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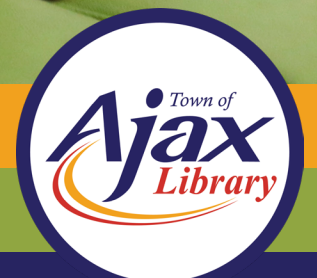
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Study Hall

Looking for a place to cram
before your exam?

Extended Weekend Hours
at Audley Branch

April 13–14

April 20–21

Open to 7 p.m.

Borrow a Bird Watching Kit!

Go on a winter birding
adventure with our
kits that contain
everything you need
to discover birds right
here in Ajax!



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Special Events

Adults

*Endometriosis ENDOcation Workshop

Wednesday, March 20, 6–7:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Endometriosis Events charity will be hosting a free ENDOcation workshop about endometriosis. This workshop will include an informative discussion around endometriosis, shared personal lived experiences with co-founders Tami Ellis and Leah Haynes, and more. Attendees will not only learn about endometriosis but will also leave feeling empowered.

*Chinese Cultural Event: Litmus Chinese Dancing Association

Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Main Branch

Celebrate cultural diversity in Canada with traditional Chinese dances, instruments, and folk songs, as well as favourites such as the cha cha, rumba, and samba. For more information, contact Jenny Shao at jenny.shao@kss-sep.com.

Ajax Green Living Days

*Vertical Vegetables with Ken Brown

Tuesday, April 23, 1:30–3 p.m.

Adults | Audley Branch

Master Gardener, Ken Brown, returns for a session on incorporating vertical vegetables into our own growing spaces, no matter how big or small. Discover innovative, yet simple and inexpensive ways to use the vertical space above your garden to multiply the quantity and range of food you can grow, as well as boosting your garden's aesthetic appeal.

Earth Day Egg Carton Planters

Thursday, April 25, 6–7 p.m.

Families | Audley Branch

Plant your way to a happy Earth Day by creating planters out of egg cartons!

National Poetry Month

*Poetry Writing Workshop with the Wild Woman

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Main Branch

This workshop is designed to deepen your poetry writing practice by stretching your imagination using prompted writing techniques. A sharing circle will also be available for healing, artistic support, and guidance.

*BlackLit Durham Literary Showcase: Black Hope Springs Eternal

Wednesday, April 24, 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.

MARCH BREAK!

POW!

SUPER PROGRAMS!

Suit up for a week of Superhero fun and creativity! Costume wearing is welcomed (and encouraged!) at all events.

March Break Kickoff: Hero Club

Saturday, March 9, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Audley Branch

March Break starts with a fun presentation from local author and performer Errol Lee, founder of Caring Concerts.

The super fun continues all week long! Join us for these programs and more:

- **Science of Superheroes** on Tuesday, March 12
- **Superhero Training** on Wednesday, March 13
- **Storytime Special: Stay Safe** on Thursday, March 14
- **Superhero City Construction** on Friday, March 15

To see the full list of March Break programs, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/MarchBreak or pick up a calendar at any branch.

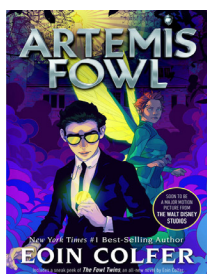
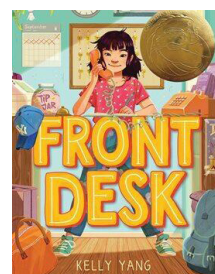
MARCH BREAK READING CONTEST!

Friday, March 8–Sunday, March 17

Ballots available at all branches or online!

Show off your reading skills with our annual reading contest! Cross off or colour in one square for every 20 minutes spent reading (either by yourself or as a family). When you have filled in all the squares, drop off your completed ballot at any branch or send a picture of your completed ballot to libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca by **March 17**.

RECOMMENDED READS!



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

MAKERSPACE @ MCLEAN

Programs

Small Business Open House

Wednesdays, March 6–27, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Come in for a tour of the Makerspace and see how our equipment can assist you with your business, or starting your new business!

Sundays Are for Makers

Sundays, March 3–April 28

Drop in anytime: 11 a.m.–5 p.m. | Ages 5+

***Thursday Makerspace Club**

Thursdays, March 7–April 25, 10–11:30 a.m.

or 6:30–8 p.m. | Ages 14+

Thursday Makerspace Club will help you learn the skills to start your maker journey.

March: "The Booth"

Learn how "The Booth" can be used—to record music, make a podcast, edit a sound document, and so much more!

April: Sublimation Machine

Discover how our sublimation machine works and what projects you can do. Bring an image or design of your choice and you'll sublimate it on to a coffee cup.

PA Yay! Newspaper Engineering

Monday, April 8

Drop in anytime: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. | Ages 10+

Unleash your inner engineer! What can you build and support using just newspaper and tape? Bring your friends or make some new ones as you build structures to support robots and cameras.

Discover March Break programs in the Makerspace! To learn more, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/MarchBreak

20-Minute Learning Workshops

Starts Friday, April 5

Mondays, 5–8 p.m. or Fridays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Ages 14+

Learn about "Stitch," our embroidery machine. See how to find (or make) your own design, and how the machine brings your creation to life! Each week we'll talk about where to find designs, how they can be made, and provide a demo of the machine.

Tuesday Try

Tuesdays, 5–8 p.m. | Ages 14+

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

March: Book Binding

Learn how to create your own journal, or wow a teacher with a neatly bound report.

April: Wacom Tablets

See how to use our Wacom tablets with our computers to digitize your artwork.

3D Object of the Month Demo

Wednesdays, 4–8:30 p.m. or Saturdays, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Drop in to see a demo of 3D printing.



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, March 6, 20 or April 3, 17

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Main Branch

***Tax Clinics**

- Volunteers from the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be available to assist you with filing your 2023 tax return. To see if you qualify, call 905-683-4000 ext. 8813 or email libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca.

Fridays, March 8, 22 or April 5, 19

Saturdays, March 2, 16 or April 13, 27

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

To register, please call 905-683-4000 ext. 8813.

Durham Community Legal Clinic

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

Mondays, March 11 or April 8

1–4 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, March 12 or April 9

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Main Branch

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

Housing Help Durham

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

Wednesdays, March 13 or April 10

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, March 14 or April 11

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Agilec Employment Services

- Resume development and interview skills
- Job search techniques

Fridays, March 15 or April 19

1–5 p.m.

Main Branch

Kids & Families

Storytimes (March 25–June 10, no programs April 1 & 2)

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

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

STEAM Toddler Time

Fridays, March 8 or April 19, 11–11:30 a.m.

Ages 2–3 | Main Branch

Family Storytime + Ajax Reading Circle

Saturdays, March 2, 16 or April 6, 20, 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, April 11 or 25, 10–10:30 a.m.

Ages 2–6 | Main Branch

Presented in partnership with Grandview Kids.

EarlyON

*Preschool Music and Movement

Fridays, March 1, 8, 22 or April 5, 12, 19, 26, 10–11 a.m.

Ages 2.5–6 | Audley Branch

This program will introduce children to interactive songs, nursery rhymes, creative movement, and musical instruments. Learn more and register at keyon.ca.

*Musical Babies

Thursdays, March 7, 21, 28 or April 4, 11, 18, 25, 10–11 a.m.

Ages 0–2 | Main Branch

This program will introduce children to interactive songs, nursery rhymes, creative movement, and musical instruments. Learn more and register at keyon.ca.



Kids & Families

Craft & Make

Friday Maker Night

Fridays, March 8, 15, 22 or April 5, 19, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

McLean Branch

LEGO!

Sundays, March 10, 17 or April 14, 12 noon–2 p.m.

Audley Branch

Saturdays, March 16, 23 or April 27, 10 a.m.–12 noon

McLean Branch

*Crafter Specials

Monday, March 11, 6:30–8 p.m.

Ages 7–12 | Audley Branch

*Saturday Crafternoons

Saturdays, March 16 or April 13, 1–3 p.m.

Ages 6–12 | Main Branch

PA Day: Craft + Movie: Wonka!

Monday, April 8, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Main Branch

Wonka craft: 10–10:30 a.m.

Movie: 10:30 a.m.–12 noon

Make some wild candy-themed crafts and then enjoy the movie **Wonka**.

En Français

*Le Club Français

Mondays, April 8–June 3 (no session Monday, May 20), 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Registration is for all eight weeks

Ages 6–12 | Main Branch

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



Find weekly themes at
ajaxlibrary.ca/Events!

3D Object of the Month

To get your object, send an email to 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, and Yellow.



March:
Triceratops



April:
Rabbit

Kids & Families

For Babies

*Infant Hearing Screening Clinics

Wednesdays, March 6–April 24, 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 or call the Tri-Regional Infant Hearing Program at 1-888-703-5437, ext. 4.

Learn & Explore

*Outdoor Explorers With Abilities Centre

Saturday, March 9, 10–11 a.m.

Audley Branch Reading Garden

Saturday, April 13, 10–11 a.m.

Main Branch

Outdoor Explorers is a program designed to get everyone of all abilities active outside! Sessions will be outdoors and will be run by Abilities Centre staff. We can't wait to play outside with you!

*Learn Spanish for Kids!

Wednesdays, March 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17

4:30–5 p.m.

Children up to age 12 | Zoom

This program, led by Cricket Media, is an interactive way for beginner-level Spanish speakers and learners up to age 12 to learn and practice Spanish together! By going over the fundamentals with a friendly, experienced instructor and other children, kids will have fun while grasping the basics of Spanish.

Coding & STEM

*c_wonder STEM Workshop

Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Grades 5–8 | 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.

*Family Coding

Wednesday, March 13, 10–11 a.m.

Main Branch

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



Enjoy the magic of reading in over 50 languages with LOTE4Kids!

ajaxlibrary.ca/Online-Resources

Storytime in your language

Tweens & Teens

Fun & Games

D&D Café

Tuesdays, March 5, 19 or April 16, 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.

Gamers' Club Tournaments: Nintendo Switch

Saturdays, March 23 or April 27, 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?

Call for Volunteers!

Gardening Crew

Do you have a green thumb or a passion for gardening? We're looking for teen volunteers to help care for our Audley Reading Garden throughout the year!

Dungeon Masters Wanted

Are you an experienced D&D player with great leadership skills? We're looking for teen Dungeon Masters to run games at D&D Café. Tabletop RPG experience is required; DMing experience is not.

For more information about volunteering, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/Jobs-Volunteers.

Learn

*Black Youth Empowered Workshop

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Grades 9–11 | Main Branch

Discover how to manage and grow your finances and cultivate a positive mindset and attitude. Presented in partnership with Congress of Black Women of Canada Ajax/Pickering Chapter.



Adults & Seniors

National Canadian Film Day

Friday Flicks: Being Canadian (14A)

Friday, April 12, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Main Branch

National Canadian Film Day (April 17) is a one-day celebration of Canadian cinema. Join us to view **Being Canadian**, a humorous documentary featuring interviews with a who's who of famous media-related Canadians.



Discover

Crafters' Corner

Wednesdays, March 13 or April 10, 24

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Wednesday, March 27

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Makerspace at McLean

***Armchair Travel**

Tuesday, March 19: Peru

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Where else on Earth can you visit the ancient ruins of past civilizations, hike in the Andes, watch giant condors soar on the wind currents, fish in the Amazon, or take a boat ride on the world's highest navigable lake?

***Virtual Armchair Travel**

Tuesday, April 16: Nepal

1:30–3 p.m.

Zoom

Most famous for being the home of the highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, Nepal has a surprising amount of other attractions for adventurers or those seeking to explore cultural and spiritual worlds.

Parent Café

***Indoor Parent and Baby Fitness Class**

Wednesday, March 6, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Main Branch

Move with us through a baby-wearing-friendly exercise circuit. Please bring a structured carrier or wrap (no slings). Presented in partnership with Fitmama Strong Durham.

***Let's Add to our Self-Care Kits**

Wednesday March 27, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Main Branch

During this workshop, we will discuss different breathing techniques, boundaries, strategies for tough days, and help you see the value in self-care. This is a follow up to "Create your Self-Care Kit"; however, kits will be provided for those who have not attended prior. Presented in partnership with Grandview Kids.

***Car Seat Safety and Installation Information Session**

Wednesday, April 10, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Main Branch

Learn about the best practices for car seat installation and maintenance. Presented in partnership with Seated Safely.

Please note: no installations will be held onsite.

Please feel free to bring your child/children—include them in your registration so we can ensure they have a seat!

Dungeons & Dragons

***Dungeon Divers Virtual RPG Group**

Saturdays, March 2 or 16, 1–5 p.m.

Ages 20–35 | Discord

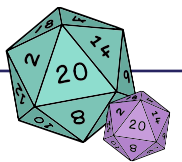
To register, contact carly.midgley@ajaxlibrary.ca.

D&D Café

Tuesdays, March 5, 19 or April 16, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Audley Branch

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Adults & Seniors

Learn

*Stay Connected Training

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

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

Sundays, 1 p.m., 2 p.m.

Main Branch

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

McLean Branch

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.

*Migratory Bird ID Workshop

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn about local species of migratory birds and conservation actions you can take to protect them. Craft take-home natural bird feeders for your backyard. Presented in partnership with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Town of Ajax.

*Genealogy Group

Wednesday, March 20: RootsTech 2024

Wednesday, April 17: I Did My Ancestry DNA. Now What?
1:30–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch

To register, email events@ajaxlibrary.ca.

Headline Hunters

Tuesdays, March 26 or April 30, 1:30–3 p.m.

Main Branch

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

Newcomer Fair

Wednesday, April 24, 3–6 p.m.

Main Branch

Are you new to Canada? Join us for the 2024 Newcomer Fair and learn about all the amazing services available in Durham Region. Connect with local organizations for information on finding a job, housing, education, health, and more!

*Preparing for the Total Solar Eclipse

Wednesday, March 27, 7–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn about the total solar eclipse happening on April 8. Rupinder Brar, Science Professor from Ontario Tech University, will share the science behind eclipses and how to view eclipses safely. Safe solar viewing glasses will be provided. Presented in partnership with Ontario Tech University.

*Thinking Ahead Series: Ontario's Credits, Benefits, and Supports for Lower Income Seniors

Tuesday, April 9, 2–3:30 p.m.

Main Branch (in person or virtual)

A speaker from the Ministry of Finance will help you learn about tax credits, benefits, and other programs available to support lower-income seniors in Ontario.

Durham Children's Aid Society:

Foster Home Information Session

Thursday, April 11, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Audley Branch

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.

Games

Social Bridge

Thursdays, March 7, 21 or April 18
2:30–4:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Friendly Euchre

Fridays, March 8, 22 or April 5, 19
2–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Bridge Bidding Basics

Thursdays, March 14, 28 or April 11, 25
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.



Adults & Seniors

Financial Literacy

***Disability: Accessing Your Benefits with Chartered Professional Accountants**

Wednesday, March 20, 11 a.m.–12 noon

Zoom

Learn about the Disability Tax Credit and Registered Disability Savings Plan and how to access them with Chartered Professional Accountants. Presented in partnership with Pickering Public Library.

***From A Maze to Amazing: Understanding Ontario's Personal Income Tax, Credits, and Benefits with the Ministry of Finance**

Thursday, March 28, 7–8 p.m.

Zoom

Learn about the importance of filing your tax returns and how to do it correctly at this session featuring a speaker from the Ministry of Finance. Presented in partnership with Pickering Public Library.

***Conquering Debt and Understanding Your Credit Score**

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Explore the impact of debt and discuss effective strategies to regain financial freedom. Hands-on exercises and case studies on debt reduction will be provided. Presented in partnership with The Financial Moment.

***Buying New and Used Vehicles**

Thursday, April 18, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Zoom

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

***Wills and Estate Planning**

Tuesday, April 23, 1–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch and Zoom

Learn why you need a will and how to create one the right way. Learn how to plan your estate in the most tax-efficient and stress-free ways! Presented in partnership with Lockyer and Hein LLP.

Health & Wellness

***Brain Waves Café**

Tuesdays, March 12 or April 9, 1–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Enjoy conversation, support, and engaging activities in a dementia-friendly atmosphere. For persons with cognitive (memory) change and their care partners, family, and friends. 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.

***Bibliotherapy**

Tuesdays, March 19, 26 or April 23, 30, 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.

The Compassionate Friends Ajax

Tuesdays, March 26 or April 30, 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@tcfcanada.net.

Gardening Crew

Do you have a green thumb or a passion for gardening? We are looking for adult and teen volunteers to help care for our Audley Reading Garden throughout the year! Learn more at ajaxlibrary.ca/Jobs-Volunteers.



Adults & Seniors

Multilingual & Multicultural

*Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services

Weekly on Mondays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (no session April 1)
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 April 1)
Main Branch

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

French Conversation Circle (no session April 1)

Weekly on Mondays, 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 April 1)
Main Branch

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

*English Conversation Circle

Weekly on Wednesdays, 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

Saturdays, March 2, 16, 30 or April 13, 27, 2–4:15 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.

Ajax Archives

*How Ajax Got Started

Wednesday, April 3, 10–11:30 a.m.

Main Branch

Celebrate Ontario Archives Awareness Week with the Archives Services Librarian. Take a journey through history and discover how the Ajax area went from being farms in Pickering Township to a munitions plant, a university, a displaced persons camp, and finally a town.



For Movie Lovers

Cultural Cinema

Tuesday, March 5 or Friday, April 5, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

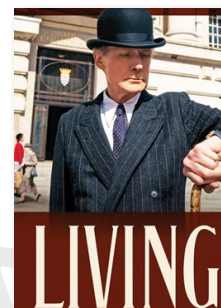
Main Branch

March 5: My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG) Join the Portokalos family as they travel to a family reunion in Greece for a heartwarming and hilarious trip full of love, twists, and turns. Opa!

April 5: Living (PG) An ordinary man, reduced by years of oppressive office routine to a shadow existence, makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful after receiving a terminal diagnosis.



March 5



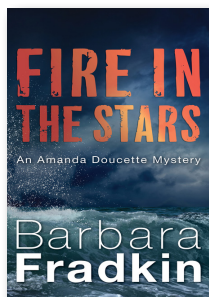
April 5

Book Clubs

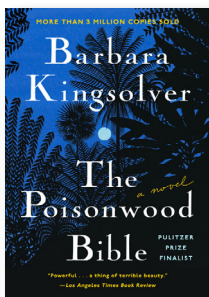
Interested in joining a book club? Join the discussion, connect with new people, and pick up suggestions for your next great read. To join, send us an email at events@ajaxlibrary.ca.

Book Chat

Fridays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Main Branch



March 1



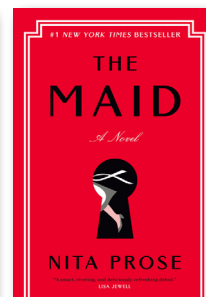
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Novel Bunch

Thursdays, 7–8 p.m.
Main Branch



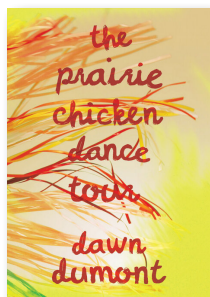
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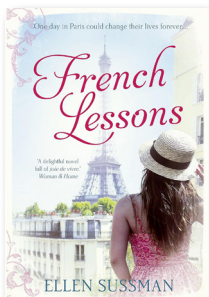
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Tea & Books

Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Main Branch



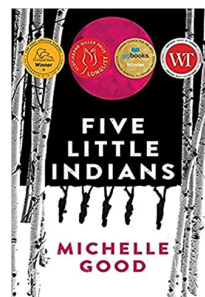
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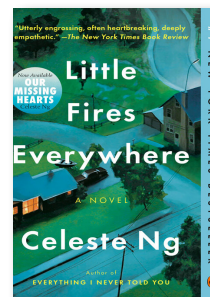
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The Pageturners

Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m.
Audley Branch



March 20



April 17

2SLGBTQ Virtual Book Club

*Mondays, March 25 or April 29, 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.

March 25: Worlds Unknown: Fantasy and Science Fiction

April 29: Poetry and Verse Novels. Join special guest speaker the Wild Woman in a conversation about queerness supported by literary works of poetry by both herself and local queer poets. Unearth, discover, and celebrate the beauty of being othered. Queer, here, and outside the dysfunction of what is considered normal.





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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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4 Worldly Wonders: Armchair Travel – Norway Pt. 1	5 Information Highway: Durham Storytellers	6 Information Highway: Historical Mysteries
11 Challenge Accepted: Trivia: Ireland and the Irish	12 Information Highway: Tim Westhead	13 Fit and Fun: 52 Card Bingo and Riddles
18 Information Highway: Why Do We Say It?	19 Information Highway: Durham Storytellers	20 Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui
25 Information Highway: Biographies - Maureen O'Hara	26 Fit and Fun: Spot The Difference	27 Challenge Accepted: Minute Mysteries

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Tim Westhead

Hollywood: An Insider's View - Tim's Favourite Films That Take Place in Real Time

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Summi Siddiqui

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1 No Programming	2 Information Highway: Durham Storytellers	3 Fit and Fun: Fun Fact Frenzy – Tongue Twisters
8 Worldly Wonders: Armchair Travel – Norway Pt 2	9 Fit and Fun: Charades on Zoom	10 Fit and Fun: Spelling Bee
15 Challenge Accepted: Who Am I?	16 Information Highway: Tim Westhead	17 Fit and Fun: 52 Card Bingo and Riddles
22 Challenge Accepted: Name That Tune – At the Movies	23 Information Highway: Durham Storytellers	24 Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui
29 Information Highway: Biographies – Dolly Parton	30 Fit and Fun: Word Jumble	

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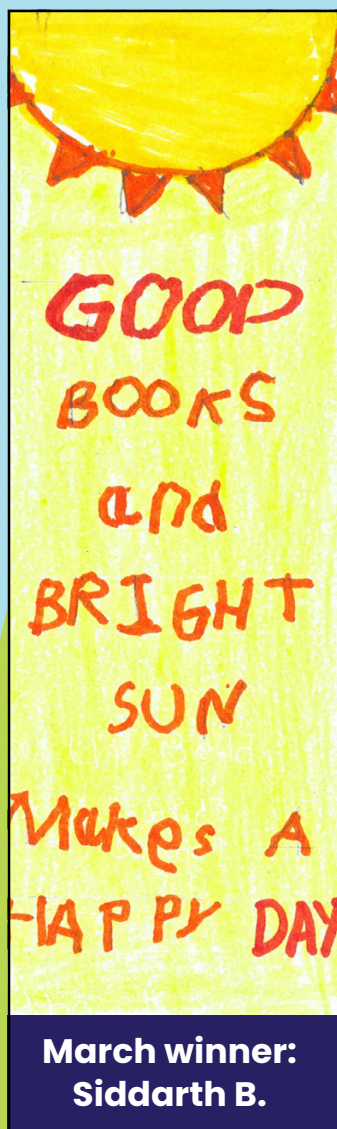
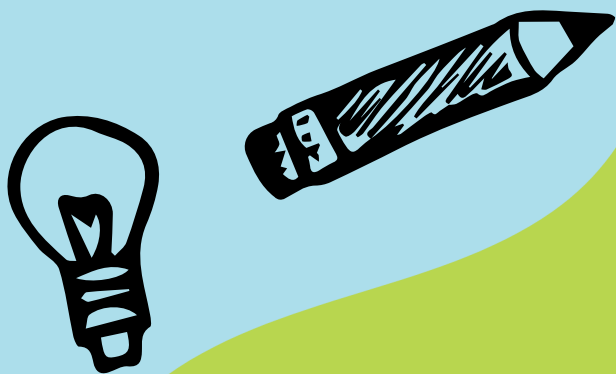
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2024 Design a Bookmark Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the March and April Design a Bookmark Contest winners!

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



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Audley Branch

1955 Audley Rd. N.

McLean Branch & Makerspace

95 Magill Dr.

Branch Hours

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Saturdays

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

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