

WHAT'S ON

Kids & Families

January/February 2018

Ajax and Pickering Public Libraries
Annual Library Science Fair | Sat Mar 3 | 9am-3pm
Pickering Library Central Branch
(Grades 3-12. Drop-in)

Are you a budding scientist interested in how things work?
Turn your questions, experiments or research into an
award-winning project you can enter into the
Annual Library Science Fair!

Categories:

Primary - Grades 3 & 4

Junior - Grades 5 & 6

Intermediate - Grades 7 & 8

Senior - Grade 9 to 12

(Medals will be awarded to the top
three winners in each category)

Science Fair 'How To'
Mon Jan 8 | 6:30-7:30pm
Ajax Library Main Branch

Guest speaker **Raveena Ratnasingam**
will outline different types of projects,
the application process and the
Science Fair rules!

(For more information and registration details,
visit ajaxlibrary.ca or pick up a flyer
at any branch)



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MAKER

TWEEN TECH DAYS: LITTLE BITS & CUBELETS

Tue Jan 2 | Main Branch | 2-3:30pm

LittleBits are electronic building blocks that snap together with magnets to create inventions. Cubelets are robot blocks that become robots. (Ages 10-14, max. 10 participants. Drop-in).

TWEEN TECH DAYS: LEGO ANIMATION

Thu Jan 4 | McLean Branch | 2-3:30pm

Future movie directors can practice animation during our Lego Animation event! Unleash your creativity by directing your very own stop-motion animation video. We can't wait to see what you make! (Ages 10-14, max. 10 participants. Drop-in).

TWEEN TECH DAYS: SPHEROS & OLLIES

Fri Jan 5 | Main Branch | 2-3:30pm

Meet Sphero Sprk and Ollie, intelligent app-enabled racing robot devices that do tricks. Who will win the obstacle course challenge? (Ages 10-14, max. 6 participants. Drop-in).

LEGO SATURDAYS

**Saturdays | McLean Branch | 10-11:30am
Jan 6 to Feb 24**

Put your building skills to the test with our weekly Lego challenges. (Ages 4+, Drop-in).

GAMERS CLUB

2nd Saturday of every month

1:30-3pm | Main Branch |

Jan 13 & Feb 10

Compete in multiplayer tournaments of hit games like Skylanders SWAP Force, Mario Kart 8 and Super Smash Bros for Wii U followed by free play of any games the group would like. Game on! (Ages 10-14, Drop-in).

MAKER (cont.)

FRIDAY MAKER NIGHT: FAMILY LITERACY DAY CELEBRATION

Fri Jan 19 | McLean | 6:45-7:45pm

Come and celebrate your love of reading. Dive into adventure, explore unknown lands and share favourite stories. Activities and crafts included. Fun for the whole family (All ages. Drop-in).

FRIDAY MAKER NIGHT: WINTER OLYMPICS 2018

Fri Feb 16 | McLean | 6:45-7:45pm

Cheer on the Winter Olympians! Learn interesting Olympic facts, participate in games and winter activities. Wear your red and white in celebration of Canada's 2018 Olympic team! (All ages. Drop-in).

TWEEN TECH CLUB: 360 PHOTO MANIPULATION via BABYLONVR

Sat Jan 27 | Main Branch | 2-3:30pm

Would you like to make a 360 photo come alive? Create your own interactive 360 photos by dragging and dropping in text, images, stickers, links and more. (Ages 10-14, max. 10 participants. Drop-in).

TWEEN TECH CLUB: VIRTUAL REALITY via GOOGLE EXPEDITIONS

Sat Feb 24 | Main Branch | 2-3:30pm

Explore the coral reefs or the surface of Mars! With the virtual reality viewer that you build, you can do just that! Please get permission from your parent to use your phone for this event and please download the "Google Expeditions" app to your device in advance of this event. (Ages 10-14, maximum 8 participants. Drop-in).



Save The Date!

March Break (Mar 9-18)

Robots, Robots Everywhere!



Follow us on Twitter: @ajax_library

STORYTIME

FAMILY STORYTIME | Main Branch

Mondays Jan 8-Feb 26 | 6:45-7:15pm

Enjoy a fun-filled session of family friendly stories, songs and activities (All ages. Drop-in).

BOOKS FOR BABIES | Main Branch

Tuesdays Jan 9-Feb 27 | 10-10:30am

Early literacy begins with you. Enjoy songs, poems, finger plays and simple books with your baby (Drop-in).

STEAM STORYTIME

Tuesdays Jan 9-Feb 27 | 10-11am | McLean

Wednesdays Jan 10-Feb 28 | 10-11am

Main & McLean

Children learn through exploration, discovery and play. Join library staff for 1 hr of stories & hands-on exploration! This child-led program is for preschoolers from age 2 and their caregivers. Drop-in space is limited to 20 children (Ages 2+).

EARLY ON PROGRAMS

Registration is open for Jan. programs. Feb. program registration begins Jan 29. Please call 905.619.4565 (xt 310) or email oeyc.ajax@ymcagta.org for all programs.

MUSICAL BABIES | Main Branch

Wednesdays Jan 10-31 & Feb 7-28

Two time slots: 2-3pm or 3:30-4:30pm

Learn how to incorporate music and musical instruments into baby's play experiences. (0 to 12 months).

MOTHER GOOSE | Main Branch

Fridays Jan 12-Mar 23 | 10:15-11:45am

Based on the oral tradition of storytelling, this program focuses on learning songs, rhymes and stories.(0 to 12 months).

INFANT MASSAGE | Main Branch

Thursdays Feb 1-22 | 1:30-3pm

Experience the benefits of infant massage while spending quality time with baby (0 to 12 months).



PA DAY MOVIES

Fridays | Main Branch | 10am

Jan 19: Lego Ninjago (PG)

Shunned by everyone for being the son of an evil warlord, a teenager seeks to defeat him with the help of his fellow ninjas.

Feb 16: Coco (PG)

Aspiring musician Miguel, confronted with his family's ancestral ban on music, enters the Land of the Dead to work out the mystery.



Tickets available at 9:30am!

READING

AJAX READING CIRCLE | Main Branch

Saturdays | 10:30-11:30am | Jan 27-Mar 3

Readers from age 4 to 12 read with high school volunteers on Saturday mornings. Share stories and improve your reading skills with your big buddy. French assistance available. (Ages 4 to 12. Drop-in).

LE CLUB FRANCAIS | Main Branch

Mondays | 6:30-7:30pm | Jan 29-Mar 5

Readers from age 6 to 12 (Grades 1 to 8), attending French immersion or French schools, read with high school volunteers. (Registration required).

TAMIL READING CIRCLE | Main Branch

Sun Feb 25 | 3-4:30pm

Practice your Tamil reading, speaking and writing skills as we explore crafts and fun cultural activities. (Ages 4+. Drop-in).

FRENCH STUDY PROGRAM | Main Branch

Saturdays | 10-11am or 11-12pm | Jan 20-Mar 3

Are in you in French school/French immersion, in Grade 1 – 6 & looking for help with French homework? Sign up for this weekly 1 hr of tutoring with trained teachers. All participants need to bring their homework. (Registration required)



Subscribe to our YouTube channel: [AjaxLibrary](#)



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month: Kids Pancake Breakfast

Sat Feb 3 | 10:30-11:30am | Main Branch (Drop-in)

Join special guest Tshaka Takura for African storytelling, folktales, songs and dance. Following the fun, stick around for free pancakes!

Kids between the ages of 4-12 and their families are invited to join the Ajax Reading Circle for this special event.

**Celebrate Family Day
at Winterfest!**
Join Library & Town staff for
a fun-filled day celebrating our
great Canadian Winter!
Mon Feb 19 | 11am-4pm
McLean Community Centre

Winterfest



Spark! Igniting the Passion
of Young Artists

Explore your creative side with Spark!, a juried art show for kids (KG to G8). Works will be displayed in Rotary Room during March.

Art drop-off: Sat Feb 24 | 12-4pm | Main Branch
Art Show and Reception: Sat Mar 31 | 2-3pm | Main Branch
Voting will take place prior to the Reception from 1:30-2pm
Pick up your Spark! Guide for complete contest rules at any branch or on our website.

Main Branch
55 Harwood Ave S
Mon – Thu: 9:30am to 9pm
Fri: 9:30am to 7pm
Sat: 9:30am to 5pm
Sun: 1pm to 5pm

McLean Branch
95 Magill Drive
Mon – Fri: 9:30am to 9pm
Sat: 9:30am to 5pm
Sun: 1pm to 5pm

Village Branch
58 Church St. North
Mon – Thu: 3:30 to 7:30pm
Fri – Sat: 11:30am to 3:30pm
Sun: Closed

Holiday Hours:
all branches closed on
Mon Jan 1
Mon Feb 19th

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