



May 2026

Heart of the Story: Authors in Conversation



Join us for the next talk in the Heart of the Story series!

These evenings offer special readings by the visiting authors and the opportunity to discover the inspiration behind their work.

In May, Join Rod Carley, award-winning author of *Ruff*.

Books are available to purchase at the event. This program is offered free of charge and registration is not required.

When: Tuesday May 12th at 7:00pm

Lake Scugog Historical Society Speaker Series



Join local author Eric Conroy for this engaging presentation: Saving Keewatin My Lifetime Romance with the Lady of the Lake.

The Keewatin was a former passenger and freight steamship of the CPR built in Glasgow Scotland and launched in 1907. She serviced Canadian waters from Georgian Bay to tip of Lake Superior, retired from service in 1965 and is now housed in a marine museum in Kingston, ON.

When: Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:30pm.

SMPL Book Club



Join a group of fellow readers for a lively literary discussion. This month, we will discuss *Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate. Copies of the book are available to borrow at the Circulation Desk, beginning April 24th, while supplies last.

When: Thursday, May 28th at 7:00pm. Registration is not required.

Adult Craft Night: Card Making



Enjoy a relaxing evening of crafting and socializing while creating one of a kind greeting cards for upcoming holidays and events. Learn some basic techniques, then have fun putting your own creative touch on your designs. No crafting experience required. All supplies will be provided.

Individual registration is not required, but groups of four or more are asked to call 905-985-7686 ext. 1010 or email info@scugoglibrary.ca to reserve their table.

Who: Adults, 18+

When: Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30pm

Writer in Residence



SMPL is thrilled to welcome our new Writer in Residence: Lucy E.M. Black!

Lucy E.M. Black (she/her/hers) is the author of *The Marzipan Fruit Basket*, *Eleanor Courtown*, *Stella's Carpet*, *The Brickworks*, *Class Lessons: Stories of Vulnerable Youth* and *A Quilting of Scars*. *The Mural* is forthcoming in the Spring of 2027. Her short stories have been published in Britain, Ireland, USA and Canada. She co-ordinates *Heart of the Story*, an author reading series in Port Perry and writes book reviews for *The Miramichi Reader*. Lucy lives with her partner in the small lakeside town of Port Perry, Ontario, the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, First Nations.

Everyone has a story to tell. Individual appointments are available with our Writer in Residence to work with you on your personal writing journey.

One-on-one meeting slots are available:

Monday May 4th and Monday May 25th between 2:00 pm and 4:00pm

Contact the Information Desk at 905-985-7686 x1010 to register.

North Durham Nature



Flying Squirrels in Ontario with Dr. Jeff Bowman

Join Dr. Bowman, a mammalogist and research scientist from the Ministry of Natural Resources as he takes a look into the secret lives of these little known animals. You do not have to be a member of North Durham Nature to attend this presentation. Registration is not required and all are welcome!

When: Tuesday May 26th from 7:00 to 8:30pm

May Early Literacy Programs



Babytime

For babies (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 11:00am starting May 5th



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 or Wednesdays from 10:00 to 10:45am starting May 5th

There will be no programs on Wednesday May 6th

All Ages Family Fun on Saturdays



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 am and 12:00 pm for some free family fun! Registration is not required.

When: Saturdays at 10:30am to 12:00pm on May 9th, 16th, 23rd

There will be no program on Saturday May 2nd or 30th

Drag Queen Storytime



The Award-Winning Drag Queen Storytime returns! Featuring a new, fabulous queen, this family-friendly program showcases children's stories that celebrate diversity and inclusion.

This program is intended for children of all ages to attend with their parents or caregivers.

When: Saturday, May 30th at 1:00pm. Registration is not required.

This program is presented in partnership with the Durham Children's Aid Society, Youth Pride Durham and Durham Region Public Libraries.

May Movie Nights



Now You See Me, Now You Don't (2025, 1 hr 53 min)

Thursday, May 7th at 6:30pm

The Four Horsemen reunite and team up with a new generation of young illusionists to expose a diamond heiress's global money laundering scheme for criminals.

Rated PG.



Rental Family (2025, 1 hr 49 min)

Thursday, May 14th at 6:30pm

An American actor in Tokyo struggling to find purpose lands an unusual gig: working for a Japanese "rental family" agency, playing stand-in roles for strangers. He rediscovers purpose, belonging, and the beauty of human connection. Rated PG-13.



Soul on Fire (2025, 1 hr 52 min)

Thursday, May 21st at 6:30pm

In 1987, nine-year-old John O'Leary survives a terrible accident and grows into a man who shows us what it means to truly live. Rated PG.



Classic Movie Night: Forrest Gump (1994, 2hr 22 min)

Thursday, May 28th at 6:00pm (please note earlier start time)

The history of the United States from the 1950s to the '70s unfolds from the perspective of an Alabama man who yearns to be reunited with his childhood sweetheart. Robert Zemeckis directs this extraordinary film about a gentle hero making his way through a world growing increasingly more complicated. Rated PG.

Movie tickets are \$2.00 each and are available one week in advance

First Read Club



The Theatre on the Ridge First Read Club invites you to the production table with the company's artistic staff and artists. 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.

As part of Scugog Arts' Small Town BIG multi-arts festival, the May First Read Club is a special sneak peek at the scripts behind the productions of the Theatre on the Ridge 2026 summer season - Romeo and Juliet, The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito, Sketches of Leacock, and Piggyland.

You won't want to miss it!

When: Tuesday, May 5th from 1:00 to 3:00pm

Did you know...



We've recently added over two hundred new non-fiction books to the children's collection?

As part of our ongoing effort to refresh the Library's children's department, we've ordered new material on all sorts of topics - everything from Space and Engineering to Nature and your community.

Make sure to check them out on the New Books shelf and let us know if there are any other topics you'd love to see!

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

When: Wednesdays and Fridays starting May 1st

Wednesdays: Exercise (Falls Prevention) from 1:00 to 2:00pm

Chair Yoga from 2:15 to 3:15pm

Fridays: Exercise (Falls Prevention) from 1:00 to 2:00pm

Travelogue Presentation



Join us for an engaging presentation and lively Q&A with photographer, author, television host and world-traveler, Jonathan van Bilsen.

Jonathan's presentation will feature his travels in beautiful Iceland.

When: Monday, May 11th 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

Holiday Hours



**The Library will be closed on:
Monday May 18th for Victoria Day**