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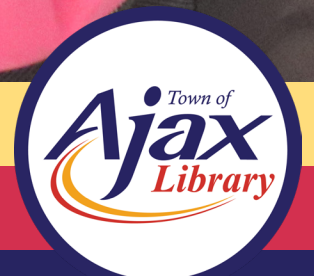
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## Explore Your Inner Scientist!

## Ajax/Pickering Science Fair

### \*Ajax/Pickering Science Fair: Saturday, March 2

For children and teens in grades 3–12.

Registration opens Tuesday, January 2.

### Science Fair How-To Workshops:

Saturday, January 20, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon at Main Branch

Thursday, January 25, 6–7:30 p.m. at Audley Branch

### Bring Back the Salmon

Starting Tuesday, January 16

### Main Branch

Stop by to catch a glimpse of the eggs when they hatch into fry as the Library becomes the temporary home to 100 baby salmon. Find videos and activities at [bringbackthesalmon.ca](http://bringbackthesalmon.ca). Presented in partnership with the Town of Ajax, Toronto Regional Conservation Authority, and the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters.





# Special Events



## 1000 Colourful Stories



A reading club just for preschoolers! From birth to four years is the best time to nurture a love of reading. Sign up at any branch, get your notebook, take it home, and read. Once your notebook is full, come back to the Library to get the next one and keep reading together until you reach 1000! We can't wait to watch your child grow and learn through reading, monthly programs, and regular visits to the Library. Along the way, there will be literacy tips, reading recommendations, and prizes.

### 1000 Colourful Stories

**Saturdays, January 27 or February 24, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon**

**Families with preschool children, birth to JK**

**Audley Branch**

Kick off Family Literacy Day on Saturday, January 27 with our new 1000 Colourful Stories program!

Sign up with your preschooler to start the reading challenge that will carry you all the way to the first day of school.

## Family Day Weekend

**\*Family Day Weekend Fun: Funky Monkey Hip Hop with Dance Inc.**

**Saturday, February 17, 2–3 p.m.**

**Ages 4–6**

**Audley Branch**

Go bananas at this upbeat and energetic class!

**Winterfest**

**Monday, February 19, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**Audley Branch**

Celebrate Family Day at the Town of Ajax Winterfest event, then warm up inside Audley Branch for crafting fun!

Learn more about Winterfest at [ajax.ca](http://ajax.ca).

## SPARK! Juried Art Show

**Artwork drop-off at Main Branch: Wednesday, February 21, 5–8:30 p.m.**

**or Saturday, February 24, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.**

**Art Show & Reception: Sunday, March 24, 1–2:30 p.m. at Main Branch**

SPARK! is a juried art show for Ajax kids from JK–Grade 8. Selected works will be displayed at Main Branch throughout March. Presented in partnership with Pine Ridge Arts Council. Pick up your entry form at any branch starting January 3, or visit [ajaxlibrary.ca/SparkArt](http://ajaxlibrary.ca/SparkArt).

Audley Branch will be open on Family Day (Monday, February 19) from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Main Branch and McLean Branch & Makerspace will be closed.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Programs

✳️ **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Durham Black History Month Celebration** presented by Cultural Expressions Art Gallery Inc.

**Saturday, February 3, 5 p.m. at J. Clarke Richardson High School**

**Sunday, February 4, 2 p.m.: Online live stream**

This year's theme is Our Decade: Recognition, Justice and Development, celebrating the last year of the International Decade for People of African Descent. For more information and to register, visit [durhamblackhistorymonth.com](http://durhamblackhistorymonth.com).

✳️ **BlackLit Durham Literary Showcase: Decades of Black Ink**

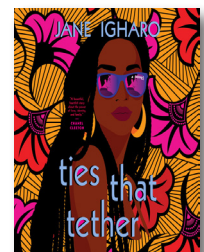
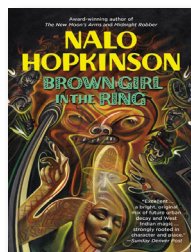
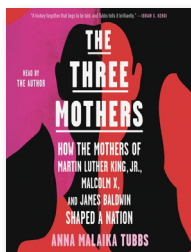
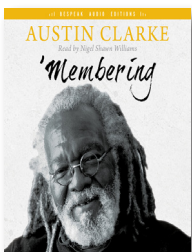
**Wednesday, February 21, 7–9 p.m.**

**St. Francis Centre for Community, Arts, and Culture**

Celebrate Black Canadian literary voices of all genres—join us for a night of amazing performances, open mic poetry, and a Q+A with the artists. Sign-ups for open mic poetry sessions start at 6:30 p.m. Visit [blacklitudurham.com](http://blacklitudurham.com) for more information.

## Black Voices Collection

Browse memoirs, essays, stories, and ideas for adult readers on OverDrive. Find the collection online at [ajax.overdrive.com/Library/Black-Voices](http://ajax.overdrive.com/Library/Black-Voices).



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

# MAKERSPACE @ MCLEAN

## Programs

### 20-Minute Learning Workshops

Monday mornings or Friday afternoons

**Ages 14+**

These progressive, 20-minute workshops will teach you a new skill each week to help you become more comfortable using the equipment.

**January: Try Sewing!**

**February: Explore Robotics!**

### Tuesday Try

Tuesdays, 5–8 p.m.

**Ages 14+**

Drop by to learn about the different equipment in the Makerspace!

**January: 3D Printer**

Curious about 3D printing? This weekly workshop will help you design your prototype, scale it to the right size, and then print it out.

**February: Cricut**

Want to personalize your own custom clothing? Come by to learn how our Cricut can help you do just that! You'll pick a pattern, find out how it was printed, and then put it on a piece of fabric. Supplies provided, or you can bring your own.

### \*Thursday Makerspace Club

Thursdays starting January 11, 10–11:30 a.m. or 6:30–8 p.m.

**Ages 14+**

The Makerspace Club will give you a classroom-style workshop to help you learn the skills to start your maker journey.

**January: Sew a Gift Card Pouch**

You'll cut your fabric from a pattern, learn to pin it, sew the edges, add a button, and complete the project.

**February: Design with the Cricut**

Learn how to use our Cricut to personalize your own clothing. You'll learn how to find your design, how to print it, and how to put it onto your clothing. Supplies provided, or you can bring your own.



### Sundays Are For Makers

Sundays, January 7–February 25

Drop in anytime during open hours: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Ages 10+**

### PA Yay!

Friday, January 26

Drop in anytime during open hours: 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

**Ages 10+**

Use beads made with the Glowforge laser cutter to create a bracelet or necklace.

# Ajax Public Library

# Community Connections

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

## Social Services Community Supports

- Financial resources
- Housing and food security

**Weekly on Tuesdays**

**1:30–4:30 p.m.**

**Main Branch**

## John Howard Society: Harm Reduction Services

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

**Wednesdays, January 3, 17, 31 or February 7, 21**

**1–3 p.m.**

**Main Branch**

## Housing Help Durham

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

**Wednesdays, January 10 or February 14**

**2–4 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, January 11 or February 8**

**1:30–2:30 p.m.**

**Main Branch**

## Durham Community Legal Clinic

- Get information about their services and ask questions
- Private consultation available upon request

**Mondays, January 15 or February 12**

**1–4 p.m.**

**Main Branch**

## Metrolinx

- Learn about local ongoing and upcoming projects at the Metrolinx Community Engagement Team's pop-up table.

**Wednesdays, January 17 or February 14**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Main Branch**

## Ask an Agent: Service Canada

- Employment Insurance
- Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security

**Thursday, January 18**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Main Branch**

**Drop-ins welcome, or call 905-683-4000 ext. 8809 to register**

## Agilec Employment Services

- Resume development and Interview skills
- Job search techniques

**Fridays, January 19 or February 16**

**1–5 p.m.**

**Main Branch**



# Kids & Families

## Storytimes (January 8–February 29)

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

### Sensory Storytime

Thursdays, January 18 or February 1, 15, 29, 10–10:30 a.m.

Ages 2–6

Main Branch

Presented in partnership with Grandview Kids.

### STEAM Toddler Time

Fridays, January 12 or February 9, 11–11:30 a.m.

Ages 2–3

Main Branch

### Family Storytime + Ajax Reading Circle

Saturdays, January 20 or February 3, 17, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Storytime: 10–10:30 a.m.

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

Ages 3–12

Audley Branch



## Fun With Music!

### \*Preschoolers Make Music

Saturdays, January 20–February 24, 10–10:45 a.m.

Registration is for all six sessions

Ages 2–4

Audley Branch

This new program is designed for preschool children based on Kodaly and Orff teaching methods. Children will experience and learn basic musical elements through speech, singing, creative movements, and instruments in a joyful way.



# Kids & Families

## Craft & Make

### Friday Maker Night

Fridays, January 12, 26 or February 9, 23, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

McLean Branch

### Crafternoons

Saturdays, January 13 or February 10, 1–3 p.m.

Ages 6–12

Main Branch

For every craft/activity completed, your name will be entered into a draw for a great prize! One prize will be given away after each session.

### LEGO!

Sundays, January 14 or February 11, 12 noon–2 p.m.

Audley Branch

Saturdays, January 27 or February 24, 10 a.m.–12 noon

McLean Branch

### PA Day: Craft + PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie

Friday, January 26, 10 a.m.–12 noon

PAW Patrol badges craft: 10–10:30 a.m.

Movie: 10:30 a.m.–12 noon

Main Branch



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

## En Français

### \*French Math Tutoring

Tuesdays, January 23–March 26 or Thursdays, January 25–March 28 (no sessions February 20, 22 and March 12, 14)

30-minute sessions available at 5:45 p.m.; 6:30 p.m.; and 7:15 p.m. (one registration per session)

Grades 1–6

Zoom

Get help in French with your reading or math assignments in these weekly 30-minute sessions with University of Toronto Scarborough Teachers in Training.

### \*Le Club Français

Mondays, January 29–March 4 (no program February 19), 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Registration is for all six weeks

Ages 6–12

Main Branch

Boost your French reading skills with high school reading buddies, where we'll converse and read aloud.

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

# Kids & Families

## For Babies

### \*Infant Hearing Screening Clinics

Wednesdays, January 3–February 28, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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](http://childdevelopmentprograms.ca/BookMyBaby) or call the

Tri-Regional Infant Hearing Program at 1-888-703-5437, ext. 4.

### \*EarlyON Baby Social

Thursdays, January 11–February 29, 10–11 a.m.

Ages 0–15 months

Main Branch

Learn more and register at [keyon.ca](http://keyon.ca).

## Learn & Explore

### \*Outdoor Explorers With Abilities Centre

Saturdays, January 13 or February 10, 10–11 a.m.

Audley Branch Reading Garden

Get everyone active outside! Open to children, youth, and families of all ages and abilities.

## Coding & STEM

### \*c\_wonder Workshops

Coding Workshop: Saturday, January 13, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Grades 5–8

Audley Branch

STEM Workshop: Saturday, February 10, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Grades 1–4

Audley Branch

Ontario Tech University Engineering Outreach is proud to offer free programs at Ajax Public Library! Workshops introduce youth to fundamental concepts through fun, hands-on activities with the goal of inspiring confidence.

## 3D Object of the Month

To get your object, send an email to [libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca](mailto:libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca) with your name, phone number, and colour choice, and let us know if you want to be there while it prints. One free 3D object per customer.

**Colours available:** Green, Orange, Transparent, Black, Transparent Purple, Blue, Red, Yellow, Glow-in-the-dark Transparent.



January:  
Baby Dragon



February:  
Bear with Heart

# Tweens & Teens

## Get Creative

**\*3D Pens**

**Saturday, January 6, 10–11 a.m.**

**Ages 10–14**

**Main Branch**

3D Pens have the ability to “draw” in mid-air, allowing you to instantly form 3D structures right in front of you!

**TAC Presents: Valentines Day Baking**

**Friday, February 2, 7–8:30 p.m.**

**Ages 13–19**

**Audley Branch**



## Fun & Games

**D&D Café**

**Tuesdays, January 9, 23 or February 6, 20, 5:30–8:30 p.m.**

**All ages, tweens and teens welcome!**

**Audley Branch**

Connect with other tabletop gamers! Interested in attending, but don't have a group? Contact [carly.midgley@ajaxlibrary.ca](mailto:carly.midgley@ajaxlibrary.ca).

**Gamer's Club Tournaments: Nintendo Switch**

**Saturdays, January 27 or February 24, 1–3 p.m.**

**Ages 10–14**

**Main Branch**

Attention gamers: Are you ready to make the SWITCH to Super Smash Bros. and Mario Kart? Who will be the last one standing? Refreshments provided.

## Study Hall & Kits

**Saturdays and Sundays, January 20, 21, 27, 28**

**Audley Branch open to 7 p.m.**

Looking for a place to cram for your exam? Pick up your study kit created by the Library's Teen Advisory Council, grab a drink, and get studying! Kits available while supplies last.



**New!**

Study better  
with Solaro

New study resource! Use your Library card to access Solaro for Ontario curriculum content for grades 3–12. Study better with course-specific quizzes, lessons, and material review.

Find it at [ajaxlibrary.ca/Research-Learn](http://ajaxlibrary.ca/Research-Learn).





# Adults & Seniors

## Dungeons & Dragons

**\*Dungeon Divers Virtual RPG Group**

Saturdays, January 6, 20 or February 3, 17,  
1–5 p.m.

**Ages 20–35**

**Discord**

To register, contact [carly.midgley@ajaxlibrary.ca](mailto:carly.midgley@ajaxlibrary.ca).

**D&D Café**

Tuesdays, January 9, 23 or February 6, 20

5:30–8:30 p.m.

**Audley Branch**

Connect with other tabletop gamers! Interested in attending, but don't have a group?

Contact [carly.midgley@ajaxlibrary.ca](mailto:carly.midgley@ajaxlibrary.ca).



## Games

**Social Bridge**

Thursdays, January 4, 18 or February 1, 15, 29  
2:30–4:30 p.m.

**Main Branch**

**Bridge Bidding Basics**

Thursdays, January 11, 25 or February 8, 22  
2:30–4:30 p.m.

**Main Branch**

Sessions are drop-in, but beginners should be prepared to come to all sessions as each session builds on what was learned at the previous one.

**Friendly Euchre**

Fridays, January 12, 26 or February 9, 23  
2–4 p.m.

**Main Branch**

## Parent Café

**\*Self-Care Strategies for the New Year**

Wednesday, January 24, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

**Main Branch**

Join a Peer Navigator from Grandview Kids for uplifting coping strategies to help you focus on your mental health.

Materials to create your own self-care kit are provided

Presented in partnership with Grandview Kids.

## Discover

**Crafters' Corner**

Wednesdays, January 10, 24 or February 14, 28  
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Main Branch**

**\*Armchair Travel**

Tuesday, January 16: Hong Kong  
1:30–3:30 p.m.

**Main Branch**

Hong Kong is one of the most impressive cities in the world. Famous for its modern urban glamour and energetic vibe, visitors may be surprised to discover a hidden world of natural wonders and attractions.

**\*Virtual Armchair Travel**

Tuesday, February 20: India Part 2  
1:30–3 p.m.

**Zoom**

India is so interesting that we couldn't spend just one day here! We'll pick up where we left off in December, learning about the country's spiritual and historical treasures.

# Adults & Seniors

## Learn

### \*Stay Connected Training

To register, call 905-683-4000 ext. 8813 (Main Branch) or ext. 8901 (McLean Branch). Maximum registration is one person per session, and you can register a maximum of twice per month.

Learn how to stay in touch with family and friends and discover great movies and books. Topics include using iPads and other smart devices, Facebook, FaceTime and other social media, and safe use of Zoom.

### \*Genealogy Group

**Wednesday, January 17: Beyond the Census: Church Records Part 1**

**Wednesday, February 21: Beyond the Census: Church Records Part 2**

**1:30–2:30 p.m.**

**Main Branch**

To register, email [events@ajaxlibrary.ca](mailto:events@ajaxlibrary.ca).

### \*Business Advisory Centre Durham: Start-Up Session

**Wednesday, January 17, 5:30–7 p.m.**

**Main Branch**

Ideal for budding entrepreneurs and those considering opening their own small business. Presented by BACD advisors and entrepreneurs, you will get an overview of the fundamental elements of success for every business. Register at [bacd.ca/Event](http://bacd.ca/Event).

### Headline Hunters

**Tuesdays, January 30 or February 27**

**1:30–3 p.m.**

**Main Branch**

For more information, call 905-683-4000 ext. 8806 or email [elaine.lievaart@ajaxlibrary.ca](mailto:elaine.lievaart@ajaxlibrary.ca).

### Durham Children's Aid Society:

#### Foster Home Information Session

**Thursday, February 8, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

**Main Branch**

Durham Children's Aid Society has an urgent need for foster homes. Foster homes are needed from all cultural and religious backgrounds, all sexual orientations and gender identities, and from all areas of Durham Region. To learn more, contact [foster@durhamcas.ca](mailto:foster@durhamcas.ca).

### OAAC Caregiver Supports Guide

At some stage in your life, you will either provide or require care. The Library's Older Adult Advisory Committee (OAAC) has prepared a question guide with community resources to assist caregivers and those receiving care. OAAC hopes that sharing questions and resources based on their experiences will help you. The Caregiver Supports Guide is now available at [ajaxlibrary.ca/Policies](http://ajaxlibrary.ca/Policies).

Stay tuned for our Thinking Ahead workshops beginning in March. These workshops will cover topics including caregiver benefits, wills and power of attorney, and emergency planning.

## Ajax Archives

### \*World War 1 Embroidered Cards

**Wednesday, February 7, 1:30–3 p.m.**

**Makerspace @ McLean Branch**

Get a closer look at World War 1 era embroidered cards with the Archives Services Librarian and then make your own using Makerspace tools like the embroidery machine and Cricut. Materials will be provided.



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

# Adults & Seniors

## Financial Literacy

### \*75 Ways to Save on Household Expenses

Thursday, January 18, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

#### Zoom

Participants will get tips on best practices to save on household expenses, like utilities, transportation, groceries, and personal items. Presented in partnership with The Credit Counselling Society.

### \*Wills and Estate Planning

Tuesday, January 23, 1–2:30 p.m.

#### Main Branch

Learn why you need a will and how to create one the right way. Topics will include will and estate planning for business owners, blended families, persons with disabilities, and recreational properties. Presented in partnership with Lockyer and Hein LLP.

### \*Ending the Financial Feud: Couples and Money

Thursday, February 15, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

#### Zoom

Don't avoid the topic of household finances! Couples will learn about each other's money values, triggers, and goals. Work together to create a manageable and stress-free plan. Presented in partnership with The Credit Counselling Society.

### \*Tax Clinics

By appointment only

Registration starts Tuesday, February 20

Volunteers from the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be available to assist you with filing your 2023 tax return. This program is available for Durham Region residents who have a valid Ajax Public Library card and a modest income with simple tax situations. To see if you qualify, call 905-683-4000 ext. 8813 or email [libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca](mailto:libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca).

## Health & Wellness

### \*Brain Waves Café

Tuesdays, January 9 or February 13, 1–2:30 p.m.

#### Main Branch

For people with memory change and their care partners, family, and friends. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region. To register, contact the Active Living Coordinator at 905-576-2567 ext. 5240 or [recreation@alzheimerdurham.com](mailto:recreation@alzheimerdurham.com).

### \*Bibliotherapy

Tuesdays, January 16, 23 or February 6, 13

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.

### \*Meditation and Yoga for Beginners

Tuesday, January 16: Meditation Session

Tuesday, February 13: Yoga Session

6:30–7:30 p.m.

#### Main Branch

Help improve your well-being with these meditation and yoga programs. Mats and chairs provided. Presented in partnership with the Isha Foundation.

### The Compassionate Friends Ajax

Tuesdays, January 30 or February 27, 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. We do this in memory of our children who were, still are, and always will be a part of who we are. For more information, contact [ajax@tcfcanda.net](mailto:ajax@tcfcanda.net).



# Adults & Seniors

## Multilingual & Multicultural

### \*Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services

**Mondays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

#### 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](mailto:fnazari@afghanwomen.org). Funding provided by Citizenship & Immigration Canada.

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

**Mondays, 1–2 p.m.**

#### Main Branch

To register, contact Fawzia Nazari, Settlement Counsellor at 437-235-2871 or [fnazari@afghanwomen.org](mailto:fnazari@afghanwomen.org).

### \*Spanish Seniors Social with Hispanic Canadian Alliance of Durham

**Mondays, 2–5 p.m.**

#### Main Branch

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

### DCCC Seniors

**Saturdays, January 6, 20 or February 3, 17**

**1–4:15 p.m.**

#### Main Branch

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

### French Conversation Circle

**Weekly on Mondays starting January 15**

**6:30–8 p.m.**

#### Main Branch

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

### \*English Conversation Circle

**Weekly on Wednesdays starting January 17**

**6:30–8 p.m.**

#### Main Branch

For more information and to register, call Bozena at 905-686-2661 or email [bstobinska@cdcd.org](mailto:bstobinska@cdcd.org).

## For Movie Lovers

### Cultural Cinema

**Tuesdays, January 2 or February 6**

**1:30–3:30 p.m.**

#### Main Branch

**January 2: The Son (PG)** Peter has his busy life with new partner Beth and their baby thrown into disarray when his ex-wife Kate turns up with their teenage son, Nicholas.

**February 6: Barbie (PG)** To live in Barbie Land is to be a perfect being in a perfect place. Unless you have a full-on existential crisis. Or you're a Ken.



January 2



February 6

# Book Clubs

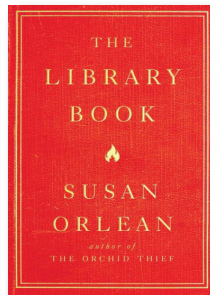
Interested in joining a book club? Join the discussion, connect with new people, and pick up suggestions for your next great read. To join, send us an email at [events@ajaxlibrary.ca](mailto:events@ajaxlibrary.ca).

## Novel Bunch

Thursdays, 7–8 p.m.  
Main Branch



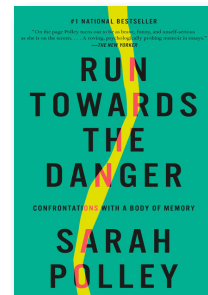
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## Book Chat

Fridays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
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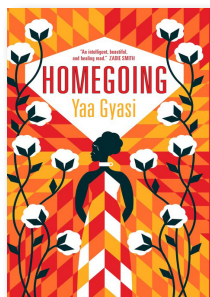
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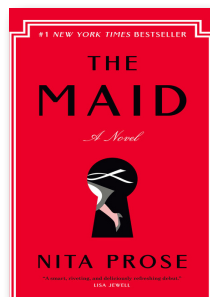
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## Tea & Books

Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 p.m.  
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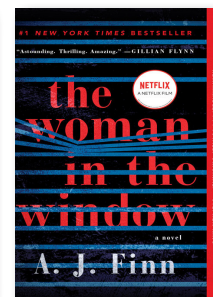
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## The Pageturners

Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m.  
Audley Branch



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## 2SLGBTQ Virtual Book Club

\*Monday, February 26, 7–8 p.m.

Zoom

The 2SLGBTQ Virtual Book Club is back with a new twist! Each month will have a special theme or genre to read within—you choose the title! Then the group will meet and discuss the books they read, and their recommendations. To join, email [events@ajaxlibrary.ca](mailto:events@ajaxlibrary.ca).

February's Theme: All You Need is Love (Romance Fiction)





# 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.

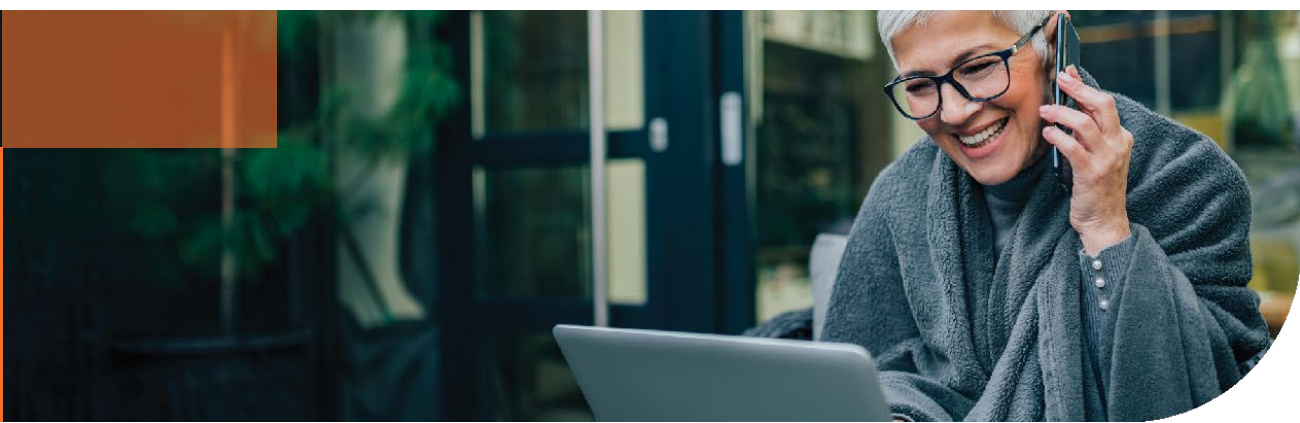
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# January 2024 Program Calendar

Space is limited.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>8</b> Worldly Wonders: Armchair Travel - Portugal Part 3	<b>9</b> Information Highway: Dalia Gesser	<b>10</b> Fit and Fun: 52 Card Bingo and Riddles
<b>15</b> Fit and Fun: Fun Fact Frenzy - Old Wives Tales	<b>16</b> Information Highway: Durham Storytellers	<b>17</b> Information Highway: Goal Setting
<b>22</b> Information Highway: Why Do We Say It?	<b>23</b> Information Highway: Durham Storytellers	<b>24</b> Fit and Fun: Minute Mysteries
<b>29</b> Information Highway: Biographies - Rowan Atkinson	<b>30</b> Fit and Fun: Memory Games	<b>31</b> Information Highway: Short Stories - Callers' Edition

## To join using Zoom



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## To join by phone



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A dedicated group of avid tellers, who continue the verbal tradition without books or notes.




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<div>5</div> <div>Worldly Wonders: Armchair Travel - Portugal Conclusion</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Information Highway: Durham Storytellers</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Information Highway: This Week in History</div>
<div>12</div> <div>Fit and Fun: Name That Tune - All You Need is Love</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Information Highway: Durham Storytellers</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Information Highway: Short Stories - Callers' Edition (Valentine's Day)</div>
<div>19</div> <div>No Programming</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Information Highway: Dalia Gesser</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Fit and Fun: 52 Card Bingo and Riddles</div>
<div>26</div> <div>Information Highway: Biographies - Angela Merkel</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Information Highway: Durham Storytellers</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Information Highway: Film Friends - Oscar Contenders</div>

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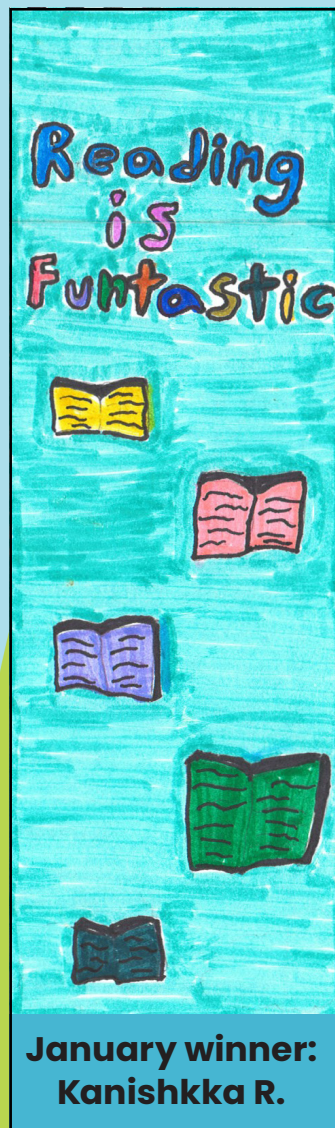
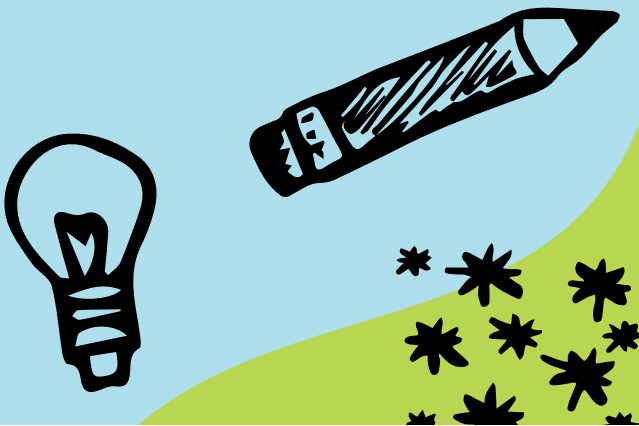
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# 2024 Design a Bookmark Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the January and February Design a Bookmark Contest winners!

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



## 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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Main Branch and McLean Branch & Makerspace will be closed.