



# November/December 2023

## Movie Nights



**Haunted Mansion** (123 min)  
 This 2023 film is a theatrical film adaptation of the Disney theme park attraction of the same name. It stars LaKeith Stanfield, Tiffany Haddish, Owen Wilson, Danny DeVito, Rosario Dawson, Dan Levy, Jamie Lee Curtis and Jared Leto. Rosario Dawson plays single mom Gabbie, who hires a tour guide, a psychic, a priest, and a historian to help exorcise her newly bought mansion after discovering it is inhabited by ghosts.  
**Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 pm**



**Barbie** (114 min)  
 To live in Barbie Land is to be a perfect being in a perfect place. Unless you have a full-on existential crisis. Or you're a Ken. Starring Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling. Directed by Greta Gerwig.  
**Thursday, November 9th at 6:30 pm**  
**and Thursday, November 23rd at 6:30 pm**



**Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning** (163 min)  
 Ethan Hunt and the IMF team must track down a terrifying new weapon that threatens all of humanity if it falls into the wrong hands. With control of the future and the fate of the world at stake, a deadly race around the globe begins.  
**Thursday, November 16th at 6:00 pm\***  
 \*early start due to the length of the film



**Little Women** (135 min)  
 Revisit one of our favourite films of the past few years, Greta Gerwig's Little Women. Starring Meryl Streep, Laura Dern, Emma Watson and Saoirse Ronan.  
 The perfect film to start off your holiday season!  
**Thursday, November 30th at 6:30 pm**



**Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny** (154 min)  
 In this fifth and final installment of the franchise, Archaeologist Indiana Jones races against time to retrieve a legendary artifact that can change the course of history.  
**Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 pm\***  
**And Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 pm\***  
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**There are no screenings on December 21st or December 28th, but we'll be back in January!**  
 Movie tickets are \$2 each and are available at the Circulation Desk one week in advance

## Connecting Through Theatre!



The Theatre on the Ridge First Read Club invites you to the production table with the company's artistic staff and artists to discover a new play each month. Each session will feature a unique play to be read aloud, followed by creative discussion and conversation.

The First Read Club is open to everyone and is part of the popular Connecting Through Theatre program. No experience necessary - attendees have the option to read aloud with the "cast" or listen only.

### **November's Play: Dancock's Dance by Guy Vanderhaeghe**

An emotionally haunting play in which one broken man clings breathlessly to a hope for redemption, Dancock's Dance is set in the aftermath of the first World War and dramatizes the true story of the inmates of the Saskatchewan Hospital for the Insane, who kept the institution functioning when staff were struck with Spanish flu.

### **December's Play: The Patron Saint of Stanley Park by Hiro Kanagawa**

Siblings Josh and Jennifer are coping with the Christmas Eve disappearance of their father. On the one year anniversary the children set out on a trek to Vancouver's Stanley Park where they experience wondrous visions that help them understand the truth about their dad and the healing power of love.

**When: Tuesday, November 7th and Tuesday, December 5th, with a choice of 2 sessions:**

**1 to 3 pm or 6:30 to 8:30 pm** There is no cost for The First Read Club but pre-registration 48 hours prior is requested. Pre-register online at [theatreontheridge.ca/connecting-seniors/](http://theatreontheridge.ca/connecting-seniors/) or contact Michael Serres at [lifestheatre@gmail.com](mailto:lifestheatre@gmail.com)

## Travelogue Presentation



Join us for an engaging presentation and lively Q&A with photographer, author, television host and world-traveler, Jonathan van Bilsen. Join Jonathan for a presentation on his recent trip to Rome, Italy.

**When: Wednesday, November 22nd at 3 pm**

Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 905-985-7686 x101

## Brain Waves Cafe

Offered in partnership with Alzheimer Society Durham, Brain Waves Café is an informal monthly drop-in Café for persons with cognitive change and their care partners, family and friends. This program involves stimulating conversation, social interaction, and support in a dementia friendly atmosphere. Coffee, tea and light refreshments available free of charge.

Please call or email to register: 905-576-2567 x5240 or [recreation@alzheimerdurham.com](mailto:recreation@alzheimerdurham.com)

**When: Tuesday, November 21st and Tuesday, December 19th, 1-2:30pm**

## Our Annual Snowflake Sale Returns for 2023!



Visit us for an opportunity to browse and buy a wide variety of items, all handcrafted by local artists and artisans. This is a great way to browse for unique gift ideas and support your library at the same time, as we receive a portion of all sales.

**When: Friday, November 24th to Thursday, December 21st during Library hours of operation**

## Early Literacy Programs



### Babytime

For newborn to 16 months and their parent or caregiver. Join Leslie for 30 minutes of songs, bounces and stories! Please visit or call the Information Desk at 905-985-7686 x101 to register.

**When: Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 11 am from November 21st to December 13th**



### Toddler Time

The next step for toddlers ages 16 months up to 3 years with their parent or caregiver. This is a drop-in program and registration is not required.

**When: Tuesdays from 10 am to 10:45 from November 21st to December 12th**



### Family Storytime

Join us for stories, songs and movement for children ages 0 to 6 with their parent or caregiver. This is a drop-in program and registration is not required.

**When: Wednesdays from 10 am to 10:45 from November 22nd to December 13th**

## All Ages Saturday Family Fun!



Join us on Saturday mornings for family fun and creativity! We'll have crafts and activities for children and their parents or caregivers to work on together and Leslie will share some stories and songs. Drop in anytime between 10:30 and 12 for some free family fun! Registration is not required.

**When: Saturdays at 10:30 am to 12 pm from November 18th to December 16th**

## EarlyOn @ the Library

### Musical Babies

This program will introduce children to interactive songs, nursery rhymes, music, creative movement and musical instruments. Parents/caregivers will learn how to make and incorporate music and musical instruments into your child's everyday play experiences while promoting a healthy lifestyle and intimate social bonds.

**When: Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 pm from October 30th to November 27th**

This is a drop-in program and registration is not required



## Bakersville: A Holiday Tradition Continues

We're happy to host Bakersville, with a crew of volunteers who transform the Kent Farndale Gallery into a dazzling winter wonderland! This popular community event will run throughout December and a visit to Bakersville is a great way to celebrate the season for people of all ages!

**Bring your creations in during the drop-off dates below:**

Monday, November 27th—between 10 am and 6 pm

Tuesday, November 28th—between 10 am and 9 pm

Wednesday, November 29th—between 10 am and 6 pm

Thursday, November 30th— between 10 am and 9 pm

**Visiting the Village:** Bakersville opens on Saturday, December 2nd at 10 am and runs until close on January 3rd during the Library's hours of operation.

**The Library will be closed on December 24th, 25th, 26th and January 1st**



# An Evening with Author Lucy E.M. Black

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**LUCY E.M. BLACK**

Tuesday,  
November 21st  
at 7:00pm

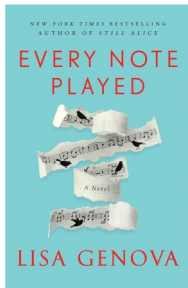


To celebrate the release of renowned local author, Lucy E.M. Black's fourth book, *The Brickworks*, we will be hosting an up-close and interactive evening with the author! Lucy will share the fascinating evolution of *The Brickworks*: her inspiration for the book, her research and writing process, as well as her personal connections to the story and characters. There will be a Q+A after the presentation and an opportunity to have a copy of the book signed by the author. Copies of, "The Brickworks," will be available to purchase at the event.

**When: Tuesday, November 21st at 7 pm**

Tickets to this special presentation are free and can be picked-up at the circulation desk in the library starting November 1st. Spaces are limited, so get your tickets early!

# SMPL Evening Book Club



Join a group of fellow readers, for tea, treats and a lively discussion. This month, we will discuss *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova. Poignant and powerful, *Every Note Played* is a masterful exploration of redemption and what it means to find peace inside of forgiveness.

Extra copies of the book are available to borrow.

**When: Thursday, November 30th at 7 pm, registration is not required**

# Tea & Books



Don't miss the next Tea & Books at the library! Join us for tea, treats and booktalks from some of our staff members' current favourite titles.

Come and discover some great new reads!

Registration is not required.

**When: Thursday, December 7th at 2 pm**

# North Durham Nature Presents

## “Colombia: Biodiversity Gone Berserk” with James Kamstra

Due to its strategic location and range of landforms, Colombia has more species of birds than any other country in the world and also supports an extremely rich variety of insects, amphibians and plants. Presenter James Kamstra has travelled through a good representation of Colombia and will be sharing his experiences with the land, people and wildlife of this remarkable country.

James Kamstra is a biologist and photographer who has travelled widely and led nature tours to many destinations in South and Central America. He is also the president of North Durham Nature.

Presented in partnership with North Durham Nature. Registration is not required and all are welcome!

**When: Tuesday, November 28th, 7 to 8:30 pm**