

# Discover WPL

September/October/November 2024

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**Whitby FanCon** arrives October 5



Whitby Public Library

| doorway to discovery

The Whitby Public Library acknowledges that we are on the Treaty and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. May we respectfully honour the knowledge and understanding of the Indigenous stewards of these ancestral lands and ensure that the voices of the First Peoples are represented in our collections, programs and services.

## Children's Programs

### 🕒 **Babies, Movement, and Music**

0–18 months with caregivers

A playful approach to literacy-rich songs, stories, and action rhymes.

Brooklin Branch **Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**September 10–October 15 and  
November 5–December 10**

Central Library **Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**September 11–October 16 and  
November 6–December 11**

Rossland Branch **Thursdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**September 12–October 17 and  
November 7–December 12**

### 🕒 **Toddler Time** 19–35 months with caregivers

Enhance language development for your child through stories, songs, and movement in a high energy environment designed for fun and engagement.

Central Library **Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**September 9–October 7 and  
November 4–December 9**

Rossland Branch **Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**September 10–October 15 and  
November 5–December 10**

Brooklin Branch **Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**September 11–October 16 and  
November 6–December 11**



■ **Numbers, Rhymes, and Storytimes** Ages 3–4  
Expand language, number familiarity, and encourage school readiness. This program helps foster a love of learning and interacting with others.

Central Library **Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**September 10–October 15 and**

**November 5–December 10**

Brooklin Branch **Thursdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**September 12–October 17 and**

**November 7–December 12**



■ **Stories, Songs and Stretches™**

Ages 3–4 with caregiver

Focusing on early literacy and embodied play. During this interactive program, you and your child will enjoy stories, mindful movement, and play.

Rossland Branch **Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

**September 11–October 16 and**

**November 6–December 11**

⦿ **Sensory Storytime** Ages 2–5 with caregiver  
Sensory-friendly stories and songs followed by sensory-based activity time, featuring a variety of colourful objects.

Central Library **Thursdays, 10:30–11:15 a.m.**

**September 12–October 17 and**

**November 7–December 12**

⦿ **Game Club** Grades 3–6  
This is the place to play new and retro video games and meet new friends. Every week will be different. What will we play next?

Central Library **Thursdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**September 12–December 19**

⦿ **Drop-In Family Storytime** All ages  
Families listen to stories and sing songs together in a playful setting.

Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch

**Fridays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**September 13–December 6**

Central Library **Saturdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**

**September 14–December 7**

⦿ **Little Explorers** Ages 2–4 with caregiver  
Explore STEAM with fun activities in this sensory based program.

Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch

**Fridays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.**

**September 13–December 13**

⦿ **LEGO® Club** JK–Grade 4  
Bring your imagination. Learn, build, and play with LEGO® bricks.

Brooklin Branch

**Mondays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

**September 9–**

**December 16**

Central Library

**Fridays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

**September 13–**

**December 20**



## Children's Book Clubs

### ■ **Book Pirates** Grades 4–5

**Central Library Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**October 2 *A Rover's Story*** by Jasmine Warga

**November 6 *Wonder*** by R.J. Palacio

**Brooklin Branch Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

**October 10 *Fish in a Tree*** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

**November 7 *Slacker*** by Gordon Korman

### ■ **Page Turners** Grades 6–8

**Central Library Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**October 16 *The False Prince*** by Jennifer Neilsen

**November 20 *Buzzing*** by James Thompson

### ■ **Square Knits** Grades 4–8

Learn to cast on, knit, purl, and cast off. Wool is provided. Participants can sign up for one session only.

**Rossland Branch Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

**Session 1: September 14–October 19**

**Session 2 : October 26–November 30**

### ■ **Chess Club** Grades 2–8

Learn new skills and practice with others in this five-week session. Familiarity with chess and its rules is needed to participate.

**Brooklin Branch**

**Tuesdays, September 17, October 1, 15, 29, and**

**November 12, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

### ■ **Bite Sized Bots** Grades 2–4

Create and drive your own robot in the Library. Challenge others, race bots, and learn about coding using Sphero Minis.

**Rossland Branch**

**Friday, September 20,**

**3:30–4:30 p.m.**



### ■ **Cool Coding and Super STEM** Grades 1–4

Our friends from Ontario Tech are here to lead coding and STEM workshops.

**Rossland Branch: Coding**

**Saturday, September 21, 2:30–4:00 p.m.**

**Brooklin Branch: STEM**

**Saturday, November 9, 2:30–4:00 p.m.**

**Central Library: STEM**

**Saturday, November 16, 2:30–4:00 p.m.**



### ■ **Reading Buddies** Grades 1–3

This eight-week program pairs children who would benefit from reading support with a teen volunteer. Reading Buddies read stories and play literacy-based games to enhance literacy comprehension, diction, and fluency. Registration opens on Wednesday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m.

**Central Library**

**Tuesdays, October 8–November 26, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

**Brooklin Branch**

**Thursdays, October 10–December 5, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**

No program on October 31

### ■ **Dog Man Party!** Grades 3–5

Half-dog, half-human, 100% fun! Celebrate all things 'Dog Man'.

**Brooklin Branch**

**Tuesday, October 8, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

### ■ **Awesome Animal Abilities: What Dogs, Chimpanzees and Other Animals Can Do**

Grades 4–8

Stephanie Gibeault, author of "Making Sense Of Dog Senses" and "Calculating Chimpanzees, Brainy Bees, And Other Animals With Mind Blowing Mathematical Abilities", will challenge you to match senses and skills with guppies, parrots, hyenas, and more.

**Rossland Branch**

**Wednesday, October 9, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

■ **Battle Bots: Sphero Showdown** Grades 4–6  
Do you have what it takes to build a winning battle robot? Challenge yourself by building and fighting against other bots using our Sphero Minis!

Rossland Branch  
Friday, October 11,  
3:30–4:30 p.m.

⦿ **Ontario Public Library Week Scavenger Hunt**

All ages  
Celebrate Ontario Public Library Week by finding hidden images in the Library!

All locations  
October 18–October 27



⦿ **Islamic History Month Storytime** All ages

Celebrate Islamic History Month by learning about the contributions of Muslims to the arts and sciences. Join us for storytime, colouring, crafts, and henna. An event for the whole family!

In partnership with the Muslim Women of Durham Region.

Central Library

Saturday, October 19, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

⦿ **Spooktacular Storytime** All ages

Halloween stories and songs. Costumes are encouraged!

Rossland Branch and  
Brooklin Branch

Friday, October 25,  
10:30–11:00 a.m.

Central Library  
Thursday, October 31,  
10:30–11:00 a.m.



⦿ **Diwali Rangoli**

All ages  
Decorate your homes for Diwali with a beautiful paper plate rangoli!

Rossland Branch Friday, October 25, 11:00–11:30 a.m.



## P.A. Day Programs

■ **Kibbles and Bits with Dog Man** Grades 1–4

Create crafts from your favourite series.  
Rossland Branch

Friday, November 1, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

⦿ **P.A. Day Boredom Busters** All ages

Keep kids' brains busy and engaged with fun activities.

Brooklin Branch

Friday, November 1 and 15, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

⦿ **Teddy Bear Storytime and Sleepover**

All ages

Bring a stuffed animal to this special storytime, then leave your fluffy friend behind for a stuffie-only sleepover! Photos of their hijinks will be available when you pick up your animal friend.

Teddy Bear drop-off Friday until 6:00 p.m.

Central Library

Friday, November 15, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

■ **Call out for Dragon Masters!** Grades 1–4

Will you become invisible if you try dragon tree fruit? Find out while creating crafts from your favourite series.

Rossland Branch

Friday, November 15, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

🕒 **Waste Reduction Storytime and Craft** All ages  
Reduce, reuse and recycle! Learn how with a special storytime and craft.

In partnership with the Town of Whitby's Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Central Library **Saturday, October 26, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

🕒 **Strike a Pose** All ages

Pick a scene and we'll place you there using our green screen technology! Participants get a photo memento.

Brooklin Branch **Saturday, October 26, 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

■ **Pong-kins** Grades 1–3

Who wants a pumpkin when you can have a pong-kin — a jack-o-lantern ping pong ball! We will have some fun talking about pumpkins too.

Rossland Branch

**Saturday, October 26, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

■ **Felt Poppies** Grades 4–6

Sew your own poppy pin as a symbol for Remembrance Day.

Rossland Branch **Saturday, November 2, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**



■ **Big and Little Paint Party**

Grades 1–5 with caregiver

Unleash your creativity! Bring your favourite adult and make a masterpiece together.

Brooklin Branch

**Wednesday, November 20, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

🕒 **Letters to Santa** All ages

Ho, Ho, Ho, it's that time again! Drop by any of our locations to write a letter to Santa. Letters put in the mail by December 6 might just get a response from Santa himself!

All locations **November 25–December 9**



## Are You Up for The Challenge?

### Reading Challenges at WPL

September 9–December 14



#### Caterpillar Chomp Reading Challenge

Age 0–12

Track your reading to earn badges and caterpillar chomps. Then come to any location to feed your Official Reading Challenge Leaf to our very own hungry caterpillars. How much of your leaf will be eaten by the end of the challenge?

#### Bean There, Read That

Grades 7–12

Read around the world, and perhaps to some other mysterious locations, while you search for Beanstack's mascot, Benny the Bean.



#### Twenty Thousand Reads Under the Sea

Adults

Dive deep into your to-read list to earn digital badges and win prizes in this ocean-inspired reading adventure. How many books can you finish before the challenge ends?



Scan the code or sign up at  
[whitbylibrary.beanstack.com](http://whitbylibrary.beanstack.com)



# Teen Programs

Teen programs are open to youth in grades 7–12.

## ■ Life-Skills Workshop— Preparing for the Workforce

How do I network? Where do I apply for jobs? How do I build a resume? Prepare for your first job, explore what employers are looking for, and learn how to promote your skills.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, September 18, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

## ⦿ TAG: Teen Advisory Group

Seeking enthusiastic teens! Work with others to contribute to Library services and programs, assist with special events, and develop leadership skills. TAG members earn community service hours. Fill out the volunteer application form before arriving.

Brooklin Branch

Thursdays, September 19, October 17 and  
November 21, 7:00–8:00 p.m.



## ⦿ Teen Game Club

Come play new and retro video games: Super Mario, Legend of Zelda, Smash Bros, and more!

Central Library

Tuesday, September 24, 7:00–8:00 p.m.



## ■ Battle of the Pumpkins

Do you have what it takes to win the Great Pumpkin? Working alone or in pairs, decorate your pumpkin and present it to our judges. We provide the pumpkins; you provide the Halloween spirit!

Central Library

Wednesday, October 30, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

## ■ Papier-Mâché Masterpieces

A two-part workshop to design and create your own papier-mâché sculpture. Return week two to paint and decorate. Some sculptures will be on display in the Teen area!

Central Library Mondays, November 25 and  
December 2, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

## ■ Bath, Bubbles, and Beyond

Create and customize your own sugar scrub. Decorate the jar to take home for some homemade self-care.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, November 27, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

## ⦿ Teen Café

A safe space where you can hang out, play games, and more.

Central Library Wednesdays, 3:30–5:00 p.m.  
September 11–December 18

Brooklin Branch

Thursday, November 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

# Adult Programs

## ■ 1-on-1 Tech Help

Become more tech-savvy with 50-minute appointments specific to your needs. Contact staff for available topics. Due to high demand, each patron may register for one appointment per month.

Times and dates vary by month. Contact any location for more information.

## ■ Adult Creative Writing Club

Interested in writing but can't find the time or words? Join fellow writers for an evening of inspiring prompts and the opportunity to share your work.

Offered in-person and online.

Central Library

7:00–8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 3

Legend Has It: Writing Mythology

Monday, October 7

Canon vs. Fanon: Writing Fanfiction

Monday, November 4

NaNoWriMo Workshop with Jessica Lee Sheppard



## ■ DRIFF Presents

Spend an evening with the Durham Region International Film Festival enjoying feature films, followed by a Bibliotherapy session. Discover thoughtful film selections and when you hunger for more, borrow a related book from a curated selection.

In partnership with Literacy Network of Durham Region.

Central Library

Thursdays, September 5 and November 21,

6:30–8:45 p.m.

## ⦿ Fireside Stitchers

Gather around the fireplace while you socialize and stitch. All skill levels are welcome. This is an informal circle for knitting, crochet, and needlework. Bring your own supplies and share your projects and ideas.

Central Library

Thursdays, September 5–November 28, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Brooklin Branch

Mondays, September 9–November 25, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

## ■ Making Connections for Adults Living with Disabilities

Build skills, friendships, and more! We'll work together to create, solve, learn, and play with STEAM based activities. Caregivers are welcome.

Brooklin Branch

Saturdays, September 7, October 5, and

November 16 10:00–11:30 a.m.

## ■ Dreamcatcher Workshop with Métis Artist Kathy Morgan

Ever wondered about the meaning behind dreamcatchers or how they're made? This is your opportunity! Learn to cut leather for wrapping, create a web, and add embellishments that are meaningful to you.

Central Library Monday, September 9, 5:30–8:30 p.m.



## ■ Cozy Corner

Ground yourself in the moment with crafting and colouring. Supplies are available: colouring sheets, watercolours, sewing and more. Feel free to bring your own supplies and projects.

Central Library

Tuesdays, September 10, October 8 and

November 5, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

## ■ Introduction to Finances in Canada

Learn the basics of Canada's banking system. Topics include differences between credit unions and banks, and eligibility for different savings accounts, pension plans, and benefits.

Central Library Thursday, September 12, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

## ■ Nightstop Information Session

Run by Durham Youth Services (DYS), Nightstop offers immediate housing and meals for youth facing eviction with no alternatives for the night. Discover how you can become a Host, providing crucial support during short-term stays.

Central Library

Monday, September 16, 6:30–8:30 p.m.



### ■ Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is a great introduction to yoga — it can help increase flexibility, improve relaxation and your mood! Learn gentle movements to relax and unwind.

Rossland Branch

Wednesdays, September 18, 25, October 2, and 9,  
3:00–4:00 p.m.

### ■ Forest Therapy Walk

A Certified Forest Therapy Guide will lead you through a forest environment at Heber Down Conservation Area to enhance physical and mental well-being. Forest Therapy helps reduce stress by promoting relaxation and mindfulness in the natural world. *In partnership with the Town of Whitby's Sustainability Advisory Committee.*

Saturday, September 21, 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

### ■ Starlore and Constellations of Indigenous North America

What's out there? Join us for an Indigenous interpretation of the night skies, hosted by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

*In partnership with the Whitby Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.*

Rossland Branch

Wednesday, September 18, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, September 25, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

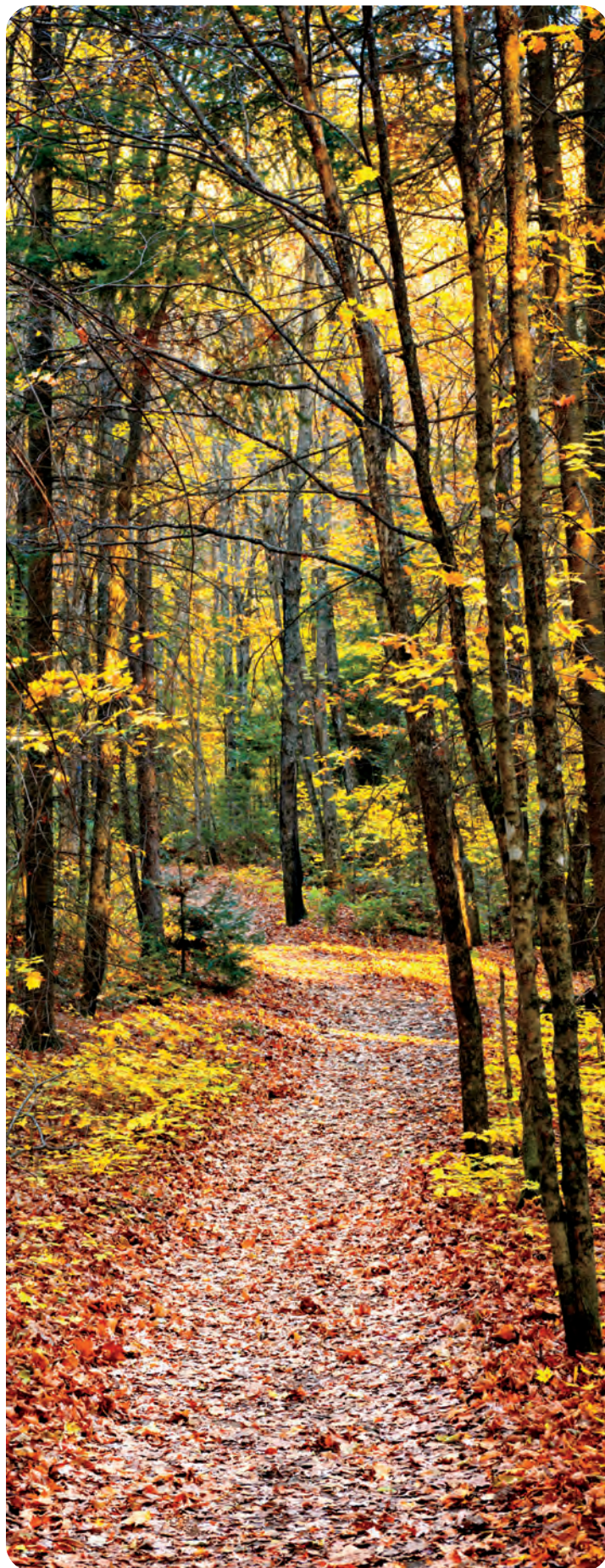


### ■ Practical Planning for Your Health

Learn about the Five Domains of Wellness: Physical, Emotional, Intellectual, Spiritual, and Social, and how to improve and manage our wellness.

Central Library

Thursday, September 19, 6:30–8:00 p.m.



## The Red Scarf Project

The Rotary Club of Whitby and Whitby Sunrise are collecting red scarves to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS. The donated scarves will be tied to trees and posts in downtown Whitby on Sunday, December 1—World Aids Day.

Knit or crochet a scarf in any pattern with red yarn. Minimum size of 15 cm x 152 cm (6" x 60").

Scarves can be dropped off at the Central Library until **Thursday, November 28**.



### ■ Colour Analysis: What it is and how it works

Have you ever wondered what colour of clothing looks best on you? Join us for this fun session on the concept of colour analysis, and what a WOW colour palette means for you!

Brooklin Branch **Monday, September 23, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

### ■ An Evening with Ted Barris

Historian and local author Ted Barris hosts a dynamic talk featuring his new book "Battle of Britain: Canadian Airmen in Their Finest Hour".

Central Library

**Monday, September 23, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**

### ■ Beads, Bracelets and Well-Being

Some believe semi-precious stones and crystals offer mental and physical health benefits. Learn about making jewelry for happiness and health and take home a unique creation.

Central Library **Thursday, September 26, 7:00–9:00 p.m.**

### ■ Cyber Security

Learn how to protect your personal information while online, source reliable advice for your ongoing protection, and how to do a safety check-up on your devices and computer. *In partnership with Pinguag Online*

**Thursday, September 26, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

### ■ Newcomer Bus Tour

Discover your community! This family-friendly event will introduce Whitby's recreation centres, libraries, historical sites, the Station Gallery, Port Whitby Marina, Town Hall, and Region of Durham Headquarters. *In partnership with the Whitby Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.*

Central Library **Saturday, September 28, 9:30–12:30 p.m.**

### ■ In Conversation with Gin Sexsmith

Indigenous author and musician Gin Sexsmith will discuss her debut novel "In the Hands of Men".

Central Library

**Saturday, September 28, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

### ■ Cricut®— Stencil It!

Spruce up your autumn decor with a DIY hand painted sign made with stencils created with a Cricut®.

Central Library **Wednesday, October 2, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

### ■ Light Up Your Life

Add a little coziness to your decor with a personalized luminaria. Materials will be supplied.

Brooklin Branch **Monday, October 7, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

### ■ Personal Finance: Exploring Your Relationship with Money

Learn about budgeting your money to reach your finance goals. Financial stages for all ages will be explored, along with information about credit.

Central Library **Thursday, October 10, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

### ■ Paint Night

Join us for a paint night aimed at washing away the greys of shorter days. Supplies provided; just bring your creativity!

Brooklin Branch

**Wednesday, October 16, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

## Ribbons to Remember

September 30 is the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**.

Tie a ribbon to honour lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities.

**Ask for a ribbon at the front desk of any WPL location or place your own.**

**Starting September 9**



### ■ **An Evening with Joyce Perrin**

Learn travel tips and tricks from experienced world-traveller Joyce Perrin, author of "Ants in My Pants: One Woman's Unexpected Adventures Across Seven Continents".

Central Library **Thursday, October 17, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

### ■ **Paper Pumpkin Patch**

You may have carved a pumpkin before, but have you crafted one from books? Learn how to turn a book into a pumpkin. Materials will be provided; no art experience is required.

Central Library **Monday, October 21, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**



### ■ **Film Noir: Take a Trip to the Darker Side**

Make your love for film a more rewarding experience. Join movie buff Tim Westhead to find out more about classic film noir that explores the darker side.

Rossland Branch

**Wednesday, October 23, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

### ■ **Explore Online Shopping and Entertainment**

This workshop will cover buying and returning things online, spotting reliable sellers, and finding free music and video content.

Brooklin Branch

**Thursday, October 24, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

### ■ **Repair Café**

Have a broken or damaged item? Need to mend a rip in your favourite piece of clothing? Pop by and learn how with a local expert.

Central Library

**Saturday, October 26, 10:00–2:00 p.m.**

### ■ **An Afternoon with Lucy E.M. Black**

Local author Lucy E.M. Black is here to discuss the research and history that underlies her novel "The Brickworks".

Central Library

**Saturday, October 26, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

### ■ **An Evening with The Paranormal Seekers**

The Paranormal Seekers are an investigative team specializing in historic locations and afterlife awareness. Learn about how they explore paranormal claims and hear stories and experiences from around Durham Region.

Brooklin Branch

**Monday, October 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

### ■ **Safe and Secure: Proper Use and Installation of Child Car Seats**

Join a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician from the Ministry of Transportation to learn about how to keep young passengers safe while travelling in vehicles.

Central Library **Monday, October 28, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**



### **Rainbow Recharge** Discovery Zone

**Everyone welcome!** All ages

Drop into our safe crafting space to connect with 2SLGBTQ+ folks in the community (allies are also welcome). Create something unique using our button maker, learn how to make stickers, and more!

Central Library **Fridays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**September 27, October 25 and November 29**

### ■ **Tarot: A Journey into the Mystic**

Find out more about the history of the tarot, the symbolism of significant cards, and see a live demonstration of how to read them with guest participants! Teens are welcome.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, October 30, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

### ■ **Sailing with Roger**

Author Roger Litwiller will describe the adventures of the HMCS Trentonian. This Royal Canadian Navy veteran is an experienced naval historian and author of "Warships of the Bay of Quinte" and "White Ensign Flying: Corvette HMCS Trentonian"

Rossland Branch

Tuesday, November 5, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

### ■ **Dog Guide Meet and Greet**

Dog Guides provide increased freedom and independence to numerous Canadians. Learn what it takes to become a dog guide foster parent and meet puppies in training.

In partnership with the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

Brooklin Branch

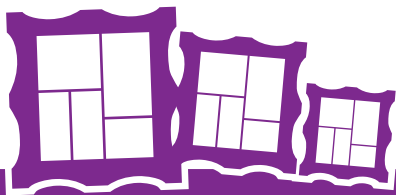
Tuesday, November 5, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

### 🕒 **Mutinies, Mining, and Mysteries: an evening with Margot Dixon**

Author Margot Dixon will take us on her journey of unravelling fact from fiction in her biography "Captain Scott's Scrapbook". Scott's story is a compelling account of one of Canada's most remarkable post-confederate shipmasters.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, November 13, 7:00–8:00 p.m.



**Calling artists, collectors, schools and community non-profits!**

Display and Exhibit space available. Learn more at [whitbylibrary.ca/displays-and-exhibits](http://whitbylibrary.ca/displays-and-exhibits)



### ■ **Mindfulness: Learning to Pause**

Discuss the importance of learning to pause throughout the day to connect to the present. Three brief practices will be introduced focusing on the breath and body.

Central Library

Thursday, November 14, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

### 🕒 **Mobile ID and Benefits Access**

Get help obtaining SINs and birth certificates, open RESP accounts, applying for the Canada Learning Bond, and explore income-boosting benefits from the CRA. Plus, get free tax filing help to access over 40 benefits in Ontario. In partnership with Durham Region, CRA, and Service Canada.

Central Branch

Monday, November 18, 12:30–5:30 p.m.

### ■ **Dressing Mrs. Passmore** Presented by The Costume People

Here's your chance to step back in time and witness the intricate process of historical dressing. Performers will act as lady's maid and Mrs. Passmore, an upper-middle-class lady of Southern Ontario in the mid-1800s. While dressing Mrs. Passmore, the lady's maid will share insights about each item of Victorian clothing.

Brooklin Branch Tuesday, November 19, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

### ■ **Handmade Stationery**

Week One: Make your own paper

Week Two: Decorate

Please ensure that you can attend both dates.

Brooklin Branch Mondays, November 18 and 25, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

## ■ Ontario Senior Drivers and Renewal Program

Learn about the testing requirements for drivers 80 years and older, the over 70 At Fault Collision Program, driving tips and recent rules of the road.

Rossland Branch

Tuesday, November 19, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

## ■ Self-Publishing Panel

Learn about self-publishing with independent authors Lisa Town, Jessica Lee Sheppard, Chris Wunderlich, and Purabi Sinha Das in this lively panel discussion.

Central Library

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

## ■ Cricut® 101

Find out how the Cricut® and Cricut Joy® work and what materials you can use. Get inspiration for your next DIY adventure! See the Cricut® in action in this introductory session.

Central Library

Monday, November 25, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

## ■ Understanding Your Medications

Understand your meds — prescription, non-prescription, and natural health products. Learn why a personal record of medications is important and what you should know about online pharmacies.

Central Library

Thursday, November 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

## Branch Locations and Hours

All locations will be closed September 2, 30 and October 13–14.

### Central Library

405 Dundas Street West Whitby, ON L1N 6A1

**Monday–Thursday** 9:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

**Friday** 9:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

**Saturday** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Sunday** 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Telephone 905–668–6531

### Brooklin Branch

8 Vipond Road Brooklin, ON L1M 1B3

**Monday–Thursday** 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

**Friday** 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

**Saturday** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Sunday** 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Telephone 905–655–3191

### Rossland Branch

701 Rossland Road East Whitby, ON L1N 8Y9

**Tuesday–Thursday** 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

**Friday** 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

**Saturday** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Sunday and Monday** Closed

Telephone 905–668–1886

## Senior's Wellness Series

### ■ Gentle Yoga for Seniors

Join us in-person, or virtually, for Gentle Yoga with chair and seated options. Guided by a certified yoga instructor and registered psychotherapist.

Central Library

**Wednesdays, 10:00–11:00 a.m.**

**September 18, October 16 and November 20**

### ■ Computer and Online Security Basics

Learn how to protect your computer from viruses, malware and more! You'll also learn the basics of protecting yourself online from socially engineered hacking scams.

Brooklin Branch

**Tuesday, October 22, 10:30–12:00 p.m.**

### ■ Steps to Retirement

Plan for your retirement and learn about income streams, pension options, benefits, as well as the emotional side of leaving work and filling your time.

Central Library

**Thursday, November 7, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**



# Adult Book Clubs

**Read. Discuss. Connect.** Books are better when they're shared.

Selections are available in alternate formats. Ask staff for details or visit our online program calendar.

**Registration** for winter book clubs (January–June) opens **Thursday, December 7, 9:00 a.m.**

## ■ Brooklin Branch Book Club

**Mondays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**September 9 Running with Sherman**

by Christopher McDougall

**October 21 The Verifiers** by Jane Pek

**November 11 Small Game** by Blair Braverman

## ■ Central Fiction Book Club

**Wednesdays, 2:00–3:00 p.m.**

**September 11 My Sister, the Serial Killer**

by Oyinkan Braithwaite

**October 9 A Great Country** by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

**November 13 Evil Eye** by Etaf Rum

## ■ Central Evening Non-fiction Book Club

Register to attend in person or online.

**Wednesdays, 7:00pm–8:30 p.m.**

**September 11 Seven Fallen Feathers** by Tanya Talaga

**October 9 The Massey Murder** by Charlotte Gray

**November 13 The Wager** by David Grann

## ■ Online Book Club

**Thursdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

**September 19 The Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennett

**October 17 As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow**

by Zoulfa Katouh

**November 21 Butter Honey Pig Bread**

by Francesca Ekwuyasi

## ■ Midweek Murders

Andrea (our resident mystery buff!) offers up new title suggestions – and a few classic ones that you may want to try.

Rossland Branch **Tuesdays, September 10,**

**October 8 and November 12, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

Organizing your own book club?  
**Borrow a book club set from us!**

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On the cover...



Sailor Sireny (Christine Scott) is a local competitive cosplayer known for her portrayal of magical girls and romantic heroines. What's this award-winning performer's favourite thing about cosplay? "I love bringing characters to life and stepping into their world — at least for a few hours!"

# Whitby FanCon 2024

## A new chapter begins!

New name, same amazing festival

If you've enjoyed attending WhitCAF in the past, you're going to love Whitby FanCon! After shattering attendance records last year, the Library is building on WhitCAF's incredible popularity by expanding the event to include all things fandom, including graphic novels, manga, anime, comic books, talented artist, workshops, vendors, and more!

Get ready for a day full of fun and creativity!

### Here's what to expect

**Cosplay** your favourite characters, meet well-known cosplay artists and connect with others who love to celebrate their fandom in costumes.

**Explore** our Artist Alley, where you'll find unique collectibles and creative items for purchase.

**Interact** with Comic Creators, talk with artists, and learn about their work.

**Attend** programs and panels where local comic creators share insights into their creative process.

**Discover** comic book stores with a variety of free and for-purchase comics.

**Capture** memorable photos with our green screen technology.

**Engage** in activities like author signings, workshops, games, 3D printing, crafting sessions, and more.

**Whitby FanCon takes place at the Central Library on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

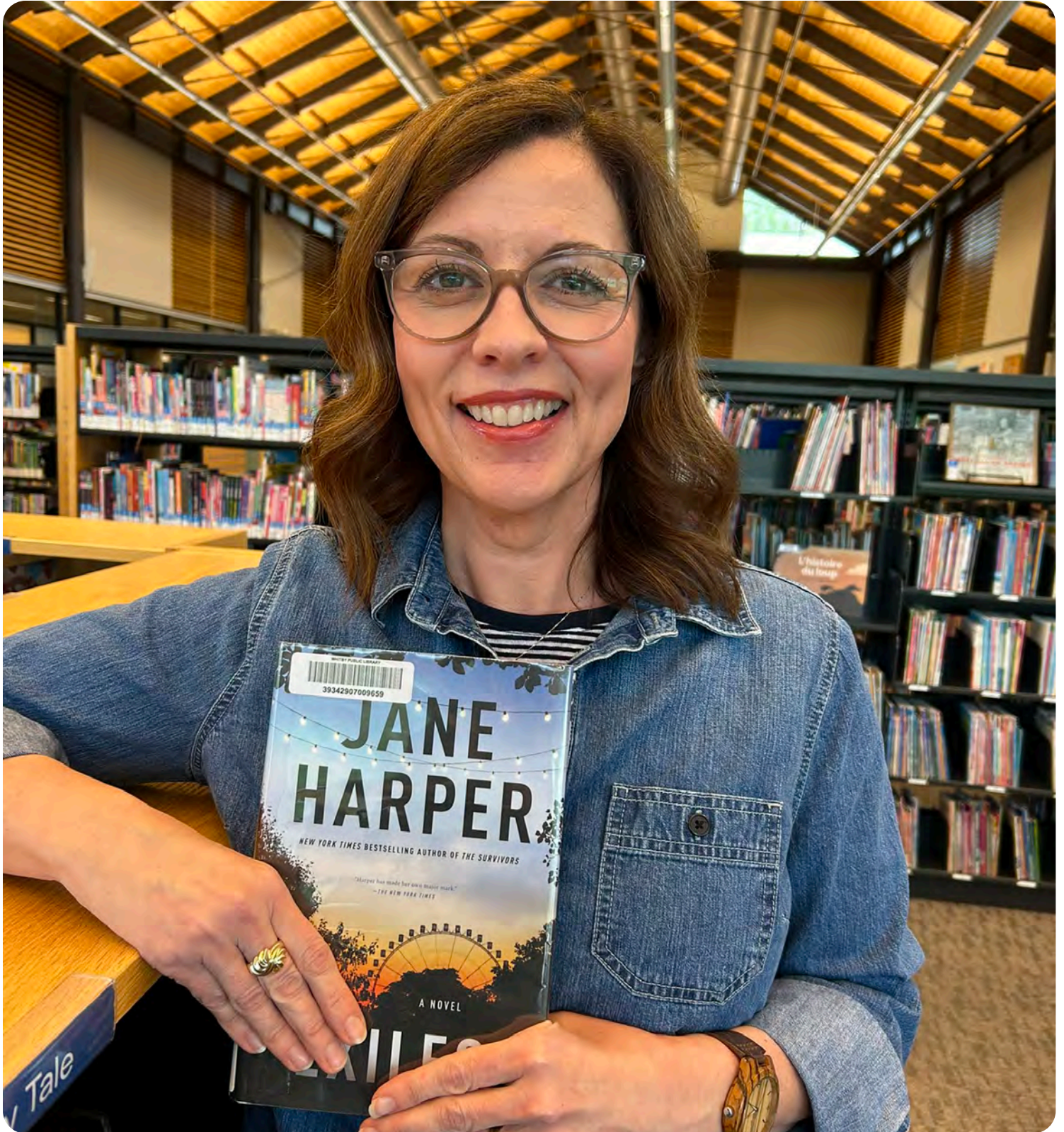
Details can be found at [whitbylibrary.ca/fancon](http://whitbylibrary.ca/fancon)



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