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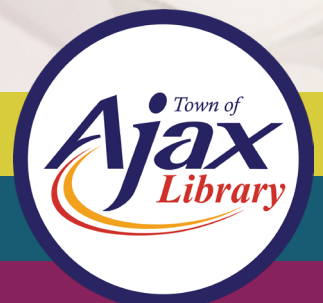
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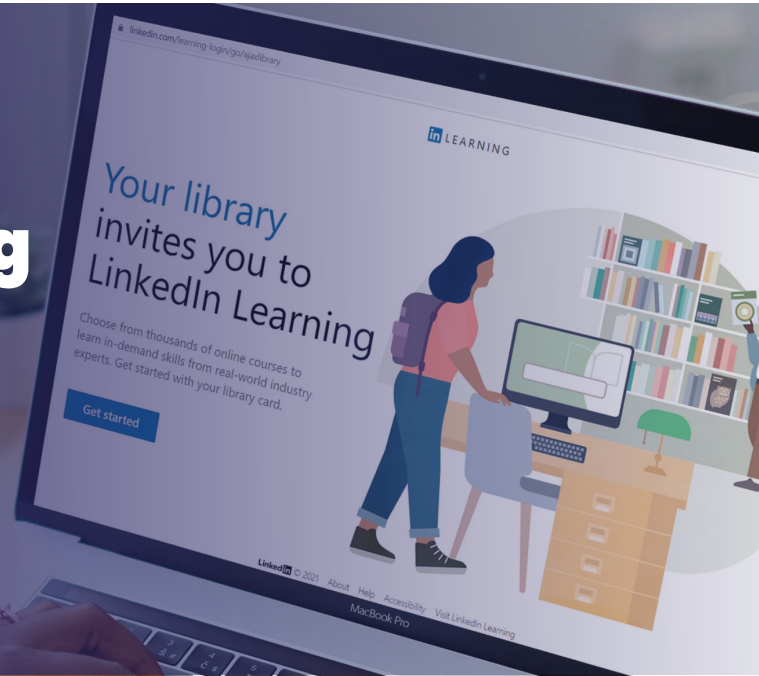
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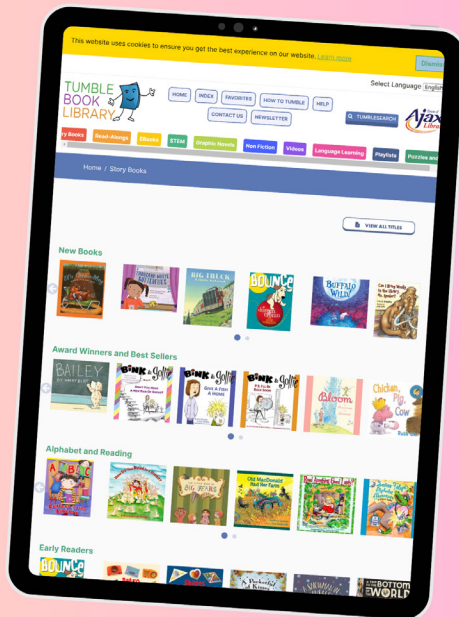
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Need to Cancel?

If you can't make a program you registered for, please be sure to cancel your spot by emailing libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca or calling us at 905-683-4000.



Ajax Archives

*DIY Archiving

Wednesday, May 22, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Discover why creating an archive is important and what is involved in that process. Examples from the Ajax Archives will be included in this presentation by the Archives Services Librarian.



Learn to Camp Pop-Up Booth with Parks Canada

Saturday, June 22, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Main Branch

Visit the Learn to Camp team from Rouge National Urban Park to learn about camping, hiking, getting outside, and national parks across the country.



BLACKLIT DURHAM

*Wednesday, June 26, 7–9 p.m.

St. Francis Centre for Community, Arts and Culture

Join us for the second anniversary of BlackLit Durham! Celebrate Black Canadian literary voices of all genres at a night of amazing performances featuring questions and answers with the artists. Visit blacklitudurham.com for more information.

Special Events

Celebrate Pride Month!

*2SLGBTQ Virtual Book Club

Mondays, May 27 or June 24, 7–8 p.m.

Adults | Zoom

Each month will have a special theme or genre to read within; you choose the title! Then the group will meet and discuss what books they finished (or didn't) and their recommendations. Presented in partnership with Whitby Public Library.

Themes:

May 27: Comics, Graphic Novels, and Manga

June 24: Memoirs, (Auto)Biographies, and Non-Fiction

Drag Queen Storytime + Family Pride Kickoff

Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Families | Main Branch

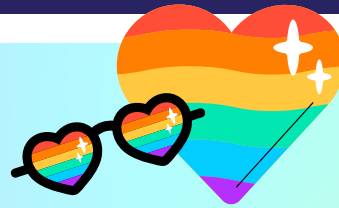
This family-friendly program will showcase stories celebrating diversity and inclusion followed by sweet treats, crafts, and other fun activities. Presented in partnership with Youth Pride Durham, Durham Children's Aid Society, and the Durham Public Libraries.

*Panel for Pride Month: Past, Present, and Future

Wednesday, June 19, 6:30–8 p.m.

Adults | Main Branch

How have different Pride movements formed and evolved throughout history? What issues should we be most concerned about today regarding LGBTQ+ rights? Delve deeper into an insightful discussion on the meaning of Pride and what tools and resources we can draw on to make changes in our communities.



June is Bike Month

Ride your bike to the Library in June and receive a ballot to win a bike prize pack!

Bike Safety & Basic Repair Workshop

Friday, June 7, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

All ages | Audley Branch

Join us to learn about bike routes in Ajax, road rules and safety tips, and basic bike repairs. Attendees are encouraged to bring their bikes. Presented in partnership with the Town of Ajax and Northern Cycle.



National Indigenous History Month

*An Evening with Drew Hayden Taylor

Wednesday, June 5, 7–8:30 p.m.

Adults | St. Francis Centre for Community, Arts and Culture or online on Zoom

Join us for a special evening with author Drew Hayden Taylor, award-winning playwright and author from Curve Lake First Nation. Drew will share a reading from his newest novel "Cold" and will speak about his journey to becoming a writer. Presented in partnership with Clarington Library, Museums & Archives, Oshawa Public Libraries, Whitby Public Library, and Pickering Public Library.

Storytime Special: National Indigenous History Month

Saturday, June 22, 10–10:30 a.m.

Families | Audley Branch

Join us for a special storytime in celebration of National Indigenous History Month, featuring fun and inspiring titles from Indigenous authors and illustrators.



What is TD Summer Reading Club?

Get ready, get set, and get excited for a summer full of fun! TD Summer Reading Club 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 out-of-this-world events planned all summer long!

How to Join the Club:

Registration opens Saturday, June 22 at 4 p.m. Register before Tuesday, July 2 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 pack when you register. There are kits for Pre-Readers (ages 0–5) and Readers (ages 6+).

Events!

TDSRC Kickoff: Get Your Summer Read On!

Saturday, June 22, 1–1:45 p.m.

Audley Branch

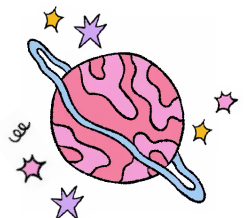
Blast off for a summer of fun with award-winning musician Brendan McLeod!

Friday Craft and Movie: The LEGO Batman Movie

Friday, June 28, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Build LEGO creations of your very own, then enjoy watching The LEGO Batman Movie!



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

MAKERSPACE @ MCLEAN

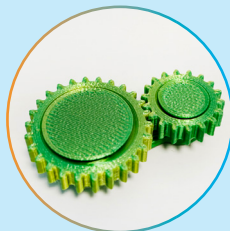
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May	Sundays Are for Makers 11 a.m.–5 p.m. May 5 & 12: Buttons and Cards for Mom May 19 & 26: Catapults		Tuesday Try: Button Maker! 9 a.m.–9 p.m.	Small Business Open House 9 a.m.–3 p.m. 3D Object of the Month Demo 4–8:30 p.m.	Thursday Makerspace Club: Sew Your Own Drawstring Pouch! 9 a.m.–9 p.m.		3D Object of the Month Demo 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
June	Sundays Are for Makers 11 a.m.–5 p.m. June 2, 9 & 16: Father's Day Ties June 23 & 30: Taking Flight	*Project Makerspace Sewing Workshops June 10, 17, or 24, 2–3 p.m. Registration opens May 2.	Tuesday Try: Cameras! 9 a.m.–9 p.m.	Small Business Open House 9 a.m.–3 p.m. 3D Object of the Month Demo 4–8:30 p.m.	Thursday Makerspace Club: Glowforge Laser Cutter Key Chain 9 a.m.–9 p.m.		3D Object of the Month Demo 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

3D Object of the Month

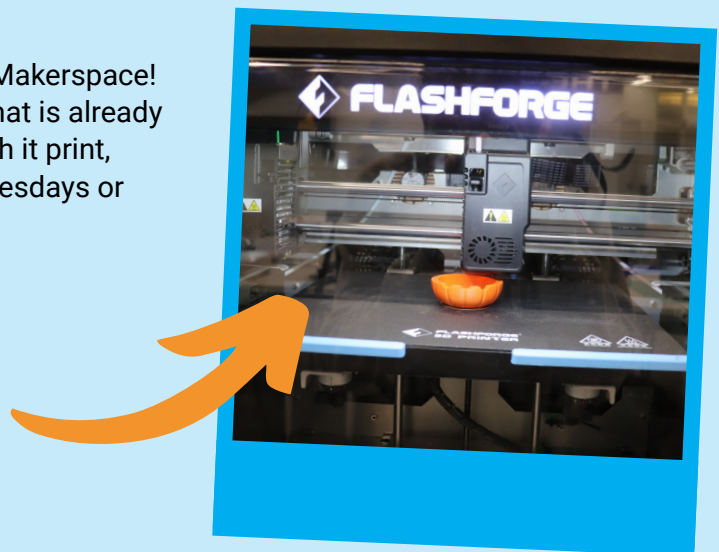
The 3D Object of the Month is now available at the Makerspace! Drop by anytime during open hours to pick one up that is already printed. If you'd like to customize the colour or watch it print, come to the 3D Object of the Month Demo on Wednesdays or Saturdays. One free 3D object per customer.



May:
Microphone



June:
Movable Gears



Kids & Families

Storytimes (May 1–June 6, no programs May 20)

Join us for stories, rhymes, and other fun activities! Learn more about each Storytime by visiting ajaxlibrary.ca/Events.

STEAM Storytime Ages 2+	STEAM Storytime Ages 2+	Books for Babies Ages 0–2	Books for Babies Ages 0–2	Bedtime Storytime Families
Mondays 10–10:30 a.m.	Tuesdays 10–10:30 a.m.	Tuesdays 10–10:30 a.m.	Thursdays 1–1:30 p.m.	Wednesdays 6:45–6:55 p.m.
McLean Branch	Audley Branch	Main Branch	Audley Branch	New videos weekly on Facebook

Family Storytime + Ajax Reading Circle

Saturdays, May 4, 18 or June 1, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Ages 3–12 | Audley Branch

Storytime: 10–10:30 a.m.

Crafts & Reading Buddies: 10:30 a.m.–12 noon

Sensory Storytime

Thursdays, May 9, 23 or June 6, 10–10:30 a.m.

Ages 2–6 | Main Branch

Presented in partnership with Grandview Kids

STEAM Toddler Time

Fridays, May 17 or June 14, 11–11:30 a.m.

Ages 2–3 | Main Branch

Craft & Make

Friday Maker Night

Fridays, May 3, 17 or June 14, 28, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Makerspace at McLean Branch

LEGO!

Sundays, May 12 or June 9, 12 noon–2 p.m.

Audley Branch

Saturdays, May 25 or June 22, 10 a.m.–12 noon

McLean Branch



Find weekly themes at
[ajaxlibrary.ca/Events!](http://ajaxlibrary.ca/Events)

Kids & Families

EarlyON

*Preschool Music and Movement

Thursdays, May 2–June 27, 10–11 a.m.

Ages 2.5–6 | Audley Branch

Introduce children to interactive songs, nursery rhymes, music, creative movement, and musical instruments. Learn more and register at keyon.ca.

*Mother Goose

Fridays, May 3–June 28 (no session May 24), 10–11 a.m.

Ages 0–2 | Main Branch

A fun group experience for parents and babies focusing on the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs, and stories. Learn more and register at keyon.ca.



1000 Colourful Stories

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 going until you reach 1000!

1000 Colourful Stories Program

Saturday, May 25, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon or Sunday, June 23, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Ages 0–4 | Audley Branch

Drop by for a storytime and to get your next reading log!



National Accessibility Week: May 26–June 1

Celebrate National AccessABILITY Week with Ajax's Accessibility Advisory Committee and the CreateABILITY Art Contest. Express what inclusion of people with disabilities means to you! Entry sheets are available for pickup and drop off from May 1–June 7. Win one of three \$50 gift cards to Michael's! For full details and other Ajax events including Red Shirt Day in recognition of National AccessABILITY Week, visit imo.ajax.ca/Access.

Kids & Families

Coding & STEM

*Family Coding

Saturday, May 11, 10–11 a.m.

Main Branch

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

*Ontario Tech STEM Workshop

Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m.–12 noon | Grades 1–4

Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m.–12 noon | Grades 5–8

Main Branch

Workshops introduce youth to the fundamental concepts of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through hands-on, fun, engaging activities, with the goal of inspiring youth to learn more about STEM and gain confidence in their own abilities.



Find Your Calm

*Yoga for Beginners

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Ages 7+ (those 7–17 to be accompanied by a parent/guardian)

*Meditation for Beginners

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Ages 12+ (those 12–17 to be accompanied by a parent/guardian)

Take a positive step towards your well-being with these meditation and yoga programs, designed by Sadhguru. Mats and chairs provided. Presented in partnership with the Isha Foundation.

For Babies

*Infant Hearing Screening Clinics

Wednesdays, May 1–June 26, 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.

Scientists in School

Science comes to life in these interactive workshops for ages 4–12!

*Shoot, Score, Science and More!

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Jump, shoot, roll and glide; can you find the science in sport?

*Magical Science!

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Experiment with colourful teas and unusual potions on this magical science adventure!



*Candy Chemistry

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Audley Branch

Discover the surprising science hiding in a bag of Skittles.

*Sticky Science

Tuesday, June 4, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Audley Branch

Get sticky with it! Discover the science of sticky.

Tweens & Teens

Fun & Games

D&D Café
Tuesdays, May 7, 21 or June 4, 18, 5:30–8:30 p.m.
All ages, tweens and teens welcome!
Audley Branch

Saturdays, May 11, 25 or June 8, 1–4 p.m.
Audley Branch
Play D&D at the Library! Interested in attending, but don't have a group? Contact carly.midgley@ajaxlibrary.ca.

Gamers' Club
Saturdays, May 25 or June 22, 1–3 p.m.
Ages 10–14 | Main Branch
Super Smash Bros. and Mario Kart await your arrival! Participate in tournament play for a monthly prize, or just play for fun.

Learn

***Black Girls Empowerment STEM Club**
Tuesdays, May 14, 21, and 28, 4:30–6 p.m.
Grades 4–6 | Main Branch
***Tuesday, June 11, Thursday, June 20, and Wednesday, June 26**
4:30–6 p.m.
Grades 3–5 | Audley Branch
A club for Black girls to spark interest in STEM through hands-on activities and mentorship from Black female STEM students. Presented in partnership with Ontario Tech University and Congress of Black Women of Canada Ajax/Pickering Chapter.

***Black Youth Empowerment STEM Club**
Thursday, June 13, Friday, June 21, and Thursday, June 27, 4:30–6 p.m.
Grades 6–8 | Audley Branch
A club for Black youth to discover STEM through hands-on activities and mentorship from Black STEM students. Presented in partnership with Ontario Tech University and Congress of Black Women of Canada Ajax/Pickering Chapter.

HeARTbeat Art Show

Artwork on display at Main Branch: May 1–30
Drop by to 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.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

TD Summer Reading Club Volunteers
Deadline to apply: Friday, May 10 at 5 p.m.
We're looking for enthusiastic, outgoing, and committed high school students to volunteer 10–15 hours per week through the summer to assist with children's programs and Reading Log booths.
Students must be starting Grade 9 or older in September 2024 to volunteer.

TD Summer Reading Club Story Team
Deadline to apply: Saturday, June 1 at 5 p.m.
Mondays, July 8–August 19 (no session August 5) 1–3 p.m.

Makerspace at McLean Branch
Interested in assisting with interviewing people and learning about the Makerspace? Opportunities are available assisting staff in recording the personal stories of local older adults.

Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)
Deadline to apply: Friday, June 14 at 5 p.m.
Mandatory Training: Monday, July 8, 5–7 p.m.
The Teen Advisory Committee represents teen peers in the Library, develops and delivers teen programs, and supports community events.

Celebrate

Explore Asian Heritage Through Art
Saturday, May 18, 2–3 p.m.
Audley Branch
Celebrate Asian Heritage Month through an exploration of Asian art styles. In collaboration with the Teen Advisory Committee's Diversity Committee.



Adults & Seniors

Health & Wellness

*Brain Waves Café

Tuesdays, May 14 or June 11, 1–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Enjoy conversation, support, and activities in a dementia-friendly atmosphere. For persons with cognitive (memory) 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.

*Bibliotherapy

Tuesdays, May 14, 28 or June 11, 25, 7–8 p.m.

Zoom

Bibliotherapy combines reading and talking about books and stories to achieve a more positive sense of wellness.

Presented in partnership with the Literacy Network of Durham Region.

*Living a Healthy Life with Diabetes

Wednesdays, May 22–June 26 (six-week session)

9–11:30 a.m.

Zoom

Join this virtual workshop series to learn skills and tools to better manage your diabetes or pre-diabetes. All participants will receive the “Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions” resource book. Caregivers are welcome to register.

*Understanding Stress and Sleep

Thursday, May 23, 6:30–8 p.m.

Zoom

Discover tips for getting a good night’s sleep and learn some common signs of a sleep disorder. Presented in partnership with Home and Community Care Support Services, Central East Self- Management Program.

The Compassionate Friends Ajax

Tuesdays, May 28 or June 25, 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.

*Cancer Prevention Workshop

Wednesday, May 29, 1–2 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn about the risk factors of cancer and preventative measures you can take to reduce your risk. Presented in partnership with the Durham Natural Health Centre.

*Practical Planning for Your Health

Wednesday, June 5, 1–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Explore ways to support your health by considering the five domains of wellness: physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, and social. Presented in partnership with Home and Community Care Support Services, Central East Self-Management Program.

*Let’s Talk About Stroke: Do You Know the Signs?

Wednesday, June 26, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn more about stroke and transient ischemic attacks, including signs of stroke, what to do if you think you are having a stroke, risk factors, and risk factor modification. Presented in partnership with Lakeridge Health District Stroke Centre.

*Yoga for Beginners

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30–8 p.m.

Main Branch

*Meditation for Beginners

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Take a positive step towards your well-being with these meditation and yoga programs, designed by Sadhguru. Mats and chairs provided. Presented in partnership with the Isha Foundation.

*Chair Yoga

Tuesday, June 18, 11 a.m.–12 noon

Main Branch

Learn yoga postures while supported by a chair to strengthen and gently stretch the body. Presented in partnership with the Town of Ajax.



Adults & Seniors

World Belly Dance Day!

*Saturday, May 11, 11 a.m.–12 noon

Main Branch

Celebrate World Belly Dance Day! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced dancer, this workshop is tailored for everyone. Release stress, boost confidence, and connect with your body in a vibrant and supportive environment. Presented in partnership with Zahra's School of Belly Dance.

Learn

*Stay Connected Training

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

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

Main Branch or online on Zoom

Fridays, 1:30 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.

McLean Branch or online on Zoom

Learn how to stay in touch with these technology training sessions offered in person or on Zoom. Topics include using iPads and other smart devices, social media, and safe use of Zoom. To register, call 905-683-4000 ext. 8813 (Main Branch) or ext. 8901 (McLean Branch).

*Genealogy Group

Wednesday, May 15: Using Excel for Genealogy Workshop

Wednesday, June 19: Discovering Your Cornwall and Devon Ancestors with guest Sher Leetooze

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch

To register, email events@ajaxlibrary.ca.

Headline Hunters

Tuesdays, May 28 or June 25, 1:30–3 p.m.

Main Branch

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

Parent Café

*Teen Mental Health Workshop

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Zoom

Learn about six common youth mental health disorders, how to identify emerging mental illnesses in teenagers, and how to seek help appropriately and quickly. Presented in partnership with Sima Health Consultancy.

*Infant and Toddler Nutrition

Tuesday, June 4, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Main Branch

Picky eating can be tricky! Learn about introducing new foods, picky eating, snack and meal ideas, and the nutritional needs of infants and toddlers. Presented in partnership with Durham Public Health.

*Car Seat Clinic

Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Audley Branch

Before embarking on summer road trips, ensure your car seat is installed correctly! Book a one-on-one appointment with a car seat installation specialist by contacting events@ajaxlibrary.ca or calling 905-683-4000 ext. 8809. Presented in partnership with Seated Safely.

Thinking Ahead Series

At some point in our lives, everyone will either provide or require care. Based on the Older Adults Advisory Committee (OAAC) Caregiver Supports Guide (available at ajaxlibrary.ca/Policies), Thinking Ahead is a monthly workshop series that will help you plan ahead as a caregiver or care recipient. Presented in partnership with the Ontario Caregiver Organization.

*Working Caregivers: Balancing Work and Care

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30–8 p.m.

Main Branch or online on Zoom

Learn more about the caregiving experience and explore the best strategies for balancing work and caregiving.

*Communication Tips for Caregivers: Connecting with Service Providers

Tuesday, June 11, 1:30–3 p.m.

Main Branch or online on Zoom

Review the importance of effective communication and gain access to free resources and support.

Adults & Seniors

Multilingual & Multicultural

***Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services**
Weekly on Mondays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (no session May 20)
Main Branch

Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services will provide settlement service for Durham Region residents. Services provided in English, Dari, Pashto, Farsi, and Urdu. To book an appointment, contact Fawzia Nazari, Settlement Counsellor at 437-235-2871 or fnazari@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. (no session May 20)
Main Branch

To register, contact Fawzia Nazari, Settlement Counsellor at 437-235-2871 or fnazari@afghanwomen.org.

French Conversation Circle
Weekly on Mondays until June 17 (no session May 20)
6:30–8 p.m.
Main Branch

Enjoy French discussions for everyone, whether it is your first language or you are just learning.

***Spanish Seniors Social with Hispanic Canadian Alliance of Durham**
Weekly on Mondays, 2–5 p.m. (no session May 20)
Main Branch

For more information and to register, contact Cristina Gomez at 289-928-2037.

***English Conversation Circle**
Weekly on Wednesdays until June 19, 6:30–8 p.m.
Main Branch

For more information and to register, call Bozena at 905-686-2661 or email bstobinska@cdcd.org.

DCCC Seniors and Durham Happy Seniors Alliance
Saturdays, May 11, 25 or June 8, 22, 1–4 p.m.
Main Branch

Languages spoken: Cantonese and Mandarin. For more information, email info@durhamchinese.ca. Presented in partnership with Durham Chinese Canadian Culture Centre.

Dungeons & Dragons

D&D Café
Tuesdays, May 7, 21 or June 4, 18, 5:30–8:30 p.m.
Audley Branch

Saturdays, May 11, 25 or June 8, 1–4 p.m.
Audley Branch

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

Games

Social Bridge
Thursdays, May 2–June 27, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
Main Branch

Friendly Euchre
Fridays, May 10, 17, 31 or June 14, 28, 2–4 p.m.
Main Branch

***Ajax Chess Club Tournament**
Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Main Branch

Get ready for the Ajax Chess Club Spring Tournament, a fun-filled day of strategic moves, intense matches, and exciting competition! For more information, email AjaxChessClubREG@gmail.com. To register, visit [ACC-Spring-2024.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca).

Ajax Chess Club
Tuesdays, June 4–August 27, 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 serious chess in a fun atmosphere. Please bring your own chess set and clock.



Adults & Seniors

May is Mystery Month!



Put on your sleuthing hat and visit any of our branches this May, where a mystery is waiting for you to solve. Read the story—if you think you have solved the case, fill in the form to submit your solution! Those who have cracked the case will have their names entered into a prize draw at the end of the month.

Discover

Crafters' Corner

Wednesdays, May 8, 22 or June 12, 26

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Main Branch

*Armchair Travel

Tuesday, May 21: Corsica

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Corsica is often referred to as Île de Beauté, which translates to the Island of Beauty. With its stunning seaside scenery, expanses of pristine forest, and soaring snowcapped mountains, the name is well deserved.

*Paul Butler: The Piano Man

Friday, June 7, 1:30–3 p.m.

Main Branch

Join us for a feel-good Friday afternoon of music from across the decades with Ajax's own Piano Man, Paul Butler.

*Virtual Armchair Travel

Tuesday, June 18: Singapore

1:30–3 p.m.

Zoom

Roughly the size of Toronto, Singapore is often regarded as the playground of the rich. But we'll discover that it offers much more than high-end shopping, luxury hotels, and stunning architecture.

Financial Literacy

*Food and Finance

Thursday, June 13, 1–2 p.m.

Zoom

Discover how to create healthy and financially sustainable meals and get tips on frugal meal plans. Presented in partnership with the Credit Counselling Society.

For Movie Lovers

Cultural Cinema

Tuesdays, May 7 or June 4, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Main Branch

May 7: Mothering Sunday (14A) A maid living in post-World War I England secretly plans to meet with the man she loves before he leaves to marry another woman.

June 4: The Duke (PG) In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver, steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London.

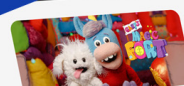


May 7



June 4

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June is Aging Well Month



55+ Ajax Amateur Photography Contest

June 1–July 31

The Ajax Public Library Older Adults Advisory Committee (OAAC), in partnership with the Town of Ajax Older Adult Task Force, is excited to announce the fourth annual 55+ Amateur Photography Contest. Stay tuned for more information on how you can participate and vote for your favourite photo. 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 and on the Library's website.

Project Makerspace

The Older Adults Advisory Committee (OAAC) is pleased to present Project Makerspace, celebrating the diverse needs, interests, and creativity of older adults in our Ajax community.

Project Kickoff Meet & Greet

Monday, June 3, 2–3 p.m.

Makerspace at McLean Branch

Find out about this new initiative from OAAC members and their community partners.

*Sewing Workshops

Mondays, June 10, 17, or 24, 2–3 p.m.

Registration opens May 2

Makerspace at McLean Branch

Discover simple sewing machine tricks and embroidery options.

Service Canada

*Service Canada Workshop for Seniors

Tuesday, June 18, 2–3 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn about Service Canada's programs and benefits for seniors. This program will include information on the Canada Pension Plan, retirement and disability benefits, the Old Age Security (OAS) program, and the new Canadian Dental Care Plan. Presented in partnership with Service Canada.

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



Seniors Centre Without Walls

Join us for **Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW)** Monday through Wednesday 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.

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

Programming Details

Information Highway

Learn from informative guest speakers about topics including finances, planning, health & safety, entertainment, and more; discuss what's happening in local news and around the world; join the Ajax Public Library for information about our Ajax history or immerse yourself into the wonderful world of short stories from a variety of different 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 while sitting in your favourite spot; learn about people from different countries and cultures; boldly go where your taste buds have never gone before with diverse recipes from around the globe.

Challenge Accepted

Put your knowledge to the test during weekly themed trivia questions and games; become the detective of a whodunit during Minute Mysteries; challenge yourself with memory games; test your knowledge with fun fact or fiction trivia.

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May 2024 Program Calendar Space is limited.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 Information Highway: Minute Mysteries
6 Worldly Wonders: Armchair Travel Sweden Pt. 1	7 Fit and Fun: Pictionary on Zoom	8 Information Highway: Durham Storytellers – Mother’s Day
13 Information Highway: This Week in History	14 Information Highway: Tim Westhead	15 Fit and Fun: 52 Card Bingo and Riddles
20 No programming	21 Information Highway: Dalia Gesser	22 Information Highway: Linda Dempster
27 Information Highway: Biographies – Coco Chanel	28 Fit and Fun: Word Jumble	29 Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui

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Durham Storytellers

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

Summi Siddiqui

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

Dalia Gesser

Join Dalia, a published author, as she reads some of her stories about family, pets and people in the community that will trigger memories and anecdotes to share.

Linda Dempster

Enjoy music and conversation with singer and songwriter Linda.

Tim Westhead

Hollywood: An Insider’s View - Tim’s Favourite Films with False Protagonists

Join film buff Tim Westhead to find out what’s beyond the silver screen! Enjoy discovering new and re-discovering classic movies that offer a story with a “decoy protagonist”, and make your for film a more rewarding experience!




June 2024 Program Calendar Space is limited.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3 Worldly Wonders: Armchair Travel – Sweden Pt.2	4 Fit and Fun: Trivia – Summer Edition	5 Information Highway: Historical Mysteries
10 Aging Well Month: Bingo with Parkland Lifestyle Residences	11 Fit and Fun: 52 Card Bingo and Riddles	12 Information Highway: Durham Storytellers – Father's Day
17 Aging Well Month: Jeopardy with Westney Gardens	18 Fit and Fun: Trivia	19 Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui
24 Aging Well Month: Securing Your Legacy: Retirement and Estate Planning	25 Information Highway: Dalia Gesser	26 No Programming

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Ajax Public Library

Community Connections

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

John Howard Society: Harm Reduction Services

- Harm reduction education
- Information and referrals
- Access to Naloxone and training opportunities

Wednesdays, May 1, 15, 29 or June 12, 26
1:30–3:30 p.m.
Main Branch

CDCD Settlement Services

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

Thursdays, May 2–June 27
By Appointment Only: 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Walk-Ins: 2–4:30 p.m.
Main Branch

Housing Help Durham

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

Wednesdays, May 8 or June 12
2–4 p.m.
Main Branch

Foster Parent Information Booth

- Learn more about becoming a foster parent with Durham Children’s Aid Society.

Thursday, May 9
10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Main Branch

Durham Community Health Centre Hepatitis C Clinic

- Free screening for Hepatitis C
- Harm reduction education and supplies
- Care, treatment, and support

Thursdays, May 9 or June 13
2–3 p.m.
Main Branch

Ask an Agent: Service Canada

- Employment Insurance
- Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security
- Please bring photo ID and original required documents. Visit canada.ca for lists of required documents.

Tuesdays, May 14 or June 11
10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Main Branch
 Drop-ins welcome, or call 905-683-4000 ext. 8809 to register.

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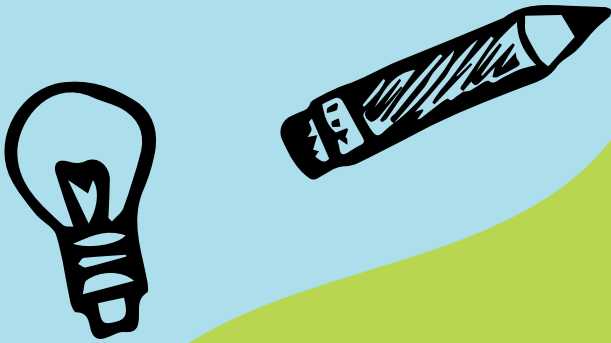
- Resume development and interview skills
- Job search techniques

Fridays, May 17 or June 21
1–5 p.m.
Main Branch

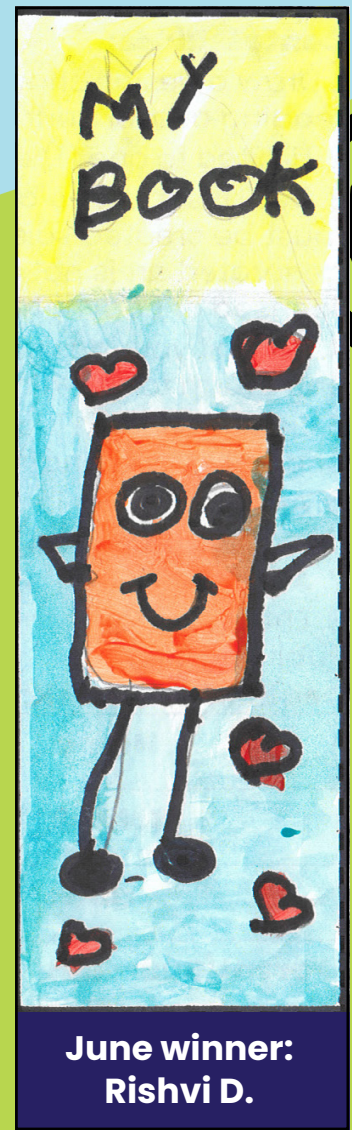
2024 Design a Bookmark Contest Winners!

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

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



May winner:
Srihaan S.



June winner:
Rishvi D.

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.

Saturdays

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sundays

11 a.m.–5 p.m.

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