

Discover WPL

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Whitby Public Library | doorway to discovery

Children's Programs

🕒 **Babies, Movement and Music**

0–18 months with caregiver

A playful approach to literacy-rich songs, stories, and action rhymes.

Brooklin Branch **Mondays, February 26–March 25 and April 15–May 13, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

Central Library **Wednesdays, February 28–April 3 and April 17–May 22, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

Rossland Branch **Thursdays, February 29–April 4 and April 18–May 23, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

🕒 **Toddler Time**

19–35 months with caregiver
Enhance language development for your child through stories, songs, and movement in a high energy environment designed for fun and engagement.

Central Library **Mondays, February 26–March 25 and April 15–May 13, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

Rossland Branch **Tuesdays, February 27–April 2 and April 16–May 21, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

Brooklin Branch **Thursdays, February 29–April 4 and April 18–May 23, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

■ **Numbers, Rhymes and Storytimes**

Ages 3–4

Expand language, number familiarity, and encourage school readiness. This program helps foster a love of learning and interacting with others.

Central Library **Tuesdays, February 27–April 2 and April 16–May 21, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch

Wednesdays, February 28–April 3 and April 17–May 22, 10:30–11:00 a.m.



🕒 **Sensory Storytime**

Ages 2–5 with caregiver
Sensory-friendly stories and songs followed by sensory-based activity time. Children will touch and play with a variety of colourful objects. Caregivers are encouraged to join the fun.

Central Library **Thursdays, February 29–April 4 and April 18–May 23, 10:30–11:15 a.m.**

🕒 **Drop-In Family Storytime**

All ages
Families listen to stories and sing songs together in a playful setting.

Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch
Fridays, March 1–May 24, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Central Library

Saturdays, March 2–May 25, 10:30–11:00 a.m.



🕒 **Little Explorers**

Ages 2–4 with caregiver
Explore STEAM with fun activities in this sensory based program.

Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch
Fridays, March 1–May 24, 11:00–11:30 a.m.

🕒 **Paper Bag Princess Storytime**

All ages
Calling all Robert Munsch fans! This event is for you. This special storytime features the Munsch classic The Paper Bag Princess. Stand Up to Dragons!

Brooklin Branch **Friday, March 1, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

Central Library **Saturday, March 2, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

🕒 **Islamic Storytime and Celebration**

All ages
A fun event for the whole family. Learn about the lunar calendar, Ramadan's month of fasting, and how Eid is celebrated through storytime, crafts, colouring, and henna. *In partnership with Muslim Women of Durham Region.*

Brooklin Branch **Saturday, March 2, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

🕒 **LEGO® Club**

JK–Grade 4
Bring your imagination to this exciting and creative program. Learn, build, and play with LEGO® bricks.

Brooklin Branch **Mondays, March 4–March 25 and April 15–May 13, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

Central Library **Fridays, March 1–May 24 (No session March 29), 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

■ **Exploration Lab**

Grades 4–6
Ready, set, go! It's time for a design challenge. Create and engineer a solution to a challenge choosing items from our Discovery Cart and tech toys.

Brooklin Branch **Wednesdays, March 6, April 10, and May 8, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

Central Library **Tuesdays, April 9, and May 7, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

P.A. Day Boredom Busters!

🕒 **Wii Will, Wii Will, Rock You** Grades 3–6

Bring the family and come game like it's 2007! Show off your Wii Sports skills, try some mini games, and race around some classic Mario Kart tracks.

Central Library

Monday, April 8, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



🕒 **Come Sail Away** All ages

Build your own wooden boat using a variety of craft materials.

Brooklin Branch Monday, April 8, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

🕒 **Game Club** Grades 3–6

This is the place to play new and retro video games and meet new friends. Every week will be different. What will we play next?

Central Library Thursdays, March 7–May 23, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

■ **How Does Your Garden Grow?** Grades 2–4

Welcome spring by hiding some Easter eggs in your own paper spring garden.

Rossland Branch Saturday, March 23, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Garden Club: Read, Know, Grow!** Grades 1–3

What does a plant need to grow? Why are bees important? Where do seeds come from? Discover the plant cycle and learn gardening basics. Try something new each month!

Brooklin Branch

Tuesdays, March 26, April 30, and May 28, 4:00–5:00 p.m.



■ **Chess Club** Grades 2–8

Learn new skills and practice with others in this five-week session. Familiarity with chess and its rules is necessary to participate.

Central Library Wednesdays, March 27, April 3, April 17, May 8, and May 22, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Children's Book Clubs

■ **Book Pirates** Grades 4–5

Central Library Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

March 6 **A Rover's Story** by Jasmine Warga

April 10 **Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell** by Chris Colfer

May 1 **The Bridge Home** by Padma Venkatraman

Brooklin Branch Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Feb 29 **The Case of Windy Lake** by Michael Hutchinson

April 11 **The Terrible Two** by Mac Barnett

May 9 **Holes** by Louis Sachar

■ **Page Turners** Grades 6–8

Central Library Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

March 20 **King and the Dragonflies** by Kacen Callender

April 24 **Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor** by Xiran Jay Zhao

May 15 **City of Dragons** by Jaimal Yogis and Vivian Truong

Brooklin Branch Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

March 5 **The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman

April 9 **Wink** by Rob Harrell

May 7 **The Iron Trial** by Holly Black

🕒 **Frog-tastic Storytime** All ages

Frog-themed stories and songs followed by an opportunity to learn about the Toronto Zoo's Adopt-A-Pond Wetland Conservation program!

Central Library Saturday, April 6, 10:30–11:00 a.m.





■ All the Little Birdies Go Tweet, Tweet, Tweet

Grades 3–8

Celebrate Earth Day by making an “impeckable” bird house. This program requires the use of a hammer.

Safety goggles will be provided and must be worn.

Rosland Branch

Saturday, April 20, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

⦿ Earth Day Storytime and Birdfeeder craft

All ages

We’ll start with a storytime and then head to the craft tables.

In partnership with the Town of Whitby.

Central Library

Saturday, April 27, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

■ Light the way to the Force! Grades 4–6

May the 4th be with you! Make a Star Wars inspired paper lantern to celebrate Star Wars Day!

Rosland Branch **Friday, May 3, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

■ Mums for Moms Grades 2–4

It’s a celebration of two wonderful things. Springtime and mothers! Make beautiful flowers for a loved one with our Cricut cutter designs.

Rosland Branch

Saturday, May 4, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

⦿ Card Creation Station Grades JK +

Is there someone you know who could use a smile? Craft a personalized greeting card... just bring your creativity.

Brooklin Branch

Saturday, May 11, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

March Break

⦿ March Break Scavenger Hunt All ages

Our popular Scavenger Hunts are back! Search the library for hidden pictures. Stop by the desk and ask for a tracking sheet. Happy sleuthing!

All locations

Friday, March 8–Sunday, March 17

⦿ Games and Giggles All ages

Are you competitive? Perfect! Bring your A-game and test your skills on a variety of games and activities.

Brooklin Branch

Friday, March 8, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

■ Exploration Lab Grades 4–6

Can you complete this month’s challenge with items from our Discovery Cart? You have one hour to complete your mission!

Central Library

Monday, March 11, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

⦿ Craft Extravaganza Grades 2+

Time to get creative! Drop in to make your next masterpiece featuring a variety of crafting materials.

Central Library

Tuesday, March 12, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ Bathing in the Moonlight Grades 3–6

Paint a beautiful night landscape and add a focal point from a choice of Indigenous Canadian animals. Led by Indigenous artist Victoria Grant, also known as Vicky the Real Artist.

Rosland Branch

Tuesday, March 12, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



Programs

■ **Global Dance Party** Grades 1–6
Dance your way around the world as you sample music from various cultures.

Presented by The Travelling Stage.

Brooklin Branch

Tuesday, March 12, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

⦿ **Livi and Friends Live Musical Show** Ages 0–7
Get ready to sing, dance, jump, and learn! Enjoy singing and dancing along to Livi's favourite educational songs.

Central Library

Wednesday, March 13, 2:30–3:15 p.m.

⦿ **Fingerprint Buttons** All ages (5 and under with caregiver)

Buttons are so 2024! Create a one-of-a kind button that you can keep or share with a friend.

Rossland Branch

Wednesday, March 13, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

⦿ **Discovery Cart Crafternoon** Grades 3–6
The discovery cart is open for your exploration. Choose from an assortment of tech devices and traditional crafting materials.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, March 13, 2:30–4:00 p.m.

■ **Art Bot** Grades 2–4
Did you know pool noodles are perfect for making robots? Come and make your own with us.

Rossland Branch

Thursday, March 14, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

⦿ **Secret Garden** Grades 1–6
What could it be? Become a gardener and detective as you plant and care for your mystery seed.

Brooklin Branch

Thursday, March 14, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

⦿ **Family Game Club** Grades 3–6
Bring your grown-ups and challenge them to new and retro games.

Central Library

Thursday, March 14, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

⦿ **Stay Safe with Thomas** All ages
Our friends at Metrolinx are joining us for this special storytime. Learn about railway safety.

Central Library

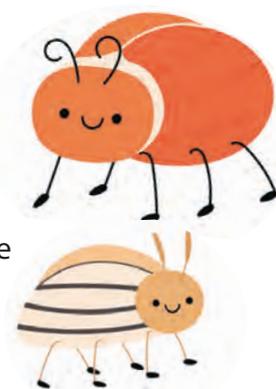
Friday, March 15, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

⦿ **Bug Out**
All ages (5 and under with caregiver)

It's an insect extravaganza! Use materials from our Discovery Cart to make bugs that don't bite.

Rossland Branch

Friday, March 15, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



⦿ **March Break LEGO® Club** Grades 1–3
Bring your imagination to this exciting and creative program. Build and play with LEGO® bricks.

Brooklin Branch Monday, March 11, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Central Library Friday, March 15, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

⦿ **Life-Size Candy Land** All ages
It's Candy Land but bigger!

Play a round of the classic board game with your family on our giant Candy Land game.

Central Library

Saturday, March 16, 2:00–4:00 p.m.



■ **c_wonder Library STEM Workshop**
Grades 5–8

Discover the world of engineering! Learn fundamentals of the engineering design process by tackling design challenges and putting your STEM knowledge to the test.

In partnership with Ontario Tech University.

Brooklin Branch

Saturday, March 16, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Teen Programs

🕒 **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** Grades 7–12
TAG is a chance to work with other teens, 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 **Wednesdays, March 20, April 17, and May 15, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

■ **Volunteer Training Session** Grades 7–12
Don't want to commit to the advisory group? No problem! We're looking for teens interested in general volunteering with the library! If you would like to be considered for volunteer opportunities, make sure to attend our training session. You'll learn the ins and outs of our programs and services.

Central Library
Mondays, March 4 and May 13, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

🕒 **Evening Art Crew** Grades 7–12
Looking for a spot to hang-out with like-minded creatives? Want to draw, paint, and create alone or with friends? This is your spot! Bring your own work or come in and see what inspires you.

Brooklin Branch
Wednesday, March 13, 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 16, 6:30–8:00 p.m.



■ **Teen Mario Kart Tournament** Grades 7–12
Put your skills to the test! Race against your peers and see who comes out on top in this fast-paced tournament.
Central Library **Thursday, March 14, 2:30–4:00 p.m.**

🕒 **Teen Game Club** Grades 7–12
Come play new and retro video games, such as Super Mario, Legend of Zelda, Smash Bros, and more!
Central Library **Tuesday, May 14, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Are You Up for The Challenge? Reading Challenges at WPL

Log your reading on the app to earn badges and chances to win cool prizes.



January 1– May 20

Bookworm Reading Challenge Ages 0–12
Every bookworm needs their brain food! Kids can feed their minds by tracking books they read this winter and earn badges along the way.

Master of Minutes Grades 7–12
There's treasure to be found at the end of the story. Log your reading, earn badges, and enter prize draws. Let the adventure begin!

Cozy Reading Challenge Ages 18–109
'Tis the season for coziness! Grab a blanket, your fluffy socks, and sink into a good book. Log your reading to earn badges.



January 1– December 31

Pride 365 Reading Challenges All ages
Celebrate Pride year-round with LGBTQ+ themed book recommendations and activities!

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



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 only register for one appointment per month.

Times and dates vary by month. Contact any branch for more information.

🕒 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.

Brooklin Branch

Mondays, March 4–May 27, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Central Library

Thursdays, March 7–May 30, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

■ Infant and Toddler Sleep Seminar

Sleep is on the way! Receive tips and advice on how to get your baby into a healthy sleep routine.

Presented by Holly Jefferd, Certified Infant and Toddler Sleep Consultant

Brooklin Branch

Monday, March 4, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Rossland Branch

Thursday, April 4, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

■ 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, March 4 *The Chicken or the Egg First?*

Playing with Structure

Tuesday, April 2 *He Said, She Said, They Said: Writing Dialogue*

Monday, May 6 *Inspiration Everywhere: Paint Chip Prompts*

■ Could you Speak up Please?

Harima Amem from Hear Right Canada will discuss hearing health, education and solutions.

Rossland Branch **Wednesday, March 6, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

🕒 Crafting Zone

Central Library, **7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Thursday, March 7 *Bookmark It!*

Are you an avid reader? Want the perfect button and bookmark to prove just how much you love reading? Learn the necessary skills to use our button makers, die cutter, and laminator.

Monday, April 8 *Recapture Your Memories*

Shoe boxes may be a simple way to store your family's old photos and negatives, but we have a better way to share these memories. We'll show you how to preserve old photos digitally through scanning, so they'll be easy to share for years to come.



🕒 English Conversation Circles for Newcomers

Practice English, meet new people, and learn about Canada with help from Community Development Council Durham (CDCD) volunteers. 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, March 7–May 30, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

■ 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

Saturdays, March 9, April 6, and May 4, 10:00–11:30 a.m.



🕒 Cozy Corner

Ground yourself in the moment with some crafting and colouring. Supplies will be available, such as colouring sheets, watercolour paints, sewing supplies and more. Feel free to bring your own supplies and projects as well.

Central Library **Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, and May 7, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**



■ Pysanky Eggs

This is your chance to make a Ukrainian egg, decorated with intricate designs, using beeswax and layers of coloured dye. All supplies will be provided. Fine motor skills are required.

Brooklin Branch **Saturday, March 23, 1:00–4:00 p.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 **Wednesdays, March 20, April 17, and May 15, 2:00–3:30 p.m.**

■ Durham Storytellers

Come listen and catch the magic with Durham Storytellers this World Storytelling Day! These talented artists are committed to keeping the magic of storytelling alive through folktales, myths, fables and much more.

Central Library

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00–8:00 p.m.



■ Art Talks with Olex

These popular art talks will expand your appreciation of art and culture with the perfect blend of academic influence, humour, and approachability. Join Station Gallery Curator Olex Wlasenko as we continue this dynamic lecture series.

Central Library **Thursdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

March 21 Free Fallin' Art and Gravity

Gravity keeps everything grounded—especially the art world. This presentation examines the ways artists have used gravity expressively, symbolically, and metaphorically. Olex will examine opposing forces such as ascent and descent, weight and weightlessness, hope and despair, even life and death.

April 18 Artus Interruptus

How does an artist know when a piece of work is done? During this encore presentation, Olex will investigate artistic choices—some deliberate, others circumstantial—which resulted in an incomplete creative statement.

May 16 The Birth of a Station

Witches hats, an unsolved murder, graffiti in the attic—Whitby's historic railway station contains many eerie secrets. Join Olex as he uncovers the mysteries preserved in the Station Gallery's heritage building legacy.

■ Durham College Lecture Series

Presented by faculty members who are experts in their fields.

Central Library **Tuesdays, 1:00–2:30 p.m.**

March 26 Bridging the Generation Gap: Can it be done? Presenter: Nicole Doyle

Boomer, GenX, Millennial, GenZ, what's next? In this session, we'll explore generation gaps by discussing how to promote intergenerational understanding in our families, workplaces, and society.

April 30 Urban Agriculture Presenter: Shane Jones

What is urban agriculture, and how is it different from "traditional" agriculture? In this session, we will discuss the factors contributing to communities deciding to grow their own food. Learn about how urban agriculture can easily become part of your life and walk away with a resource on how to build your own urban "farm" at home.



May 28 How AI Can Change the World and Your Life

Presenter: Jonathan Carrigan

AI is not just a technology for scientists and engineers—it's for everyone. In this exciting and interactive talk, learn what AI is, how it works, why it matters, and receive some tips and tricks on how to use it.

■ Collaborating with Kearsley and McMillan

Writing may be a solitary act but sometimes writers decide to work together. Find out how author collaborations work, the challenges and the rewards when Susanna Kearsley (*The Deadly Hours*) and Rachel McMillan (*The Castle Keepers*) get together to share their stories.

Rossland Branch **Tuesday, March 26, 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

■ Black Canadian History with Channon Oyeniran

Learn about the history of Black and Indigenous enslavement in Canada and notable Black Canadian figures from historian and local author Channon Oyeniran. Her historical children's novel, *The Time Travels of Ara: Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad* is featured in the Durham Indie Collection.

In partnership with the Whitby Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Central Library

Wednesday, March 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

■ My Apron My Rules

Personalize an apron for the garden or for the kitchen using our Cricut cutting machine. Basic computer and fine motor skills are required. Materials will be supplied. Two design options available.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, March 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

■ Newborn Care and Postpartum Recovery

Learn the basics of infant feeding and newborn care from an experienced postpartum doula. Topics include caring for a newborn in the first 48-hours and beyond, postpartum recovery, and understanding the basics of perinatal mood disorders.

Central Library **Thursday, March 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

■ An Evening with Black Poets and Spoken Word Artists

Join us for a National Poetry Month celebration with some of Durham Region's most influential poets and spoken word artists.

In partnership with the Whitby Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Central Library **Thursday, April 4, 7:00-8:45 p.m.**

■ Paint a Spring Ornament

It's time to think Spring! Learn how to paint spring-inspired floral patterns on a personalized ceramic ornament with artist Mary Ann Slater. Materials will be provided. Make sure to wear your painting clothes!

Central Library **Thursday, April 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

■ Bollywood Dancing

If you've ever thought about embracing Bollywood Dancing, here's your chance! Check out this fun event featuring Bollywood dancing in a friendly atmosphere. The workshop will be led by experienced instructors from the Arunodhaya Foundation and is suitable for all skill levels.

Central Library **Monday, April 15, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

■ Bird Conservation

Bird populations across North America are declining by the millions each year.

Find out how to help keep wild birds safe and thriving in your community and beyond! Kawartha Bird Control will be on site with a live bird of prey!

Rossland Branch

Tuesday, April 16, 2:30-3:30 p.m.



■ Dog Guide Meet and Greet

Have you thought about being a foster parent for a guide dog? Join us for this information session run by the Lions Foundation of Canada. Find out about what it takes to become a foster parent and meet puppies in training.

Brooklin Branch **Tuesday, April 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

■ Preparing for Death

This interactive program features a conversation about the benefits of talking openly about death. A certified death doula will talk about their role, how they are trained to assist with end-of-life care, and when you might need one.

Central Library **Monday, April 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

■ Fluff 'n' Fold

Does your laundry room need a splash of personality? Have loads of fun making a decorative accessory for your laundry room using our Cricut cutting machine. Basic computer and fine motor skills are required. Materials will be supplied.

Brooklin Branch **Monday, April 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**



■ **WPL Seed Share and Swap**
Just in time for spring sowing! Discover how the library's popular Seed Share program works with this lively information session and Q and A. Participants will have the chance to swap and share their

plants, seed cuttings, and seedlings.
Central Library **Wednesday, April 24, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

■ **Paint Night**

Say hello to spring with a painting bright enough to make you shake off the winter blues! Inspired by the folk art of Maud Lewis, artists will be guided through the making of a painting they can be proud of. Come relax with us!

Brooklin Branch **Thursday, April 25, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

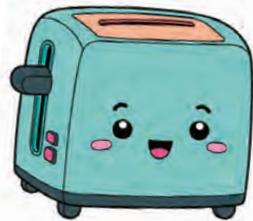
■ **Where Do I Come From? Get Started with Genealogical Research**

It's Archives Awareness Week! Discover FamilySearch and start your family tree. The Oshawa Ontario FamilySearch Centre is on hand to answer your questions.

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

■ **Repair Café**

Have broken or damaged items like a toaster, radio, cellphone? Need to mend a rip in your favorite piece of clothing? Pop by and learn how to fix them with them at our popular Repair Café. Registration is required.



Central Library
Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

■ **DRIFF Presents...**

Come spend the evening with Durham Region's International Film Festival (DRIFF) watching short films and having a conversation about film media.

Central Library **Wednesday, May 1, 6:30–8:45 p.m.**



■ **How to Read Food Labels to Support Healthy Eating**

Understand the different factors that influence our food buying habits, such as fact tables, health claims, ingredients list, nutrition claims, and how food is marketed to us.

Central Library **Thursday, May 2, 6:00–7:30 p.m.**

■ **Tea-Time**

Just days before Mother's Day, discover the history and health benefits of tea, the second most popular beverage in the world. Treat yourself to some delicious tea samples and treats, chat with other tea lovers, and maybe even win a tea gift basket!



Brooklin Branch **Tuesday, May 7, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

■ **An Evening with Bill Allen – Florence McGillivray: The Forgotten Matriarch of Canadian Modernism**

Learn about the influence local artist Florence McGillivray had on Tom Thomson and Canadian Modernism.

Central Library **Thursday, May 9, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**



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phoneitforward.ca

■ **The Art of Needle Felting**

Guided by local artist, Rosemary Oliver, find out more about needle felting and make your own 2D felt creation to take home.

Brooklin Branch **Tuesday, May 14, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

■ **Birding in Whitby**

Field trip! We'll meet at Thicksen's Woods Land Trust just in time for World Migratory Bird Day! A conservation expert will share stories about birds arriving locally to breed and those passing through on their way to northern breeding areas.

In partnership with Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA).

Thicksen Woods **Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

■ **Make a Mug**

Create your own hand-crafted clay mug under the guidance of Barn Swallow Pottery.

Brooklin Branch **Saturday, May 18, 1:00–2:30 p.m.**



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.

■ **Brooklin Branch Book Club**

Register to attend in person or online.

Mondays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

March 11 *The Maid* by Nita Prose

April 8 *If We Were Villains* by M.L. Rio

May 13 *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

■ **Central Evening Non-fiction Book Club**

Register to attend in person or online.

Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

March 13 *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner

April 10 *The Inner Life of Animals* by Peter Wohlleben

May 8 *Superfan* by Jen Sookfong Lee

■ **Central Fiction Book Club**

Register to attend in person or online.

Wednesdays, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

March 20 *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Rayburn

April 10 *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin

May 8 *The Maid* by Nita Prose

■ **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

Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, and

May 14, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

■ **2SLGBTQ Virtual Book Club**

Register to attend online.

The 2SLGBTQ Virtual Book Club is returning, with a new twist. Each month will have a special theme or genre to read but you choose your own title! Then the group will meet and discuss their picks and their recommendations.

Online

Mondays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

March 25 Science Fiction and Fantasy Fiction

April 29 Poetry and Verse Novels

May 27 Comics, Graphic Novels, and Manga

■ **Online Book Club**

Register to attend online.

Thursdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

March 21 *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

April 18 *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue*
by Victoria Schwab

May 16 *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff

Organizing your own book club?
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Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Telephone 905–668–6531

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8 Vipond Road
Brooklin, ON L1M 1B3

Monday–Thursday

10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

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Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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Telephone 905–655–3191

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701 Rossland Road East
Whitby, ON L1N 8Y9

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