



May 2024

Heart of the Story Author Series



Please join us for an author reading and Q&A with Hollay Ghadery, Poet Laureate of Scugog and author of *Rebellion Box* and *Fuse*.

Presented in partnership with the Scugog Council for the Arts, Heart of the Story is an ongoing, monthly series for writers and readers in the community, featuring a different, well-known and established author sharing their knowledge and experiences in the Canadian publishing industry.

When: Tuesday, May 14th from 7 to 8:30 pm
Registration is not required

North Durham Nature Presents

Join North Durham Nature for: *The Bruce Trail: A Ribbon of Wilderness for Everyone* with Jay Thibert. The Bruce Trail is more than just a footpath. It plays a crucial role in protecting and preserving one of Canada's irreplaceable natural wonders – The Niagara Escarpment. Jay Thibert will share his experiences exploring some of the 900km of trail that crosses Ontario from Queenston on the Niagara River to Tobermory on the Bruce Peninsula. Come and hear about the trail's diverse landscapes, unique geology and its biological treasures. You will be inspired to lace up your boots and discover the wonders of the Escarpment.

When: Tuesday, May 28th at 7 pm

Presented in partnership with North Durham Nature. You do not have to be a member of North Durham Nature to attend this presentation. Registration is not required and all are welcome!

Spring Garden Crafts

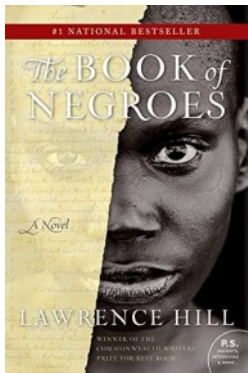


Join us for an evening of crafting! Upcycle ordinary household items into beautiful and functional outdoor decorations. Participants will also learn how you can use our Makerspace to create unique plant markers for your garden.

When: Tuesday, May 21st at 7 pm
For adults (18 and up).

Spaces are limited, so please pre-register by visiting the Information Desk or calling 905-985-7686 x101
All supplies are provided and this program is offered free of charge.

SMPL Evening Book Club



Join a group of fellow readers for an evening of lively discussion. Extra copies of the book are available to borrow.

Selected Title for the May Meeting: The Book of Negroes by Lawrence Hill

This award-winning novel is a work of historical fiction, The Book of Negroes tells the story of Aminata Diallo, who is captured by slave traders in Africa and brought to America.

When: Thursday, May 30th at 7 pm in the Group Meeting Room

Registration is not required.

Free 55+ Exercise Classes

We have partnered with Community Care to continue to offer exercise classes through their Falls Prevention program in the Library's Rotary Room. These programs are open to those aged 55 and up and are offered free of charge.

Exercise & Falls Prevention: Gentle exercises for increased balance, strength and flexibility

When: Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 2 pm, from May 2nd to 30th

First-time participants can register with the instructor at their first class.

Makerspace Classes

Do you have project ideas for the new Makerspace equipment but feel like you need an introduction to get you started? Sign up for one of the following small group (2 people) classes. These classes are free and have very limited registration. Please register at the information desk or by calling 905-985-7686 x101

Intro to Glowforge: this 90 minute class will introduce you to our laser cutter/engraver – ideal for use with wood, acrylic and card stock. You will explore the Glowforge app and learn how to select and modify a basic project to send to the Glowforge. **When: Wednesday, May 22nd at 10:30 am**

Intro to Cricut: this 90 minute class will introduce you to our craft cutter – ideal for cutting paper, card stock, and vinyl or drawing with infusible ink. You will explore the Cricut Design app and learn how to select and create a basic project to send to the Cricut.

When: Wednesday, May 29th at 10:30 am

The projects will be pre-selected by staff and any materials needed will be supplied at no cost.

Teen D.I.Y. Drop In



Drop by the library to socialize, create, and eat!

This month, we'll be turning books into works of art using a variety of art supplies. No art experience or skills required. Supplies and snacks will be provided.

When: Tuesday, May 14th at 3 pm to 4:30 pm

Registration is not required.

Open to all teens (grades 7 to 12).

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 from 11 to 11:30 am from May 7th to 29th

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: Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 10 to 10:45 am from May 7th to 29th



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 between 10:30 and 12 for some free family fun! Registration is not required.

When: Saturdays at 10:30 am to 12 pm on May 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

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 on May 6th, 13th and 27th

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



Annual Drag Queen Storytime Returns



The Award-Winning Drag Queen Storytime returns! Featuring two fabulous queens, this family-friendly program showcases children's stories that celebrate diversity and inclusion. Doors will open at 3 pm with crafts and activities for kids.

When: Saturday, May 25th at 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Due to the popularity of this event, we are asking everyone to please pre-register so that we don't exceed room capacity. You can register by calling for visiting the Information Desk. Please have your library card number handy!

Presented in partnership with the Durham Children's Aid Society, Youth Pride Durham and Durham Region Public Libraries

May Movie Nights



Mr. Malcolm's List (1hr 57min)

When she fails to meet an item on his list of requirements for a bride, Julia Thistlewaite is jilted by London's most eligible bachelor, Mr. Malcolm. Feeling humiliated and determined to exact revenge, she convinces her friend Selina Dalton to play the role of his ideal match. Soon, Mr. Malcolm wonders whether he's found the perfect woman...or the perfect hoax.

Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30 pm

Joan Baez: I Am Noise (Documentary) (1 hr 53 min)

At the end of a 60-year career, legendary singer and activist Joan Baez takes an honest look back and a deep look inward as she tries to make sense of her large, history-making life, and the personal struggles she's kept private.

Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 pm



Driving Madeleine (Une Belle Course) (1 hr 31 min)

In French, with English subtitles

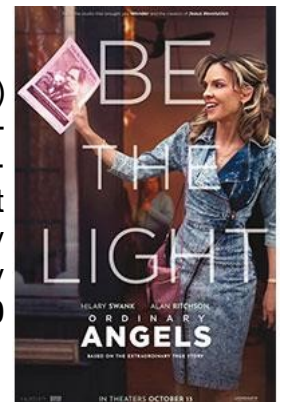
A seemingly simple taxi ride across Paris evolves into a profound meditation on the realities of the driver and his fare, a 92-year-old woman whose warmth belies her shocking past. Charles is a taxi driver in Paris, and he is having a very bad day. Enter Madeleine, who informs Charles that the trip today will not be a direct one. She is moving into a nursing home and would like to make some stops along the way predicting that this might be her last car ride through the city. Their ride takes them through the momentous locations of her life and their brief friendship deepens as Madeleine listens to Charles confess his own worries.

Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 pm

Ordinary Angels (1 hr 58 min)

Based on a remarkable true story of Sharon Steves, a fierce but struggling small-town hairdresser who discovers a renewed sense of purpose when she meets a widower working hard to make ends meet for his two daughters. With his youngest daughter waiting for a liver transplant, Sharon sets her mind to helping the family and will move mountains to do it. What unfolds is the inspiring tale of faith, everyday miracles, and ordinary angels.

Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30



One Life (1 hr 49 min)

The true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued 669 predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis. Fifty years later, he lives haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England, until a live BBC television show, 'That's Life', surprises him by introducing him to some surviving children and he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he had carried for five decades.

Thursday, May 30th at 6:30

Movie tickets are \$2 each and are available at the Circulation Desk one week in advance