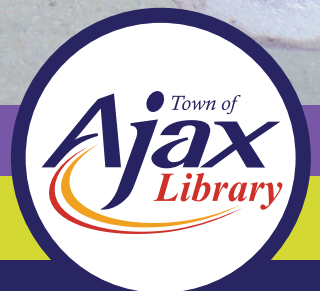


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April–June 2025



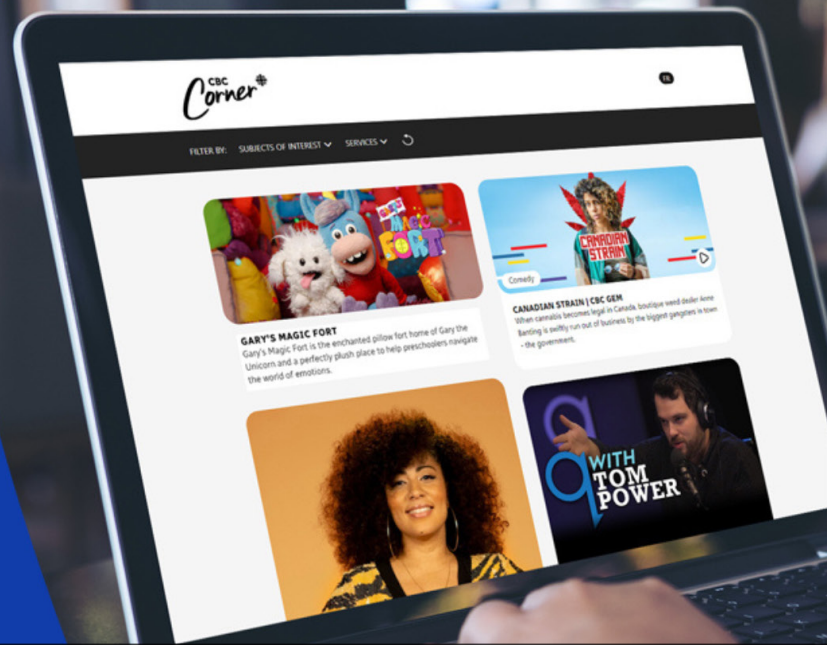
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Stream your favourite TV shows, news, podcasts, and more with CBC Corner!

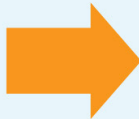
Start streaming at ajaxlibrary.ca/Movies-More.



Register today for Grandview Kids' Purchased Behaviour Services!

At Grandview Kids, we approach Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) through fun and engaging individualized activities based on the child or youth. We work closely with families to create a personalized plan that fits each child and youth's unique needs in areas that focus on communication, emotional regulation, daily living skills and behaviours that interfere with learning.

Learn more and register



Book a Book Club Kit!

Borrow 8–12 copies of the same title to share with your group for up to 6 weeks.

Book your kit at ajaxlibrary.ca/BookClubKits.

Welcome!

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Holiday Hours

All branches will be closed:

- Friday, April 18 (Good Friday)
- Monday, April 21 (Easter Monday)
- Monday, May 19 (Victoria Day)



Bring Back the Salmon

Until the end of May at Main Branch

Stop by to catch a glimpse of our salmon eggs when they hatch into fry! Find videos and activities at bringbackthesalmon.ca. Presented in partnership with the Town of Ajax, Toronto Regional Conservation Authority, and the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters.

Looking for Artists!

Are you an artist interested in displaying your work at the Library? We are looking for artists for the rest of 2025.

Artwork can include embroidery, crochet, sculpture, paintings, poetry, and more! For more information, contact kiera.kivlahan@ajaxlibrary.ca.

Study Hall

Saturdays and Sundays, April 12, 13, 19, 20

11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Audley Branch

Need more time to cram for your exam? Audley Branch will have extended hours on these dates.



Special Events

April is National Poetry Month

How to Fall in Love with Poetry

Saturday, April 5, 1–3 p.m.

Adults and Teens | Main Branch

Poetry Reading and Q&A

1–2 p.m.

Hear poets Stephanie Curry and Clare Bolton read poems from their recent chapbooks and answer questions about their writing process.

*Poetry Writing Workshop

2–3 p.m.

Curious about writing poetry? Stephanie and Clare can help! All are welcome to write in any genre you prefer. This is a safe and fun place to open up the poet in you and fall in love with poetry.



Stephanie Curry



Clare Bolton

All Ages

*Sound Healing Workshop

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Main Branch

Learn about sound healing, which uses vibrations, music, and instruments to enhance well-being. Participants will explore mindfulness exercises and have an opportunity to try out the instruments used in the practice, such as gongs, drums, and chimes. Presented by Indigenous musician John Standingready, a Lakota singer and flutist from White Bear First Nation.

Indigenous Storytime with Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiyag Child & Family Services

Saturday, May 10, 10–10:30 a.m.

Audley Branch

Connect with our land, waters, plants, and animals using a mix of Indigenous teachings, stories, songs, and drumming. We will read “Good Morning World” and “Goodnight World” by Kylie Ward.

National Indigenous History Month

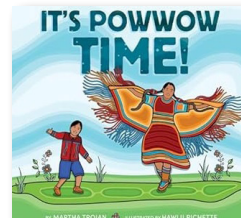
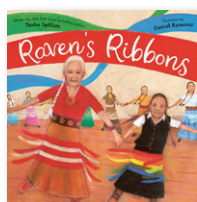
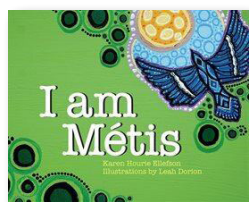
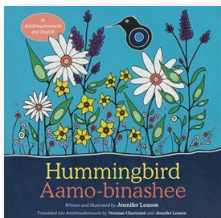
Storytime Special

Saturday, June 21, 10–10:30 a.m.

All ages | Audley Branch

Explore fun and inspiring titles from Indigenous authors and illustrators at this special storytime, presented in celebration of National Indigenous History Month.

Indigenous Voices



Special Events

Celebrate Pride Month!

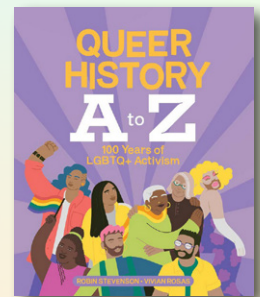
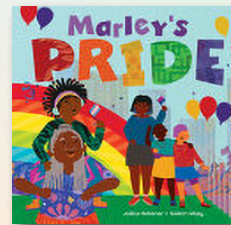
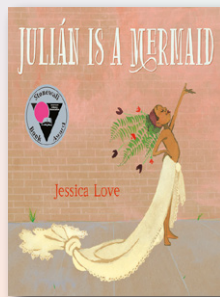
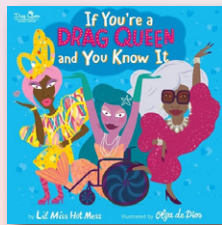
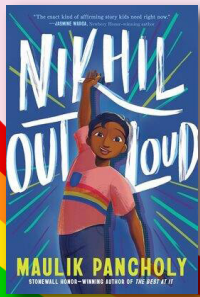
Drag Queen Storytime & Family Pride Kick Off

Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.–12 noon

All ages | Audley Branch

This family-friendly program will showcase stories celebrating diversity and inclusion, followed by sweet treats, crafts, and other fun activities. Presented in partnership with Youth Pride Durham, Durham Children's Aid Society, and Durham Public Libraries.

Pride Picks



Ajax Green Living Days

Egg Carton Planters

Thursday, April 17, 6–7 p.m.

Audley Branch

Plant your way to a happy Earth Day by creating planters out of egg cartons! Supplies will be provided, but dress for mess.

***Ask an Expert: Climate Change in Durham Region**

Wednesday, April 30, 7–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn about climate change and how it's impacting our community. Find out what residents, businesses, government, and you can do to make a difference! Presented by climate change expert, Dr. Daniel Hoornweg, an associate professor at Ontario Tech University.



National AccessAbility Week

Ajax Accessibility Fair

Saturday, May 31, 1–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Celebrate National AccessAbility Week (May 26–31) with the Town of Ajax and Ajax Public Library! Stop by to learn about accessibility resources and supports available in Durham Region, connect with local community organizations, and join in the conversation about how we can build a more inclusive environment for all!

Featuring keynote speaker Anthony Lue—local athlete, entrepreneur, and accessibility ambassador.



Anthony Lue

Kids & Families

Storytimes (April 2–June 5)

STEAM Storytime Ages 2+	STEAM Storytime Ages 2+	Books for Babies Ages 0–2	Books for Babies Ages 0–2
Mondays 10–11 a.m.	Tuesdays 10:45–11:45 a.m.	Wednesdays 10–11 a.m.	Thursdays 1–2 p.m.
McLean Branch	Audley Branch	Main Branch	Audley Branch

There will be no storytimes on April 1, 3, 21; May 19, May 27.

Family Storytime + Ajax Reading Circle

Saturdays, April 5, 19; May 3, 17; June 14, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Ages 3–12 | Audley Branch

Saturday, April 26, 12–2 p.m. and Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Ages 3–12 | Grandview Kids Express Branch

Sensory Storytime

Thursdays, April 10, May 8, June 5, 10–10:30 a.m.

Ages 2–6 | Main Branch

Thursdays, April 24, May 22, 10–10:30 a.m.

Ages 2–6 | Grandview Kids Express Branch

Toddler Time

Fridays, April 25, May 30, June 27, 11 a.m.–12 noon

Ages 2–3 | Audley Branch



1000 Colourful Stories is a reading club just for preschoolers! From birth to four years is the best time to nurture a love of reading in your child. Sign up at any branch, get your first reading log, take it home, and read. Once your first reading log is full, come back to the Library for the next one and keep reading together until you've read 1000 books!

1000 Colourful Stories Storytime

Saturdays, April 26, May 24, June 28, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon

Ages 0–4 | Audley Branch

Drop by for some fun stories and to get your next reading log!

Kids & Families

Craft & Make

LEGO!

Sundays, April 13, May 11, June 8, 12 noon–2 p.m.

Audley Branch

Saturdays, April 26, May 24, June 28, 10 a.m.–12 noon

McLean Branch

Imagination Station

Thursdays, April 24, May 29, June 26, 6–7:30 p.m.

McLean Branch

Enjoy stories, get creative with crafts, play games, and take on awesome challenges like scavenger hunts and riddles.

PA Days

Craft and Movie: Sonic the Hedgehog 3

Friday, June 6, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow, a mysterious villain with powers unlike anything they have faced before. Rated PG.

Craft and Movie: The Wizard of Oz

Friday, June 27, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Friday, June 27, 1:30–4 p.m.

Grandview Kids Express Branch

Before there was “Wicked,” there was Oz! Rated G.

Sensational Science!

***Scientists in School**

Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Ages 6–10 | Main Branch

Discover how exciting science can be!

June 4: Candy Chemistry

June 11: Good Clean Fun

June 18: Investigate It!

June 25: Sticky Science



Find weekly themes at
ajaxlibrary.ca/Events

Celebrate Earth Day

Egg Carton Planters

Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Grandview Kids Express Branch

Create planters out of egg cartons! Seeds and supplies will be provided. Dress for a mess!



Registration for programs closes at midnight the day before, unless otherwise noted.

Kids & Families

EarlyON

*Family Music and Movement

Thursdays April 3–June 26, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Ages 0–6 | Audley Branch

Saturdays, May 3, June 7, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Ages 0–6 | Main Branch

Introduce your child to interactive songs, nursery rhymes, music, creative movement, and musical instruments.

Learn more and register at keyon.ca. **Note: Thursday sessions and Saturday sessions must be registered for separately.**

Eid Celebration Circle Time

Sunday, April 6, 1–2:30 p.m.

Ages 0–6 | Main Branch

Celebrate Eid with us! Enjoy festive crafts, music and a joyful storytime. Feel free to dress in your fancy attire and join in the fun!

For Babies

*Infant Hearing Screening Clinics

Wednesdays, April 2–June 25, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Ages 0–2 months | Main Branch

The Tri-Regional Infant Hearing Program is hosting infant hearing screening appointments. Babies up to two months of age are eligible to receive a hearing screening if they did not receive a screening at birth or require a follow-up screen.

For more information or to book an appointment, visit childdevelopmentprograms.ca/BookMyBaby or call the Tri-Regional Infant Hearing Program at 1-888-703-5437, ext. 4.

For Homeschool Learners

Homeschool Club

Wednesdays, April 23, May 28, June 25, 1:30–3 p.m.

Ages 6–12 | Audley Branch

Fridays, April 25, May 30, 2–3:30 p.m.

Ages 6–12 | Grandview Kids Express Branch

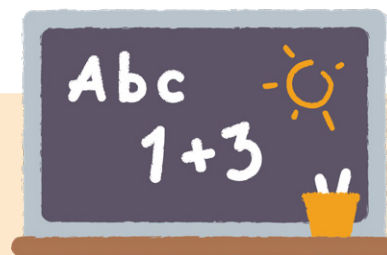
Explore fun and informative STEAM activities and connect with other homeschool learners at this monthly meet-up!

Homeschoolers in the Makerspace

Wednesday, May 14, 2–3:30 p.m.

Ages 8–16 | Makerspace at McLean Branch

Unleash your creativity and learn new maker skills by exploring our Makerspace with other homeschool learners!



Kids & Families

Multilingual

*Le Club Français

Mondays, April 7–June 2 (no sessions April 21 or May 19)

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Ages 6–12 | Main Branch

Children in Grades 1-6 can improve their reading skills en français by practicing reading and speaking at this weekly session led by high school reading buddies!

Les enfants en 1re année à 6e année peuvent améliorer leur compréhension française en pratiquant la lecture et la compréhension orale dans ce programme hebdomadaire avec des compagnons de lecture du niveau secondaire.

*Learn Mandarin

Wednesdays, April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 4:30–5 p.m.

Ages 6–12 | Zoom

Experience an introduction to Mandarin language and culture! Mandarin comes to life during these cultural lessons led by Cricket eLearning teachers, who are native Mandarin speakers trained to support children of all learning styles.

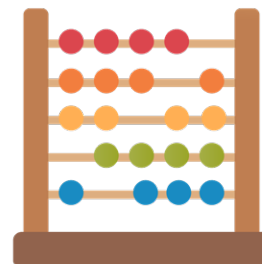
Coding & STEM

*Abacus Mental Math

Sunday, April 6, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Ages 5–13 | Audley Branch

Explore the world of smart beads and watch your child's mind light up with numerical understanding. Make learning math a joy!



*Ontario Tech STEM and Coding Workshops

STEM Workshop: Saturday, May 24, 10 a.m.–12 noon | Grades 1–4

Coding Workshop: Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m.–12 noon | Grades 1–4

Main Branch

These Ontario Tech University Engineering Outreach workshops introduce youth to the fundamental concepts of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and coding through engaging activities that inspire confidence!

*Black Girls Empowerment STEM Club

Thursdays, May 29, June 5, June 12, 4:30–6 p.m.

Grades 4–6 | Audley Branch

This club will spark interest in STEM among young Black girls through hands-on activities and mentorship from Black female STEM students. Presented in partnership with the Congress of Black Women of Canada Ajax/Pickering Chapter.

*Family Scratch Coding

Saturday, June 7, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Main Branch

Discover coding as a family with fun challenges offered via Scratch, a free online coding resource. Great for beginners, but all skill levels are welcome.

Join the Club!



What is TD Summer Reading Club?

Buckle up, globetrotters, we are setting out on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to faraway places! TD Summer Reading Club (TDSRC) is Canada's biggest summer reading program for kids of all ages. Read books, track your reading, and get entered into prize draws. Plus, we have a whirlwind of fun events and programs planned all summer long!

How to Join the Club:

Registration opens Monday, June 16 at 4 p.m. Register before Friday, July 4 to qualify for the Early Bird Prize Draw!

1. Visit any branch of Ajax Public Library.
 2. Speak with a staff member and let them know you want to join the TD Summer Reading Club!
 3. If you don't already have a Library card, they'll get you signed up.
 4. You'll get a special TD Summer Reading Club kit when you register.
- There are kits for Pre-Readers (ages 0–5) and Readers (ages 6+).

Events!

TDSRC Kick Off: Get Your Summer Read On!

Saturday, June 21, 1–4 p.m.

Audley Branch and Main Branch

Jet off for a summer of reading fun! It's just the beginning of a summer full of activities, games, crafts and of course, some great books!



Stay tuned – more TDSRC events will be on our website in May!

Tweens & Teens

Learn

Teen Homeschool Hangout
Wednesdays, April 9, June 11, 1:30–3 p.m.
Ages 13–18 | Audley Branch

Hang out and unwind with other homeschool learners at this teens-only homeschool club!

Fun & Games

Gamers' Club
Saturdays, April 26, May 10, June 21, 1–3 p.m.
Ages 10–14 | Main Branch

Attention Switch gamers: Super Smash Bros. and Mario Kart await! Participate in tournaments, or play for fun.

TAC Presents

Movie Night: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem

Friday, April 25, 5:30–8:30 p.m.
Ages 13–18 | Main Branch

We're going to have a great time, dude! Enjoy snacks, low-key crafts, slime-making, and the movie.

Free Comic Book Day Movie
Saturday, May 3, 1–5 p.m.

Ages 13–18 | Main Branch
We've got buttons to make, "The Batman" to watch, and some free comic books, too!

Iced Tea and Ice Cream
Saturday, May 24, 2:30–4 p.m.
Ages 13–18 | Main Branch

Come chill out and enjoy iced tea, ice cream, snacks, and more!

Game On!
Friday, June 27, 6–9 p.m.
Ages 13–18 | Main Branch

Celebrate the end of school with games. Switch games! Card games! Board games! And yes, snacks.



Call for Volunteers!

Summer Reading Club Team

We're looking for enthusiastic, outgoing, and committed high school students to volunteer 10–15 hours per week through the summer to assist at all three Library branches. Students must be starting Grade 9 or older in September 2025 to volunteer.

Application deadline: Friday, May 9 at 5 p.m.

Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Teen Advisory Committee meets throughout the school year, involving teens from every high school. Teens represent their peers within the Library, develop and deliver programs for teens, support community events, and work on special projects.

Application deadline: Monday, June 23.

Learn more and apply at ajaxlibrary.ca/Jobs-Volunteers.

Study Hall

Saturdays & Sundays, June 14, 15, 21, 22
11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Audley Branch

Cram for your exam! Pick up your study kit created by the Teen Advisory Committee, grab a drink, and get studying! Kits are available while supplies last.

HeARTbeat Art Show

Artwork on display at Main Branch:

Thursday, May 1–Friday, May 30

Reception: Wednesday, May 28, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

View artwork created by some of Ajax's most talented young artists during this annual juried teen art exhibition. Presented by the Teen Advisory Committee.

Promoting Anti-Violence Through Art: A Youth Art Exhibition by the Durham Community Action Group

Explore an art exhibition by the Durham Community Action Group at Main Branch for the month of April. Created by artists aged 13–21, the work addresses critical topics such as bullying, racism, hate, war, and self-harm. For more information and viewing times, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/Art-Shows.

MAKERSPACE @ MCLEAN

Explore, Make, and Create!

Sundays Are for Makers

Weekly on Sundays, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Learn about (and create!) something new every Sunday. From robotics to cross stitch, there's a ton to explore!

Makers Making Change

Weekly on Tuesdays, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Explore how the Makerspace can help you make your own assistive devices. Presented in partnership with Makers Making Change.

Makers and Mentors

Weekly on Thursdays, 9 a.m.–12 noon

Are you an older adult who wants to learn a new skill in a social environment? Drop by to share a laugh and learn to make something fun.

Teen Innovation Lab

Mondays, April 14, May 12, June 9, 6–8:30 p.m.

Want to learn something new, like how to sew? Drop in to gain new skills and make something to take home.

Digital Roots Ajax: Memory Quilts

Thursday, June 5, 1–2:30 p.m.

Join the Archives Services Librarian at this new program series that combines the Makerspace and Ajax Archives! Learn about the rich tradition of making memory quilts, see real historical examples from the Ajax Archives, and get hands-on experience with basic elements of quilting. Materials will be provided to make a patchwork quilt block.

Find themes for weekly programs online at ajaxlibrary.ca/Events.



Project Idea: Stickers!

Did you know you can use our ink jet printer and Cricut to make and cut your own custom-designed stickers?

Bring your sticker design file in (PNG is best), print it on the ink jet printer, then use the Cricut to cut out your sticker design.

Available Materials and Prices:

- 8.5x11" matte or glossy paper (\$0.50 per sheet)
- Printing (\$0.50 per sheet)

Or, bring in your own sticker paper and only pay for printing!



Adults & Seniors

For Writers

Ajax Public Library Writers' Group

Thursdays, April 10, May 8, June 12, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Ignite your creativity using our provided topics and phrases! Every month, we challenge you to create an original piece based on a new topic. Bring your tale to the circle for sharing and (gentle) critique, and bring your own writing supplies.

BlackLit Durham

*Spring Forward

Wednesday, April 23, 7–9 p.m.

St. Francis Centre for Community, Arts and Culture

Celebrate Black Canadian literary voices of all genres at a night of amazing performances and Q+A with the artists. Sign-ups for open mic poetry sessions start at 6:30 p.m. Visit blacklitdurham.com for more information.

Ajax Archives

Hazardous History

Wednesday, April 30, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Main Branch

Learn about some of the most dangerous materials used in photographs, books, and art with the Archives Services Librarian. Don't worry, no safety equipment required!

Financial Literacy

*Buying New and Used Vehicles

Thursday, May 22, 7–8 p.m.

Zoom

Be prepared when purchasing new and used cars in Ontario! Tips and resources will be provided on how to research a vehicle's history, understand your consumer rights, and what to know before pursuing a deal, plus an overview of purchase contracts. Presented in partnership with the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council.

Parent Café

*Improving Teen-Parent Communication

Monday, April 28, 7–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Create a safe environment for teens to open up and talk about feelings. Effective communication can help resolve problems, build a closer relationship, and promote personal growth. Presented in partnership with Sima Health Consultancy.

*Bibliotherapy for Parents

Wednesday, May 21, 7–8 p.m.

Zoom

Explore changes in parenting, followed by discussions and reflections. This is a supportive space to navigate the transitions of parenthood. Presented in partnership with a Birth and Postpartum Doula and Prenatal/Postnatal Educator.



**Your Birding
Adventure
Starts Here!**

Borrow a Bird Watching Kit! Discover birds in your neighbourhood with this kit that contains a Sibley Birds East book, binoculars, maps, and an info sheet. To borrow, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/Library-Things.

Adults & Seniors

Health & Wellness

*Brain Waves Café

Tuesdays, April 8, May 13, June 10, 1–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch (April 8 session at Audley Branch)

Enjoy conversation, support, and activities in a dementia-friendly atmosphere. For persons with cognitive change and their care partners, family, and friends. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region. To register, call 905-576-2567 ext. 5240 or email recreation@alzheimerdurham.com.

*Forest Bathing Workshop

Tuesday, April 15, 1:30–3 p.m.

Main Branch

Forest bathing is a wellness practice shown to have many health benefits. Learn about the benefits of spending time in nature, the science behind how the forest supports physical and mental health, and how to practice forest bathing. Presented in partnership with Ontario Health at Home.

*Monthly Meditations

Sundays, April 27, May 25, June 29, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Main Branch

Meditation can reduce stress, improve your focus, and promote emotional well-being. You'll be guided through a transformative experience, combining relaxation, mindfulness, and powerful healing techniques to help you reconnect with your true self and achieve inner calm.

The Compassionate Friends Ajax

Tuesdays, April 29, May 27, June 24, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Intended for any parent who has lost a child

Audley Branch

We are here to journey alongside the bereaved until they can make their own choice to reinvest in life once again. For more information, contact ajax@tcfcanada.net.

*Understanding Attachment Styles (Part 1)

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn about the different attachment patterns and how they develop and impact relationships. In this workshop, you will gain a clearer understanding of your attachment style and how these dynamics shape your connections.

*Healing and Transforming Your Attachment Style (Part 2)

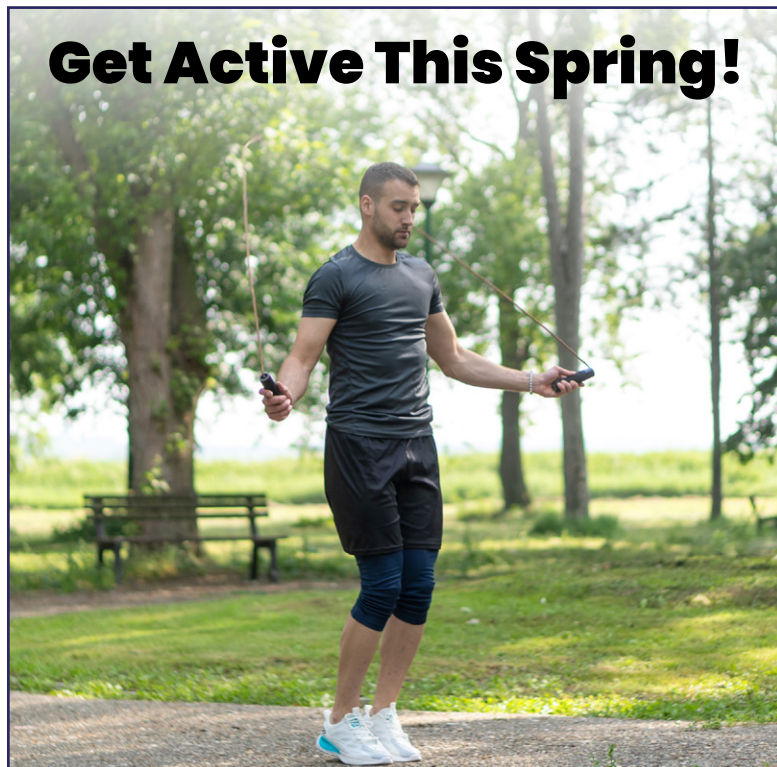
Wednesday, April 16, 6:30–8 p.m.

Main Branch

In this follow-up session, explore how to heal attachment wounds to transition into a secure, healthy attachment style. Learn practical strategies to create stronger, more meaningful relationships and build lasting emotional security.

Note: Registration is for both sessions.

Get Active This Spring!



Enjoy the warmer weather with an Active Living Kit! The kits contain everything you need to have fun outside: one flying ring, one football, three sideline cones, two skipping ropes, one soccer ball, and one volleyball. To borrow, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/Library-Things.

Adults & Seniors



For Movie Lovers

Cultural Cinema

Tuesdays, May 6, June 3, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Main Branch

May 6: Conclave (PG)

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, he finds himself at the centre of a web of conspiracies and intrigue that could shake the foundation of the Catholic Church.

June 3: Falling for Figaro (PG)

A brilliant young fund manager leaves her unfulfilling job and long-term boyfriend to chase her lifelong dream of becoming an opera singer in the Scottish Highlands.

*Box Office Books and Brews: Crazy Rich Asians

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30–9 p.m.

St. Francis Centre for Community, Arts and Culture

Is the book actually better than the movie? Enjoy a book club and movie screening all rolled into one! Pick up a copy of "Crazy Rich Asians" by Kevin Kwan at Main Branch before the movie screening and enjoy a group discussion after the movie. Enjoy a movie-themed cocktail, wine, or beer as well as snacks available for purchase.

National Canadian Film Day



Friday Flicks: National Canadian Film Day Sneak Peek:

The Grizzlies

Friday, April 11, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Main Branch

National Canadian Film Day (April 16) is a one-day, coast-to-coast-to-coast celebration of Canadian cinema. Celebrate with a screening of The Grizzlies.

The Grizzlies: Based on an inspiring true story. In a small Arctic town struggling with the highest suicide rate in North America, a group of Inuit students' lives are transformed when they are introduced to the sport of lacrosse. Rated PG.

Looking for more Canadian films? Check out our All You Can Watch Buffet of Canadian Film! Available at discover.ajax.ca.

Games

Social Bridge

Thursday, April 3, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Thursdays, April 17; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;
June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2–4:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Friendly Euchre

Fridays, April 4; May 2, 16, 30; June 13, 27, 2–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Beginner Bridge

Thursdays, April 10, 24, 2–4:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn bridge from the beginning! All levels of experience welcome.

Cribbage

Fridays, April 25, May 23, June 20, 2–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Ajax Chess Club

Tuesdays, June 3–August 26, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Join us at our summer "Rendezvous for Chess," where adults of all ages and skill levels can play chess in a fun atmosphere. Meet new friends while experiencing over-the-board chess! Bring your own chess set and clock. For more information, email AjaxChessClub@gmail.com.

Dungeons & Dragons

D&D Café

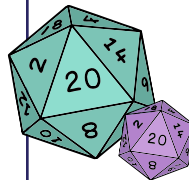
Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 29; May 6, 13, 27; June 24
5:30–8:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Tuesdays, April 22, May 20, June 3, 10, 17
5:30–8:30 p.m.

Audley Branch

Play D&D at the Library! Interested in attending, but don't have a group? Email carly.midgley@ajaxlibrary.ca. Teens welcome too!



Adults & Seniors

Discover

Knitting and Crochet for Community

Wednesdays, April 2, May 7, June 4, 1–3 p.m.

Audley Branch

Knitting and Crochet for Community formed to connect charity knitters and crocheters, yarn, and tools with volunteers who make items with love for those who may need them. New members welcome!

Crafters' Corner

Wednesdays, April 9, 23; May 14, 28; June 11, 25

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Main Branch

*Virtual Armchair Travel: China Part 2

Tuesday, April 15, 1:30–3 p.m.

Zoom

Jet around the world without ever leaving the comfort of your home! Discover China, a country that fascinates travellers with its ancient customs and historical sites contrasting with the new ultra-modern state.

*Armchair Travel

Tuesdays, May 20, June 17, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Main Branch

May 20: Austria

We're visiting the land that brought us the waltz. Enjoy stunning mountain scenes, beautiful cities, castles, and palaces while sampling some of the delicious treats that this country is famous for.

June 17: Wales

Croeso (Welcome)! Wales is our destination for Aging Well Month. There is an extra treat for anyone who can pronounce this place name: Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch!

Learn

*Stay Connected Training

Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, or 1 p.m.

Main Branch

Saturdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or 12 noon

Audley Branch

Learn how to stay in touch with these 60-minute technology training sessions. Topics include using iPads and other smart devices, social media, and safe use of Zoom. To register, call 905-683-4000 ext. 8813.

*Job Search 101

Wednesday, April 16, 10–11 a.m.

Main Branch

Build foundational skills and strategies for effective job searching at this workshop. You will gain practical tools and confidence to launch or refresh your job search with success. Presented in partnership with the Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre.

*Genealogy Group

Wednesdays, April 16, June 18, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch

April 16: MyHeritage Family Tree

June 18: FamilyTree–Exploring What's New

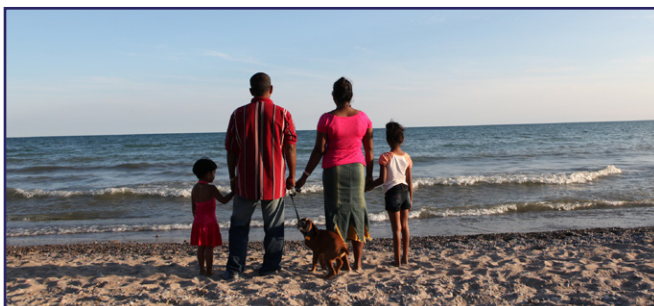
To register, email events@ajaxlibrary.ca.

Headline Hunters

Tuesdays, April 29, May 27, June 24, 1:30–3 p.m.

Main Branch

For more information, call 905-683-4000 ext. 8806 or email elaine.lievaart@ajaxlibrary.ca.



Explore Ontario Parks

Borrow an Ontario Parks pass this spring! These passes provide complimentary day-use access for one vehicle and its occupants at more than 100 provincial parks.

To borrow, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/Library-Things.

Adults & Seniors

Multilingual & Multicultural

*Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services

Weekly on Mondays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services provide settlement service for Durham Region residents. Services provided in English, Hindi, Pashto, Persian, and Urdu. To book an appointment, contact Muska Wardak, Settlement Counsellor, at 437-223-5989 or by email mwardak@afghanwomen.org. Funding provided by Citizenship & Immigration Canada.

*Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services Citizenship Preparation Class

Weekly on Mondays, 1–2 p.m.

Main Branch

To register, contact at Muska Wardak, Settlement Counsellor, at 437-223-5989 or by email mwardak@afghanwomen.org.

*Spanish Seniors Social

Mondays, 2–5 p.m.

Main Branch

Meet new people, learn new things, and socialize with other Spanish-speaking seniors! For details, contact Cristina Gomez at 289-928-2037. Presented in partnership with the Hispanic Canadian Alliance of Durham.

French Conversation Circle

Mondays to June 16, 6:30–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Hone your French skills with drop-in French discussions for adults, whether it is your first language or you are just learning. For more information, email Jonathan van Heerden at jvanheerden@cdcd.org. Presented in partnership with the Community Development Council of Durham.

*English Conversation Circle

Wednesdays to June 18, 6:30–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Practice English as a second language, meet new adults in the community, and join our lively discussions. For more information or to register, email Tasnuba Rahman at trahman@cdcd.org. Presented in partnership with the Community Development Council of Durham.

DCCC Seniors and Durham Happy Seniors Alliance

Saturdays, April 12, 26; May 10, 24; June 7, 21, 1–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Enjoy Chinese-style games, dance, Tai Chi, and more at this engaging program. Languages spoken: Cantonese and Mandarin. For more information, email info@durhamchinese.ca. Presented in partnership with Durham Chinese Canadian Culture Centre.

Language Learning with Mango



Choose from over 70 languages to learn realistic conversations and communication. All you need is your Library card to start your language-learning journey! Find Mango at ajaxlibrary.ca/Online-Resources.



June is Aging Well Month

55+ Ajax Amateur Photography Contest

Sunday, June 1–Thursday, July 31

The Ajax Public Library Older Adults Advisory Committee, in partnership with the Town of Ajax Older Adult Task Force, is excited to announce the fifth annual 55+ Amateur Photography Contest. This year, we're asking participants to submit photos of Ajax, so get out your cameras and explore our great Town!

Applications will be available online at ajax.ca/55plus, or pick up a copy at Main Branch. Winners will be announced in the Fall Link newsletter.

Thinking Ahead Series

Based on the Older Adults Advisory Committee Caregiver Supports Guide (available online at ajaxlibrary.ca/Policies), Thinking Ahead is a monthly workshop series that will help you plan ahead as a caregiver or care recipient.

*What To Do When Someone Dies

Wednesday, April 30, 2–3 p.m.

Main Branch

Service Canada has an online tool that has information and guidance about services relevant to navigating a death, survivor benefits, and other supports available. Presented in partnership with Service Canada.

Find Age-Friendly Ajax programs and resources at ajax.ca/AgeFriendly.

Food, Music, and Fun!

*Paul Butler: The Piano Man—Broadway Soundtracks and Requests

Friday, June 6, 1:30–3 p.m.

Main Branch

Join us for a feel-good afternoon of songs from the musicals that made Broadway great with Ajax's own Piano Man, Paul Butler.

Seniors' BBQ

Thursday, June 12, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Audley Recreation Centre (Community Hall)

Come out and celebrate with us at the free Seniors' BBQ. Community vendors and entertainment will also be available at this event. For more information, visit ajax.ca/55plus.

Ajax Public Library Community Connections

Connect with these organizations and their staff for the following services:

John Howard Society Harm Reduction Services

- Harm reduction and safe practices
- Naloxone kits and training on their use available upon request

Wednesdays, April 2, May 7, June 4
1–3 p.m.
Main Branch

Newcomer Settlement Services with Community Development Council Durham (CDCD)

- Orientation/settlement in Ontario and Durham Region
- Information and referrals to community programs and services
- English classes

Thursdays, April 3–June 26
Main Branch
By Appointment Only: 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Walk-ins: 2–4:30 p.m.

Housing Help Durham

- Rental accommodations and tenant rights
- Subsidized, non-profit, and emergency housing

Wednesdays, April 9, May 14, June 11
2–4 p.m.
Main Branch

Alzheimer Society of Durham Region Information Table

- Information and resources about the services and programs available to those living with dementia and their care partners.

Thursday, April 10, Friday, May 2, Tuesday, June 3
1–3 p.m. (April, May), 12 noon–2 p.m. (June)
Main Branch

Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre

- Representatives will be onsite to assist with resume and cover letter critiques and to provide services related to your job search.

Fridays, April 11, May 9, June 13
10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Main Branch

Magazines & Newspapers in Your Pocket!

Access current, popular digital magazines and the world's best newspapers with Flipster and PressReader, free with your Library card.

Get the Flipster and PressReader apps on your tablet or smartphone!





This content is available in alternative formats upon request by contacting **905-683-4550** or emailing **contactus@ajax.ca**.



Join using
Zoom or call in
Mondays through
Wednesdays at
1:30 p.m.

Seniors Centre Without Walls

Join us for a FREE interactive program from the comfort of your home. Themes include fun activities, education, health & wellness and more. Each month a new calendar will highlight the upcoming days of activities.

Information Highway

Join informative guest speakers on topics like health, entertainment, and finances; discuss local & global news; explore Ajax history with the Ajax Public Library; and enjoy short stories from various genres.

Fit and Fun

Keep your mind and body fit through exercises led by knowledgeable and nationally accredited Town of Ajax fitness instructors and end your week laughing with the joke of the week.

Worldly Wonders

Travel the world from the comfort of your home; learn about people from different countries and cultures; boldly go where your taste buds have never gone before with recipes from around the globe.

Challenge Accepted

Put your knowledge to the test during weekly themed trivia questions, games and fun or fiction trivia; guess who dun' it during Minute Mysteries; challenge yourself with memory games.

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April 2025 Program Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2
	Fit or Fun: Scatergeries	Information Highway: Linda Dempster
7	8	9
Worldly Wonders: Armchair Travel - Newfoundland	Fit or Fun: The Word Game (Guess the Word)	Fit or Fun: Charades on Zoom
14	15	16
Challenge Accepted: Who Am I?	Information Highway: Durham Storytellers	Fit or Fun: 52 Card Bingo and Riddles
21	22	23
No Programming	Fit or Fun: Trivia - Spring	Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui
28	29	30
Information Highway: Biographies - James Dean	No Programming	Challenge Accepted: Word Game

Summi Siddiqui

Learn, discover, enjoy lectures, stories, poems, and paintings as Summi connects cultures beyond borders.

Linda Dempster

Enjoy a conversation and music with singer and songwriter Linda Dempster.

Durham Storytellers

Storytelling for everyone! A dedicated group of avid tellers, who love to continue the oral tradition without using books or notes and are considered part of the performing arts.

Worldly Wonders

Armchair Travel in Newfoundland by CanXplore with Cathy Spracklin.



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Meeting ID: 936-9272-5495
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Participant ID: 1409113169#



May 2025 Program Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
5 Wordly Wonders: Armchair Travel - Austria (Part 1)	6 Information Highway: Durham Storytellers	7 Information Highway: Linda Dempster
12 Information Highway: Dalia Gesser	13 Fit and Fun: Charades on Zoom	15 Fit and Fun: Trivia
19 No Programming	20 Information Highway: Dalia Gesser	21 Fit and Fun: Charades on Zoom
26 Information Highway: Biographies - Steven Spielberg	27 No Programming	28 Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui

Summi Siddiqui

Learn, discover, enjoy lectures, stories, poems, and paintings as Summi connects cultures beyond borders.

Linda Dempster

Enjoy music and conversation with singer and songwriter Linda Dempster.

Dalia Gesser

Join in the conversation as Dalia Gesser, a published author, reads stories that will trigger memories and anecdotes to share.

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June 2025 Program Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 Worldly Wonders: Armchair Travel - Austria (Part 2)	3 Challenge Accepted: Guess That Tune	4 Age Friendly Ajax Living Library: Catherine Johnston
9 Information Highway: Biographies - Robert Munsch	10 Information Highway: Durham Storytellers	11 Information Highway: Linda Dempster
16 Information Highway: Historical Mysteries	No Programming	No Programming
23 Fit or Fun: Trivia - Oh Canada!	No Programming	25 Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui

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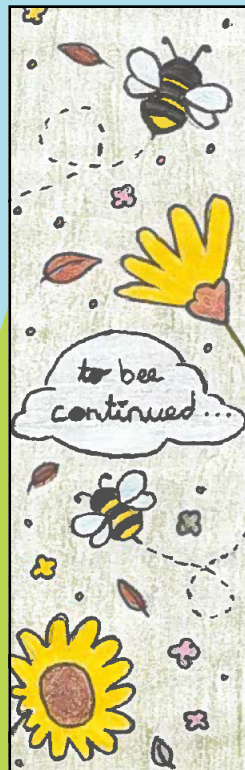
Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the April, May, and June Design a Bookmark Contest winners!

Pick up a new winning bookmark each month at any branch.



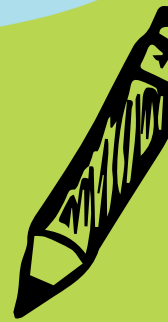
April
winner:
Elena R. G.



May
winner:
Anuva S.



June
winner:
Alyana A. L.



Branch Locations

Main Branch

55 Harwood Ave. S.

Audley Branch

1955 Audley Rd. N.

McLean Branch & Makerspace

95 Magill Dr.

Branch Hours

Monday–Friday

9 a.m.–9 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

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