and complete our space missions. Do you have what it takes?

◎ **National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration**

All ages

National Indigenous Peoples Day is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. See incredible performances by All Nations Youth Drum Group, Kim Wheatley, and more!

In partnership with the Town of Whitby.

Central Library **Saturday, June 8, 12:00–4:00 p.m.**



■ **Ontario Tech Workshops** Grades 1–8
Discover the worlds of coding and engineering!
No previous experience is required.

In partnership with
Engineering Outreach
within the Faculty of
Engineering and Applied
Science at Ontario Tech
University.



STEM Workshop

Brooklin Branch

Grades 5–8 **Saturday, June 15,**
2:00–4:00 p.m.

Grades 1–4 **Tuesday, August 13,**
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Rosland Branch

Grades 5–8 **Tuesday, July 23, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

Coding Workshop

Rosland Branch

Grades 1–4 **Tuesday, July 9, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

Brooklin Branch

Grades 5–8 **Tuesday, July 30,**
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

■ **Exploration Lab** Grades 4–6

Learn, create, and design a solution as we challenge you
with our tech toys and items from our Discovery Cart.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, June 12, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 7, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



🕒 **Father's Day Mini Putt** All ages
Take dad golfing at your favourite place—the Library!
Then make a golf ball creature.

Rosland Branch **Saturday, June 15, 2:30–4:30 p.m.**

🕒 **Campfire Storytime** All ages

Gather around the “campfire” for stories and songs
with our friends from the Central Lake Ontario
Conservation Authority.

Central Library **Friday, June 28, 2:30–3:00 p.m.**



■ **French 1-on-1** Grades 2–4

French language students can practice their French
reading with an individualized half-hour session. Due
to high demand, children are limited to two sessions
per month.

All locations **July–August. Various times available.**

🕒 **Summer Scavenger Hunt** All ages

Search the Library for the hidden pictures. How many
can you find?

All locations **Tuesday, July 2–Saturday, August 31**

🕒 **Sensational Space** Grades JK/SK

Explore the solar system with a fun and interactive Sensory Storytime. Sing songs, listen to stories, and enjoy a variety of sensory based activities.

Central Library

Tuesday, July 2, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



🕒 **Little Explorers** Ages 2–4 with caregiver

This sensory based program uses fun activities to explore STEAM.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesdays, July 3–August 14, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

■ **Baby Yoda Bank** Grades 4–6

You don't have to go to a galaxy far, far away to make this adorable "Yoda bank". Made with a mason jar and your imagination, it's perfect for change or other treasures you want to store.

Rossland Branch

Wednesday, July 3 and July 31, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

🕒 **Mission: Make and Take** All ages

Your mission: to boldly make what no one has made before! Create a different space oddity every week.

Brooklin Branch

Thursdays, July 4–August 15, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Rossland Branch

Tuesdays, July 9–August 13, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

🕒 **Star Performances** All ages

Camp out under our ceiling stars and watch movies based on space books.

Rossland Branch Fridays, July 5–26, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Choose Your Own Adventure

Where will your book take you? All ages

This August, visit any Whitby Library location and choose a wrapped book from our **Choose Your Own Adventure** book

displays. There will be a few hints to guide your selection. Choose your book, take it home, and find out what adventure awaits! Once you've read your book, fill out the rating card and return it to any location by **Friday, September 6** for a chance to win a prize pack.

All locations

Thursday, August 1–Saturday, August 17



■ **Construisez votre propre fusée!** Grades 4–6

Get ready to blast off! You'll learn how real rockets work, make your own miniature version, and watch it fly! This program will be run en français.

Brooklin Branch Friday, July 5, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Central Library Friday, August 9, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



🕒 **Cosmic Lego Club** Grades 1–3

Bring your big ideas to this exciting and creative program. Learn, build, and play with LEGO bricks.

Central Library

Mondays, July 8–August 12, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Brooklin Branch

Mondays, July 8–August 12, 3:00–4:00 p.m.



■ **Garden Club: Read, Know, Grow!** Grades 1–3
 What does a plant need to grow? Why are pollinators important? Where do seeds come from? Discover the plant cycle and learn gardening basics. Try something new each month!

Brooklin Branch

Tuesday, July 9 and August 6, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

☉ **Outer Space Fun Day** All ages

Get the whole family outside and active! Unleash your creativity in our craft zone and prepare for some stellar surprises on this day of cosmic fun and discovery! Weather permitting.

Central Library

Tuesday, July 9 and July 30, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, July 10 and August 14, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Aluminum Foil Moon** Grades JK/SK

Zoom, zoom, zoom, we're going to the moon! Make an aluminum foil moon with craters.

Rossland Branch Wednesday, July 10, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Galactic Game Club Tournament** Grades 4–6

Participate in our second annual Smash Bros™ Tournament and cheer on the competition. While you're not playing, try out some space-themed games!

Central Library

Thursday,
 July 11, 2:30–4:00 p.m.



■ **Anishinaabemowin Blast-off** Grades 1–3

Learn how to count down in the Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) language while building your own rocket ship.
 Rossland Branch Thursday, July 11, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Painting to Music** Grades 1–3

Paint your cares away while listening to a variety of space themed music!

Brooklin Branch

Friday, July 12 and August 16, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



■ **Surviving Space** Grades 4–6

In this Minute-to-Win-it inspired program, try to complete space themed mini games in 60 seconds before time runs out and the aliens attack!

Central Library

Tuesday, July 16 and

August 6, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Quel est votre signe astrologique?** Grades 2–4

Calling all astronomers! Study the stars and create your own embroidered constellation en français.

Rossland Branch Tuesday, July 17, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **What's Your Star Sign?** Grades 4–6

Calling all astronomers! Study the stars and create your own embroidered constellation.

Rossland Branch

Wednesday, July 16 and August 14, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Build Your Own Rocket** Grades 1–3

Get ready to blast off! You'll learn how real rockets work, make your own miniature version, and watch it fly.

Central Library

Thursday, July 18 and August 8, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



■ **Flying Saucer Craft** Grades 1–3
Take me to your leader! Create a fun flying saucer for your alien to travel the galaxy.
Rossland Branch
Thursday, July 18 and August 8, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Alien Lifeforms!** Grades 1–3
Hatch your own alien and create an extra-terrestrial habitat!
Central Library **Tuesday, July 23, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

■ **Laugh Olympics!** Grades 4–6
Sharpen your acting and comedy chops with an afternoon of comedy improv exercises and drama challenges. Tickled funny bones, busted guts and hearty giggles guaranteed!
Brooklin Branch
Tuesday, July 23 and August 13, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

⦿ **Constellation Walk** All ages
Find all the constellations hidden around the Library, then make your own.
Central Library
Thursday, July 25 and August 1, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Starry Night** Grades 4–6
Create your own masterpiece of the night sky.
Rossland Branch
Thursday, July 25 and August 1, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Survivez l'espace!** Grades 1–3
In this Minute-to-Win-it inspired program, try to complete space themed mini games in 60 seconds before time runs out and the aliens attack! This program will be run en français.
Central Library **Friday, July 26, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**
Brooklin Branch **Thursday, August 1, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

⦿ **Loose Parts** All ages
Explore what crafts and activities we have floating around the mothership. What can you create?
Brooklin Branch **Friday, July 26, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

■ **Cosmic Science** Grades 4–6
Explore the stars with cool STEAM activities.
Rossland Branch **Wednesday, August 7, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

⦿ **Celebrate Hair Diversity with author Venesse Lewis** All ages
Join author Venesse Lewis as she reads her book 'Niya Hatten! Let's get those coils crowned in satin!' Explore cultural awareness, empowerment, and celebrating textured hair with a family friendly craft highlighting hair diversity.
Central Library **Tuesday, August 13, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

■ **Skype with a Scientist: Ask an Astronomer**

Grades 4–6
Bring all your space questions to our video chat with an expert astronomer from Skype with a Scientist. Explore the galaxies and then build your own mini rocket and launcher.
Rossland Branch
Tuesday, August 13, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



■ **Counting Alien Eyes** Grades JK/SK
How many eyes does an alien have? You get to decide!
Rossland Branch **Thursday, August 15, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

■ **Ready, Set, School** Ages 3–4
Get ready to blast off into kindergarten! We will cover basic concepts with stories, music, and activities.
All locations **Tuesday, August 20, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**



Teen Programs

Teen programs are open to youth in grades 7–12. **Questions?** Email teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca. **Registration** opens for **July programs** on **June 10** at 10:00 a.m. and **August programs** on **July 8** at 10:00 a.m.

☉ Teen Cafe

Drop in anytime! Teen Café is a safe space to hang out, play games, and more.

Central Library **Wednesdays, June 5–19, 3:30–5:00 p.m.**

☉ Evening Art Crew

Looking for a spot to hang out with like-minded creatives? Want to draw, paint, and create on your own or with friends? This is your spot! Bring your own work or come in and see what inspires you.

Brooklin Branch **Thursday, June 13, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

☉ TAG: Teen Advisory Group

We are looking for enthusiastic teens! Work with other teens to contribute to library services and programs, assist with special events, and develop leadership skills. TAG members will earn community service hours for their work.

Brooklin Branch **Wednesday, June 19, 3:30–4:30 p.m.**

☉ Guide Dogs: Teen Study Break

Take a well-deserved break from studying and cuddle with some guide dogs! Register for a 10-minute slot at the door.

Central Library **Thursday, June 20, 2:30–4:30 p.m.**



■ Create with Clay

Design and sculpt with Polymer Clay. Create jewelry, keychains, or figures – no experience needed. Just bring your imagination!

Central Library **Wednesday, July 10, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

■ Teens Present: Summer Puppet Show

The Brooklin Branch is looking for enthusiastic teens who want to get creative, put on a show and earn community service hours. Brooklin is hosting a four-part workshop leading to a puppet show on August 21. You and your cast-mates will create puppets and props, rehearse lines, and act your heart out.

Puppets, Props, and Backdrops

Get to know the story and your cast-mates. You'll be introduced to the play and brainstorm how the settings, props, and puppets will look. Tasks will be assigned and then we get to work creating!

Wednesday, July 17, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Rehearse, Rehearse, and Rehearse

Time to dedicate ourselves to understanding the material. Now that we have everything, we will dig into the story. Be prepared to practice lines, work with your puppets, and figure out how to put on the best show possible.

Thursday, August 8, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Performance

Act your heart out as all your preparation, practice, and hard work comes to fruition. Teens will perform their puppet show for Brooklin Branch's TD Summer Reading Club Certificate Day.

Wednesday, August 21, 2:30–3:30 p.m.





■ Teen Smash Bros Tournament

Participate in our second annual Smash Bros Tournament and cheer on the competition!

Central Library **Wednesday, July 17, 2:30–4:00 p.m.**

⦿ Cosplay Crafternoon

Take advantage of library equipment and materials to work on your cosplays! From beginners to seasoned cosplayers, everyone is welcome for an afternoon of crafting.

Central Library **Wednesday, July 24, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

⦿ Teen Game Club

Come play new and retro video games, such as Super Mario, Legend of Zelda, Smash Bros, and more!

Central Library **Wednesday, July 31, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

■ A Space Station Situation: Teen Murder Mystery

The murderer is among us. Search for clues and help solve this space case!

Central Library **Wednesday, August 7, 2:30–4:00 p.m.**

■ Crafts and Conversations: Teen Book Talk and Crafting Fun

Come on down for lively book chats, cool crafting projects, and hanging out with fellow bookworms. Let's dive into stories, get creative, and make memories together!

Central Library **Wednesday, August 14, 2:30–4:00 p.m.**

Teen Advisory Council

Apply to be part of our Teen Advisory Council. Don't miss your chance to join and make a difference in your Library.

Central Library **August 19–September 6**

⦿ Teen Summer Challenge Wrap-Up Party

That's a wrap! Teen Summer Challenge participants are invited to celebrate the end of summer. Join us for games, snacks, and prizes!

Central Library **Thursday, August 22, 2:30–4:00 p.m.**

Are You Up for The Challenge?

Reading Challenges at WPL

Year Long Challenges

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Ages 0–5

Do you want a fun approach to establishing strong early literacy skills? The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) with your infant, toddler, and/or preschooler. The goal is to read 1,000 books before your little one starts kindergarten.



Pride 365 Reading Challenges All ages

Celebrate Pride year-round with LGBTQ+ themed book recommendations and activities!

Summer Challenges

Teen Summer Challenge Grades 7–12

Are you up for the challenge? All summer long you can earn points for reading, attending programs, and completing weekly challenges. Trade in your points for raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes.

Tuesday, July 2–Thursday, August 22

100 Hours of Summer Reading Challenge 18+

Sprint to the finish line or leisurely stroll through your summer reading. The choice is up to you!

Saturday, June 1–Saturday, August 31

Scan the code or sign up at
whitbylibrary.beanstack.com



What's on display at WPL?

Discover current displays and exhibits at **whitbylibrary.ca/on-display**



Adult Programs

1-on-1 Tech Help

Become more tech-savvy with 50-minute appointments specific to your needs. Contact staff at any branch for a list of topics available. Due to high demand, patrons may register for one appointment per month.

All locations **Times and dates vary by month.**
Contact any location for more information.

Adult Creative Writing Club

Interested in writing but can't find the time or words? Join fellow writers for an evening of inspiring prompts and the opportunity to share your work. Offered in-person and online.

Central Library **7:00–8:30 p.m.**

Monday, June 3 *The Eye of the Beholder: Point of View*

Tuesday, July 2 *Inspiration Everywhere: Writing Scavenger Hunt*

Monday, August 12 *Writing the Season: Summer*



An Evening with Drew Hayden Taylor

Join us for a special evening with author Drew Hayden Taylor, award-winning playwright and author from the Curve Lake First Nation. Drew will share a reading from his latest novel "Cold" and will speak about his journey to becoming a writer. In partnership with the Clarington, Oshawa, Ajax, and Pickering Public Libraries.

St. Francis Centre, Ajax and Online

Wednesday, June 5, 7:00–8:30 p.m.



English Conversation Circles for Newcomers

Practice English, meet new people, and learn about Canada with help from Community Development Council Durham (CDCD) volunteers. CDCD will offer two sessions on Thursday evenings. Drop into this weekly program or contact Mishal Abdulla at CDCD for more information at 905-686-2661, ext. 109 or email communityconnect@cdcd.org.

Central Library **Thursdays, June 6–27,**
6:00–7:00 p.m. and 7:15–8:15 p.m.

Fireside Stitchers

All skill levels are welcome! Gather around the fireplace while you socialize and stitch. This is an informal circle for knitting, crochet, and needlework. Bring your own supplies and share your projects and ideas.

Central Library

Thursdays, June 6–August 29, 7:00–8:30 p.m.



🕒 **Bike Helmet Safety**

Protect your head, wear a helmet! Learn about the importance of wearing a properly fitted helmet for all “wheeled” activities. This fun interactive session with a public health nurse will help keep you and your family safe.

Rossland Branch **Friday, June 7, 11:00–11:30 a.m.**



■ **Cricut Program–Stickin’ It!**

Express your personality, interests, and more in a creative way with removable vinyl stickers made with the Cricut. Learn what makes a good sticker and what doesn't. Bring your own item(s) to decorate (notebook, water bottle, phone case, etc.).

Central Library **Monday, June 10, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**

■ **Fraud Prevention and Awareness**

Durham Region Police Services will highlight some common scams and provide tips for residents to protect themselves.

Rossland Branch **Wednesday, June 12, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

■ **Canadian Civil Liberties for Seniors**

Learn about the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as we discuss freedom of expression, religious freedoms, equality, the right to protest, and privacy and surveillance.

Presented by *Canadian Civil Liberties Education Trust.*

Rossland Branch **Thursday, June 13, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

🕒 **Car Seat Safety**

Meet a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician from the Ministry of Transportation to learn about how to keep young passengers safe while traveling in vehicles.

Rossland Branch **Friday, June 14, 11:00–12:00 p.m.**



Discovery Zones

Tools and technology for learners, creators and entrepreneurs!

Book your time slot online at whitbylibrary.ca/discovery-zones



■ Making Connections for Adults Living with Disabilities

Build skills, friendships, and more! We'll work together to create, solve, learn, and play with various STEAM based activities. Caregivers are welcome.
Brooklin Branch **Saturday, June 15, July 27, and August 10, 10:00–11:30 a.m.**

■ Genealogy Club

Discover genealogical resources with our Archivist and the Oshawa Public Libraries' Local History Librarian. Ask questions and share tips with fellow researchers. Beginners and experienced researchers are welcome.

Online **Wednesday, June 19, 2:00–3:30 p.m.**

■ Starlore and Constellations of Indigenous North America

What's out there? Join us for an Indigenous interpretation of the night skies hosted by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

In partnership with the Whitby Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Central Library **Thursday, June 20, 6:45–8:15 p.m.**



🕒 Dental Health

Good oral health is important for children as they grow. Healthy teeth are necessary for helping develop good speech, healthy eating habits and social skills. The Oral Health Division of Durham Region will share information to help you access dental care for your family.

Rossland Branch **Friday, June 21, 11:00–11:30 a.m.**



■ Dating Decoded

Demystify the dating experience and explore love online! Learn the ins and outs of crafting an appealing dating profile that truly represents you. You'll also have the chance to connect with others embarking on the same journey. Share ideas, discuss experiences, and gain insights in a respectful and supportive environment.

Central Library **Thursday, July 4, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

■ There's No Place Like the Library!

Carry home your summer reads in style. Decorate a tote bag with designs made with the Cricut cutting machine. Fine motor skills are required. Materials provided.

Brooklin Branch **Monday, July 15, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

🕒 Crafting Zone—Larger Than Life

Drop-in and explore some of the exciting things our large format printer can make. Live printing demonstrations at 7:20 p.m. and 7:40 p.m.

Central Library **Thursday, July 25, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

■ **Murder Mystery... in Space!**

Houston, we have a problem! Search for clues in this interactive game to solve this space case.

Central Library **Thursday, August 8, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

■ **Tiny Tomes**

Dive into the world of miniatures and create your own mini library. Fine motor skills are required. Materials provided.

Brooklin Branch **Monday, August 12, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

■ **Computer and Online Security Basics**

This workshop will teach you how to protect your computer from viruses, malware, trojans, rootkits, etc., as well as the basics in protecting yourself online from socially engineered hacking scams such as phishing.

Central Library **Thursday, August 22, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**



Save the date!

Whitby **FanCon**

WhitCAF is now Whitby FanCon
New name, same incredible event!

Central Library **Saturday, October 5, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

More information at
whitbylibrary.ca/FanCon

Adult Book Clubs

Read. Discuss. Connect. Books are better when they're shared.

Selections are available in alternate formats. Ask staff for details or visit our online program calendar.

Registration for Fall Book Clubs opens Saturday, July 27, 9:00 a.m.

■ Brooklin Branch Book Club

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Monday, June 10, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

■ Midweek Murders

Andrea (our resident mystery buff!) offers up new title suggestions—and a few classic ones—that you may want to try.

Rossland Branch

Tuesday, June 11, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

■ Central Fiction Book Club

Register to attend in person or online.

Five Little Indians by Michelle Good

Wednesday, June 12, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

■ Central Evening Non-fiction Book Club

Register to attend in person or online.

Permanent Astonishment by Tomson Highway

Wednesday, June 12, 7:00pm–8:30 p.m.

■ Online Book Club

Register to attend online.

Motorcycles and Sweetgrass by Drew Hayden Taylor

Thursday, June 20, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



Organizing your own book club?
Borrow a book club set from us!

whitbylibrary.ca/book-club-in-a-bag



On the cover...

5-year-old Advay and his family are regular visitors at the Brooklin Branch! His favourite books include Dinosaur ABCs, PJ Masks, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Not only does Advay spend time reading during the summer, but he also loves to play soccer!

Feature Story

Bigger than ever! 2024 Battle of the Books is a major hit for Whitby students.

For more than 15 years, avid young readers have been absorbing massive amounts of details in hundreds of books so they can compete in the wildly popular Battle of the Books. This program takes a book trivia competition to the next level. How does it work? Librarians from across Durham Region craft a series of questions from a pre-selected book list. Students spend months reading and practicing mock questions with their teammates.

Competition ready

On Battle day, the Central Library and Brooklin Branch are packed with excited teams vying for a spot to move on to the next round. Library moderators ask a series of questions to test the readers' knowledge to earn points. Teams only have 20 seconds to come up with the right answer! It's impressive to see how hard these readers work to retain the tiniest of details.

Everyone is a winner

Battle of the Books engages hundreds of young readers from across the region but it also provides a wonderful opportunity for libraries to work directly with Durham schools. This allows our staff to forge relationships with school librarians and to share the power and love of reading. We are already counting the days until next year!

Fast facts

- In 2024, we had 38 teams with more than 300 students participating.
- Whitby has the highest number of participants in the Region!
- Participants range in age from 9–13 in two divisions: junior and intermediate.
- White Pine is the book competition for high school students.
- This year was generously sponsored in part by the Whitby Rotary Club.



The Whitby Public Library acknowledges that we are on the Treaty and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. May we respectfully honour the knowledge and understanding of the Indigenous stewards of these ancestral lands and ensure that the voices of the First Peoples are represented in our collections, programs and services.



Newcomer Settlement Services

Supporting newcomers, immigrants and their families in their settlement journey. To book an appointment, please call 647-925-8929 or 905-686-2661 Ext. 200.

Central Library

Mondays, 12:00–8:00 p.m.

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Branch Locations and Hours

All locations will be closed July 1, August 5 and Sundays, June 23–September 1.

Central Library

405 Dundas Street West
Whitby, ON L1N 6A1

Monday–Thursday

9:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
(6:00 p.m. July 5–August 30)

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Telephone 905–668–6531

Brooklin Branch

8 Vipond Road
Brooklin, ON L1M 1B3

Monday–Thursday

10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Telephone 905–655–3191

Rossland Branch

701 Rossland Road East
Whitby, ON L1N 8Y9

Tuesday–Thursday

10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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