



May 2025

Heart of the Story Author Series: Bianca Marais



Please join us for an author reading and Q&A with Bianca Marais

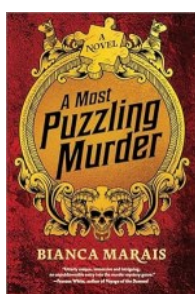
Bianca Marais is the author of the bestselling *The Witches of Moonshyne Manor*, as well as the beloved *Hum If You Don't Know the Words* and *If You Want to Make God Laugh*. Her latest novel, *A Most Puzzling Murder*, will be released on the 10th of June 2025

Presented in partnership with the Scugog Council for the Arts, Heart of the Story is an ongoing 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 20th from 7 to 8:30 pm

Registration is not required

Copies of the author's books will be available to purchase at the event.



North Durham Nature Presents

Join North Durham Nature for: **Ants: from Central America to Ontario with Rob Willson**

The tropics are blessed with an amazing diversity of ant species which are an integral part of the ecosystem. But we also have Amazon Ants right here in Ontario. Learn about the fascinating natural history and behaviours of some of the tropical and local ant species.

When: Tuesday, May 27th 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!

Travelogue with Jonathan van Bilsen

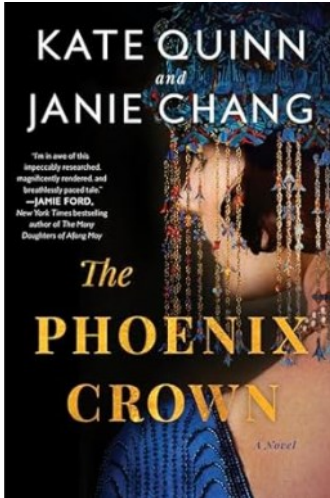


Join us for an engaging presentation and lively Q&A with photographer, author, television host and world-traveler, Jonathan van Bilsen. Join Jonathan for a presentation on his latest trip to Bermuda.

When: Monday, May 12th at 3:00 pm

This program is offered free of charge, but we ask that you pre-register by visiting the Information Desk or calling 905-985-7686 x1010

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 Phoenix Crown by Kate Quinn and Janie Chang

From bestselling authors Janie Chang and Kate Quinn, a thrilling and unforgettable narrative about the intertwined lives of two wronged women, spanning from the chaos of the San Francisco earthquake to the glittering palaces of Versailles.

When: Thursday, May 29th 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 free exercise classes through their Falls Prevention program in the Library's Rotary Room. These programs are open to those aged 55 and up. You are welcome to attend one or both programs.

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

Chair Yoga: Gentle seated yoga for increased balance, strength and flexibility

When: Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:15 to 3:15 pm, from May 2nd to 30th

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

Makerspace Mothers Day Mug



Did you know that we recently added a Cricut Mug Press to the Makerspace? It's a great way to create a high-quality personalized gift. In this short workshop, just in time to make something special for mother's day, Maker Mike will walk you through the process of choosing a design and applying it to the mug!

When: Saturday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 10th.

Book a 30 minute timeslot at 3:30, 4:00 or 4:30. One project per timeslot.

\$5 Materials fee to be paid at the workshop

Please register at the information desk or by calling 905-985-7686 x1010

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 x1010 to register.

When: Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 11 am from May 6 to 28



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: Wednesdays from 10 am to 10:45 am from May 7 to 28



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 from 10 am to 10:45 am from May 6 to 27

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 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st

Please note that there is no program on Saturday, May 24th

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 5th and 26th

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

New! Infant Massage Classes

Come in and learn the benefits of wonderful massage and relaxation techniques to use with your infant, taught by a certified Infant Massage Instructor.

When: Thursdays from 10:30 am to 12 pm on May 8th to June 5th

For more information and to register for this program, please visit www.keyon.ca

May Movie Nights



The Light Between Oceans (2 hr 13 min)

Based on the bestselling novel by M.L. Steadman, *The Light Between Oceans* tells the story of a lighthouse keeper and his wife living off the coast of Western Australia who raise a baby they rescue from a drifting rowboat.

Thursday, May 1st at 6:30 pm

Paddington in Peru (1 hr 46 min)

Paddington returns to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. With the Brown Family in tow, a thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey through the Amazon rainforest and up to the mountain peaks of Peru.

Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 pm



William Shatner: You Can Call Me Bill (1 hr 36 min)

An intimate portrait of William Shatner's personal journey over nine decades on this Earth, *You Can Call Me Bill* strips away all the masks he has worn to embody countless characters, and reveals the man behind it all.

Thursday, May 15th at 6:30 pm

My Penguin Friend (1 hr 37 min)

Based on the true story of an unlikely friendship between a Brazilian fisherman (played by Jean Reno) and a lost penguin, rescued from an oil spill. The penguin transforms the life of this heartbroken fisherman, forging a bond so deep that even the vast ocean cannot divide them.

Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30



Young Werther (1hr 40min)

Patrick J. Adams, Douglas Booth and Alison Pill star in this romantic comedy based on the classic smash hit novel of tragic romance. While on a simple errand to Toronto, a carefree and charming young writer named Werther stumbles across the love of his life only to discover that the young woman is engaged. Despite the urgings of his hypochondriac best friend, Werther turns his world upside down in a desperate, misguided and hilarious quest to win her heart.

Thursday, May 29th at 6:30 pm

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