

# Discover WPL

March/April/May 2025



**Newcomer Resources** at the Library



Whitby Public Library | doorway to discovery

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.

## Branch Locations and Hours

All locations will be closed April 18, 20, 21 and May 18, 19.

### 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.

**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.

**Sunday and Monday** Closed

Telephone 905–668–1886



When Bhuvana attended a conversation circle at the Central Library six months ago, it was the first time she'd spoken English out loud. "The volunteers were so welcoming; I didn't worry about making mistakes." Bhuvana hasn't looked back saying she's exceptionally proud of her progress. "Hearing other newcomers' perspectives has also helped me build relationships within the group." This is music to Emilia's ears. She's been a volunteer with Community Development Council Durham (CDCD) for more than 14 years.

The Whitby Library was the first Durham library to host the CDCD's popular English Conversation Circles. Our staff work closely with CDCD and other partner agencies to provide a range of programs and workshops to help newcomers feel a sense of belonging in our community.

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**Change the life of someone who's blind.**





# 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 **Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**February 25–April 1, and April 15–May 20**

Central Library **Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**February 26–April 2, and April 16–May 21**

Rossland Branch **Thursdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**February 27–April 3, and April 17–May 22**



## 🕒 **Toddler Time** 19–35 months with caregiver

Enhance language development for your child through stories, songs, and movement.

Central Library **Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**February 24–March 31, and April 14–May 12**

Rossland Branch **Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**February 25–April 1, and April 15–May 20**

Brooklin Branch **Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**February 26–April 2, and April 16–May 21**

## ■ **Stories, Songs and Stretches™**

Ages 3–4 with caregiver

Focusing on early literacy and embodied play. Enjoy stories, gentle movements, and mindfulness.

Rossland Branch **Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**February 26–April 2, and April 16–May 21**

## ■ **Numbers, Rhymes and Storytimes** Ages 3–4

Expand your child's language, number familiarity, and encourage their school readiness.

Central Library **Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**February 25–April 1, and April 15–May 20**

Brooklin Branch **Thursdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**February 27–April 3, and April 17–May 22**

## 🕒 **Sensory Storytime**

Ages 2–5 with caregiver

Sensory-friendly stories and songs followed by sensory-based activity time. Caregivers are encouraged to join the fun!

Central Library **Thursdays, 10:30–11:15 a.m.**

**February 27–April 3, and April 17–May 22**

## 🕒 **Drop-In Family Storytime** All ages

Listen to stories and sing songs together in a playful environment.

Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch

**Fridays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**March 7–May 30**

Central Library **Saturdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**March 8–May 31**

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

Explore STEAM with fun activities in this sensory based program.

Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch

**Fridays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.**

**March 21–May 30**

## 🕒 **LEGO® Club**

Grades JK–4

Bring your imagination to this creative program.

Learn, build, and play with LEGO® bricks.

Brooklin Branch

**Mondays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

**March 3–May 26**

Central Library

**Fridays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

**March 7–May 30**

## 🕒 **Paper Bag Princess Storytime**

All ages

Calling all Robert Munsch fans! This event is for you. This storytime and activity features the Munsch classic “The Paper Bag Princess”. Stand Up to Dragons!

**Saturday, March 1**

Brooklin Branch **10:00–11:00 a.m.**

Central Library **10:30–11:00 a.m.**



# March Break Programs



🕒 **March Break Scavenger Hunt** All ages  
It's time to look for all the hidden images in the Library! How many can you find?

All locations **March 7–16**

🕒 **Games and Giggles** All ages  
Competitive? Bring your A-game and test your skills on a variety of games and activities.  
Brooklin Branch **Friday, March 7, 2:30–4:30 p.m.**

**Bluey Party** All ages  
Play, create, and move like Bluey and Bingo. Join us as we celebrate the imagination and fun of this hit cartoon with crafts, games, and a dance party.

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

🕒 **Brooklin Branch**  
**Monday, March 10, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

🕒 **Central Library**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

■ **Kids' Mario Kart Tournament** Grades 3–6  
Celebrate Mario Day by competing in our annual Mario Kart Tournament!  
Central Library **Monday, March 10, 2:00–3:30 p.m.**

🕒 **Little Explorers March Break Special**  
Ages 2–4 with caregiver  
This sensory based program uses fun activities to explore STEAM.  
Brooklin Branch  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

■ **Games Around the World** Grades 1–3  
Wonder what games children play in different countries? Let's find out together.

Rossland Branch  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

■ **The Brooklin Bee** Grade 4–6  
Do you have mad spelling skills and a friendly sense of competition?  
If so, come see what the buzz is all about and demonstrate your skills at the Brooklin Kids' Spelling Bee!

Brooklin Branch  
**Tuesday, March 11, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**



🕒 **Carnival Masks** All ages  
Join the Carnival fun by decorating your own mask.  
Rossland Branch  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

🕒 **Make a Mask** JK and up  
For centuries, different cultures have expressed themselves through masks. Unleash your creativity and make your own paper plate mask-terpiece.  
Brooklin Branch  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

🕒 **Crafternoon** Grades 2–6  
Time to get creative!  
Drop in to make something fun featuring a variety of crafting materials.  
Central Library  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**



■ **Greek Mythology** Grades 4–6  
Celebrate Greek Heritage Month with crafts and stories inspired by Greek mythology!  
Rossland Branch  
**Thursday, March 13, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

### ■ **Spring Gardening** Grades 1–3

Celebrate spring by learning about the Library's Seed Share program and plant something of your own.

Central Library

Thursday, March 13, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

### ◎ **Family Game Club** All ages

Bring your grown-ups to Game Club and challenge them to new and retro games.

Central Library

Thursday, March 13, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

### ◎ **Stay Safe with Thomas** All ages

Join conductor Greg for an exciting storytime educating children about being safe around train stations and near railway tracks.

Friday, March 14

Rossland Branch 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Central Library 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Brooklin Branch 1:00–1:30 p.m.



### ■ **Minute to Win It** Grades 4–6

In this Minute-to-Win-It inspired program, try to complete mini games in 60 seconds before time runs out!

Central Library Friday, March 14, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

### ■ **The Legend of Codey the Great and the Pot of Gold** Ages 3–4

Has our legendary Code-a-pillar® found the leprechaun's gold? Let's find out as we learn early coding steps through stories and games.

Rossland Branch Friday, March 14, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

## Children's Book Clubs

### ■ **Book Pirates** Grades 4–5

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

March 5 **When You Trap a Tiger** by Tae Keller

April 2 **Apartment 713** by Kevin Sylvester

May 14 **Save Me a Seat** by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

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

March 6 **Book Scavenger** by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

April 3 **Clean Getaway** by Nic Stone

May 8 **The Van Gogh Deception** by Deron R. Hicks

### ■ **Page Turners** Grades 6–8

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

March 19 **Howl's Moving Castle** by Diana Wynne Jones

April 16 **Simon Sort of Says** by Erin Bow

May 21 **Elatsoe** by Darcie Little Badger

### ■ **Brooklin Chess Club** Grades 2–8

Learn new skills and practice with others in this five-week session. Participants must already know how to play chess

Brooklin Branch Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

March 25, April 8, 22, and May 6, 20

### ■ **Central Chess Club** Grades 2–8

Learn new skills and practice with others in this continuation of the six-week session. Participants must already know how to play chess.

Central Library Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

March 26, April 9, 23, and May 7

### ■ **Girls in STEM** Grades 4–6

Things are about to get Nuclear! Learn how we get electricity from a nuclear power plant into our homes. This program is designed to empower girls and non-binary students to explore concepts in STEM in a series of hands-on and engaging activities.

In partnership with AECOM Canada Nuclear Services.

Brooklin Branch

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30–7:30 p.m.



### ■ **Square Knits** Grades 4–8

Learn to cast on, knit, purl, and cast off. Please bring a pair of 6 mm needles. Yarn will be provided.

Rossland Branch

**Saturday, March 22, 29, and April 5, 12, 19, 26**

### ☉ **Ramadan Storytime** All ages

Celebrate Ramadan and Eid with a storytime, craft, and henna at this family fun event. Learn about the month of fasting, the lunar calendar, and how Eid is celebrated. *In partnership with Muslim Women of Durham Region.*

Central Library **Saturday March 22, 1:00–3:00 p.m.**

### ☉ **PA Day Scavenger Hunt** All ages

It's time to look for all the hidden images in the Library! How many can you find?

All locations **Monday, March 31**

### ☉ **Boredom Busters** All ages

Keep kids' brains busy and engaged with fun activities.

Brooklin Branch

**Monday, March 31, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

### ☉ **LEGO® Challenge** Grades 1–4

Put your creativity and building skills to the test! Drop in to challenge yourself to a surprise building theme.

Central Library **Monday, March 31, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

### ☉ **Rainbow Bracelet Making** Grades 1 and up

Learn how to make pride flag bracelets to celebrate International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Central Library **Monday, March 31, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**



### ☉ **Funny Bunnies** All ages

Hop into Easter with a cute bunny garland.

Rossland Branch **Friday, April 4, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

### ☉ **April Showers** All ages

Brighten your spring with a colourful, rainy day creation.

Rossland Branch **Friday, April 11, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

### ☉ **Pink Shirt Day Anti-Bullying Storytime**

All ages

Read stories with themes about kindness, honesty, and friendship to fight against bullying.

Central Library **Saturday, April 12, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**



### ■ **Kids' Creative Writing Club** Grades 4–6

If you like to write, this is the club for you! This four-week program will be full of prompts, activities, and challenges to flex your creative writing muscles.

Central Library

**Tuesdays, April 15–May 6, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

### ☉ **Frog-Tastic Storytime** All ages

Ribbiting 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 19, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

### ■ **JEOPARDY!®** Grades 4–6

Test your knowledge with a game of JEOPARDY!®

Central Library

**Saturday, April 19, 3:00–4:00 p.m.**

### ☉ **Asian Heritage Month Family Storytime**

Celebrate Asian heritage month with books and songs.

Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch

**Friday, May 2, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

### ☉ **Storytime with Baby Chicks** All ages

Author Carolyn J. Morris will read her books along with adorable baby chicks!

Central Library **Saturday, May 3, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

🕒 **Picture Perfect for Mother's Day** All ages

Drop by our crafting station and make a cheery picture frame for mom.

Rossland Branch **Saturday, May 3, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**



🕒 **A Story for Everyone: 20 Years of Central Library** All ages

Presented by the Teen Advisory Council, this special event marks two decades of stories, learning, and community. Enjoy fun activities, interactive displays, and celebrate the Library's impact over the years.

Central Library **Saturday, May 10, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

🕒 **Family Portraits** All ages

Pick a scene and have your picture taken in front of select backgrounds using green screen technology.

Brooklin Branch

**Saturday, May 10, 2:00–3:00 p.m.**



■ **Asian Heritage Month: Fan-Tastic Fans**

Grades 1–6

Craft a paper hand fan in celebration of Asian Heritage Month.

Rossland Branch **Saturday, May 12, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**



■ **Earth Day Upcycle** Grades 4–8

Give an old t-shirt new life by upcycling it into a creative tote.

Rossland Branch

**Tuesday, April 22, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

🕒 **Magnet-ficent Animal Magnets**

All ages

Reduce, reuse, and craft! Transform recycled paper into your own animal-themed magnet to celebrate Earth Day.

Brooklin Branch

**Saturday, April 26, 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

🕒 **Earth Day Storytime** All ages

Celebrate Earth Day with a storytime followed by a craft.

Central Library

**Saturday April 26, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**



🕒 **Mental Health Storytime and Craft**

All ages

Stories and crafts encouraging coping with big feelings. In collaboration with Art with a Heart.

Central Library **Saturday, May 17, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**



# Teen Programs

Open to youth in grades 7–12.

## ☉ Teen Café

Drop in anytime to Teen Café, a safe space where youth in grades 7–12 can hang out, play games, and more.

Central Library

Wednesdays, March 5–May 28, 3:30–5:00 p.m.

## ■ Teen Mario Kart Tournament

Celebrate Mario Day by competing in our annual Mario Kart Tournament!

Central Library Monday, March 10, 3:30–5:00 p.m.

## ☉ March Break Hang Hub

Bored with nothing to do? Check out the March Break Hang Hub. Play some games, read some books, do some art. Relax for a while.

Brooklin Branch Thursday, March 13, 7:00–8:00 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.

Brooklin Branch Tuesday, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

March 18, April 15, and May 13

## ■ Teen Murder Mystery

Something strange is afoot in the Library. We need your help to solve the mystery. Grab your deerstalker and your magnifying glass and get ready to figure out whodunnit!

Central Library Tuesday, March 25, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Brooklin Branch Thursday, May 29, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

## ■ Tiny Terrariums

Celebrate spring by making your very own little terrarium! All plants and materials will be provided.

Central Library

Wednesday, May 28,  
7:00–8:00 p.m.





# 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. 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, 1:30–3:30 p.m.**

Central Library **Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**

## ■ 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 **Monday, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**

**March 3** Schemes and Getaways: Writing a Heist

**April 7** Inspiration Everywhere: Found Poetry

**May 5** Trees of Green, Red Roses Too: Writing Wonder

## ■ Durham College Lecture Series

A thought-provoking series presented by a variety of Durham College faculty, experts in their fields. Each session offers fresh insights and engaging discussions. Visit our website for details on lecture topics.

Central Library **Tuesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

**March 4, April 8, and May 6**

## ■ Henna with Hina

Henna is a symbol of joy in many religions and used in celebration of special occasions. Celebrate International Women's Day and immerse yourself in the history and application of henna.

In partnership with the Whitby Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Central Library **Wednesday, March 5, 6:30–8:30 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.

Central Library

**Thursdays, March 6–May 29, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

## ■ Birding in Whitby

Field trip! Meet us at Lynde Shores Conservation Area for World Wildlife Day to explore the early migrants on their way north to breeding areas.

Lynde Shores Conservation Area

**Saturday, March 8, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

## ■ Author Talk with Susanna Kearsley

Local author Susanna Kearsley joins us to discuss her highly anticipated new novel "The King's Messenger".

Central Library **Saturday, March 15, 2:00–3:30 p.m.**



## ■ Adult Trivia Night: March Madness

World Music Therapy Day, International Women's Day, International Day of Mathematics—the list goes on. Join us for a Trivia Night to celebrate the many special days in March—our very own March Madness! Winners will take home a prize donated by The Souk Cafe!

Central Library **Wednesday, March 19, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**

## Poetry Contest

Are you a poet, and do you know it? Celebrate

National

Poetry Month by

writing a poem and submitting it to our Teen or Adult poetry contest!

**April 1–30**



## ■ An Evening with Renée Sgroi

In celebration of National Poetry Month, writer Renée Sgroi is here to discuss her new poetry collection "In a Tension of Leaves and Binding."

Central Library

**Tuesday, April 15, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

## ■ Spoken Word Poetry Workshop

Join Canadian spoken word legend Dwayne Morgan for this dynamic workshop. In

partnership with the Whitby Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Central Library

**Tuesday, April 29, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

## ■ Get the Most Out of Your Healthcare Appointment

Healthcare appointments can be stressful, and it's critical to communicate well. This workshop focuses on what to do before, during, and after an appointment.

Central Library **Thursday, March 20, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

## ■ Murder Mystery Jewel Heist

One last job has turned into two.

Steal the diamond and solve a murder before time runs out!

Central Library

**Monday, March 24, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**



## ■ Cricut® 101

See the Cricut and Cricut Joy in action in this introductory session. Learn how they work and what materials you can use in this hands-on program.

Central Library **Tuesday, March 25, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**

## 🕒 Job Fair with Durham Unemployed Help Centre

Meet employers from different industries and explore job opportunities. Connect with recruiters, learn from experts, and find ways to grow your career.

Central Library

**Wednesday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

## 🕒 Rainbow Recharge All ages

Drop into our safe crafting space to connect with 2SLGBTQ+ folks in the community (allies are also welcome). Use our crafting materials or bring your own project.

Central Library **Friday, 6:00–7:00 p.m.**

**March 28, April 25, and May 30**

## ■ Art Talks with Olex

Join Station Gallery

Curator Olex

Wlasenko for this

dynamic three-

part lecture series.

Central Library

**Monday,**

**7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**March 31 Part 1:**

**Synchronicities:**

**Art and Movies**

Explore the

intersection of

art and film.

**April 14 Part 2:**

**It's About Time**

Discover the

impact of time

on art.

**April 28 Part 3:**

**The Birth of a Station**

Uncover the many eerie secrets of the Station

Gallery's heritage building.

## ■ You've got Mail! A Closer Look at the Whitby Archives

It's Archives Awareness Week! Join us for a discussion about the Whitby Archives, its collections, and its most recent exhibit celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Whitby Post Office.

Central Library **Tuesday, April 1, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**







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

Wondering about your family line? Explore Ancestry Library Edition and get started investigating your family tree.

Central Library **Thursday, April 3, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

### ■ **Local Archaeology**

Learn more about the fascinating discovery process of uncovered items with a member of ASI Heritage as they share the story of the Spencer School, a local heritage site.

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

### ■ **Remembering Vimy**

Find out why people say Canada became a nation after the battle of Vimy Ridge with Ted Barris as he talks about his book, "Victory at Vimy".

Rossland Branch **Wednesday, April 9, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

### ■ **Dog Guide Meet and Greet**

Learn what it takes to become a dog guide foster parent and meet puppies in training.

In partnership with the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Brooklin Branch **Wednesday, April 9, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

### 🕒 **Waste Diversion Event**

Recycle "non-recyclable" items by dropping them off at this special event.

Brought to you by the Rotary Club of Whitby.

Central Library

**Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

## Seniors' Wellness Series

Live Well, Learn More

### ■ **Microsoft Office Basics**

Write your next book or present an idea using PowerPoint, Word, and Excel.

Brooklin Branch

**Tuesday, March 4, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

### ■ **Gentle Yoga for Seniors**

Bring your practice mat or a blanket for this yoga session.

Central Library and online

**Wednesday, March 12, 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

### ■ **Bibliotherapy**

Join us for a guided reading program based on themes that promote wellbeing and resilience.

Rossland Branch

**Tuesday, March 18, 6:00–7:00 p.m.**

Seniors' Wellness Series programs are funded by the Government of Ontario.



## Are You Up for the Challenge?

### Reading Challenges at WPL

#### A Lot of Axolotls Reading Challenge

All ages

Log your reading to earn badges and axolotls. Will the kids, teens, or adults have the most axolotls by the end of the challenge?

**January 6–May 24**



#### Read All Year Challenge

All ages

Track your reading minutes to earn digital badges and a chance to win prizes.

**January 1–December 31**



Scan the code or sign up at  
[whitbylibrary.beanstack.com](http://whitbylibrary.beanstack.com)

#### ■ Repair Café

Have a broken or damaged item? Need to mend a rip in your favourite piece of clothing? Pop by and learn how with a local expert.

**Central Library**

**Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

#### ■ Cricut®: International Plant Appreciation Day

Don't have a green thumb? Not a problem. Make a barrel cactus Cricut creation to celebrate Plant Appreciation Day.

No water or sunlight required!

**Central Library**

**Wednesday, April 16,  
6:30–8:30 p.m.**



#### ■ Vegetable Gardening in Containers

A lack of space for a vegetable garden doesn't mean you can't grow your own. Learn how to successfully grow and harvest fresh food in containers.

*In partnership with Durham Master Gardeners.*

**Central Library Thursday, April 17, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**

#### ■ Composting

Learn about the benefits of composting and how to set up a compost bin. *In partnership with the Region of*

*Durham, the Town of Whitby Environment and Sustainability.*

**Rossland Branch Wednesday, April 23, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**



#### ■ Power of Attorney and Last Will and Testament

What should you know about these documents before you sign? Protect yourself and your estate from fraud.

*Presented by Durham Region Police Service.*

**Rossland Branch**

**Thursday, April 24, 6:00–7:00 p.m.**

#### ■ The Art of De-Cluttering and Downsizing Your Stuff

Want to simplify your home? Get organized? Curious about the mental health benefits of de-cluttering? Don't just spring clean... spring clear!

**Central Library Thursday, May 1, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

#### ■ Teatime

Treat your family to a variety of delicious English teas and treats. Learn about the history of Victorian era teas, chat with other tea lovers, and maybe even win a gift basket from Tessier's Tempting Teas.

**Brooklin Branch Saturday, May 3, 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

#### ■ Secret Garden Shadow Box

Welcome spring with garden-themed decor.

**Brooklin Branch Monday, May 5, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

#### ■ Healthy Routines for Your Child's Mental Health

Join a public health nurse for tips on encouraging good mental health habits for your child, including healthy eating, physical activity, sleep, screen time, and more. *In partnership with the Region of Durham Health Department*

**Rossland Branch Tuesday, May 6, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

#### ■ Butterfly Wreath

Welcome spring with a seasonal butterfly wreath crafted from folded paper.

**Rossland Branch Thursday, May 8, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**



### ■ Introduction to Forest Bathing

Learn the many health benefits of spending time in nature and how to practice forest bathing.

Central Library **Thursday, May 8, 2:00–3:30 p.m.**

### ■ Tiny Tomes

Dive into the world of miniatures and create your own mini library.

Central Library **Tuesday, May 13, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

### 🕒 Mobile ID and Benefits Access

Visit the Mobile Benefit Hub to learn about tax credits and benefits, and for help with identification, getting the Canada Learning Bond and more!

In partnership with Durham Region, CRA, Service Canada, and Service Ontario.

Brooklin Branch

**Saturday, April 5, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

Central Library

**Tuesday, May 20, 11:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.**



### ■ Discover the World of Bees

Learn about urban beekeeping and the little city that is a beehive. In partnership with the Town of Whitby, Environment, and Sustainability.

Rossland Branch **Tuesday, May 20, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

### ■ DRIFF Presents

Spend an evening with the Durham Region International Film Festival enjoying a feature film, followed by a Bibliotherapy session.

Central Library **Thursday, May 22, 6:30–8:45 p.m.**

### ■ Puzzled Art

Piece together a work of upcycled art using puzzles.

Rossland Branch **Wednesday, May 20, 6:30–7:30 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

Attend in person or online.

**Monday, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**March 10 As Long as the Lemon Tree Grows**

by Zoulfa Katouh

**April 14 The Berry Pickers** by Amanda Peters

**May 12 Evil Eye** by Etaf Rum

## ■ Central Fiction Book Club

Attend in person or online.

**Wednesday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.**

**March 19 Remarkably Bright Creatures**

by Shelby Van Pelt

**April 9 Small Game** by Blair Braverman

**May 14 Malibu Rising** by Taylor Jenkins Reid

## ■ Central Non-Fiction Book Club

Attend in person or online.

**Wednesday, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**

**March 12 Radium Girls** by Kate Moore

**April 9 Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands**

by Kate Beaton

**May 14 Spare** by Prince Harry

## ■ Online Book Club

**Thursday, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

**March 20 Evil Eye** by Etaf Rum

**April 17 Crying in H Mart** by Michelle Zauner

**May 15 Remarkably Bright Creatures**

by Shelby Van Pelt

## ■ Midweek Murders

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

Rossland Branch **Tuesday, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

**March 11, April 8, and May 13**

Organizing your own book club?  
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# Feature Story



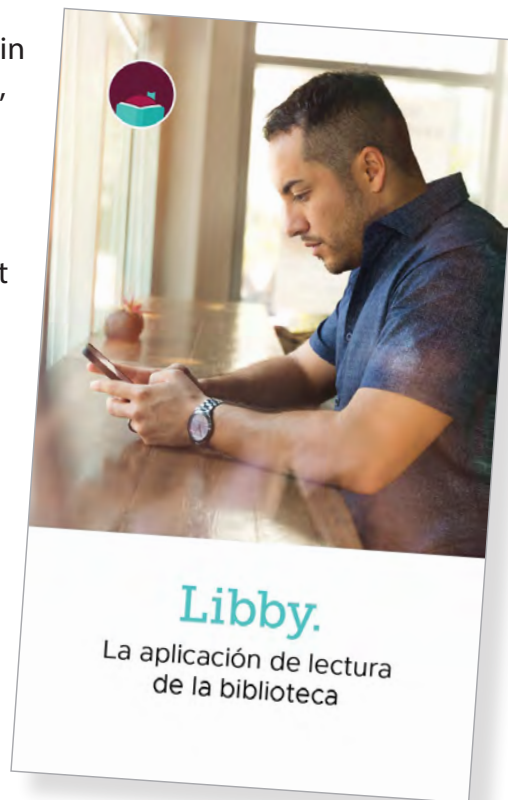
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