# Discover WPL

Summer June/July/August 2025



# In every issue

#### Babies, Movement, and Music

0–18 months with caregiver

**Brooklin Branch** 

Tuesdays, June 3-August 19,

10:30-11:00 a.m.

**Central Library** 

Fridays, June 6-August 22,

10:30-11:00 a.m.

## Summer Stories All ages

**Brooklin Branch** 

Fridays, June 6-August 22,

10:30-11:00 a.m.

**Rossland Branch** 

Fridays, June 6-August 22,

**10:30–11:00 a.m.** at Davies Park

Meet outside the branch.

**Central Library** 

Saturdays, June 7-August 23,

10:30-11:00 a.m.



# Lego Adventure Club JK-Grade 4

**Central Library** 

Mondays, June 30–August 18, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Fridays, July 4-August 22, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

# Little Explorers

Ages 2–4 with caregiver

**Brooklin Branch** 

Thursdays, July 3-August 21,

10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Rossland Branch** 

Tuesdays, July 8-August 19,

10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### Summer Scavenger Hunt All ages

All Locations June 2-August 31

**Registration** for **July programs** opens on **June 17 at 10:00 a.m.** 

**Registration** for **August programs** opens on **July 15 at 10:00 a.m.** 

• Drag Queen Storytime All ages
The award-winning Drag Queen Storytime
returns! This family-friendly program
showcases stories celebrating diversity
and inclusion. This program will be held at

and inclusion. This program will be held at Heydenshore Pavilion. In partnership with Durham Children's Aid Society.

Saturday, May 31, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

# Brooklin Spring Fair

Visit our booth and attend our storytimes on the stage at 12:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 7, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

#### Stay Safe with Thomas All ages

Join conductor Greg for an exciting storytime educating children about being safe around train stations and near railway tracks.

#### Friday, June 6

Rossland Branch 10:30–11:00 a.m. Central Library 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Brooklin Branch 1:00-1:30 p.m.

#### ■ AnimalSmart<sup>™</sup> Grades 1–6

Animals have emotions too, but how do they tell us how they feel? Discover how animals communicate with us. In partnership with OntarioSPCA and Humane Society.

**Rossland Branch** 

Friday, June 6, 2:30-3:30 p.m.



#### **Dreamcatchers** Grades 3–6

Create your own dreamcatcher during this two-part workshop led by Mary Sue Robinet, a Two-Spirited Indigenous artist of Anishinaabe, Huron-Wendat, and French ancestry.

**Rossland Branch** 

Tuesdays, June 10, and June 17, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

■ Rainbow Headbands Grades 3 + Celebrate Pride Month and make a rainbow headband.

Rossland Branch Friday, June 13, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

# Dibaajimowin Maadaajim-**Indigenous Storytime** All ages

This storytime will connect children and their families with our land, waters, plants, and animals using a mix of Indigenous teachings and stories, as well as songs and drumming. In partnership with Dnaagdawenmag

Binnoojiiyaq Child & Family Services.

## **Central Library**

Saturday, June 14, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

• Junior Chess Club Grades 2–6 Learn new skills and practice with others in this drop-in program.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Tuesdays, June 24, July 22, and August 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

# • Travel the World All ages

Celebrate Canadian Multiculturalism Day by traveling with green screen technology and creating a personalized photo from a selection of world landmarks.

Friday, June 27

**Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch** 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Central Library 2:30-3:30 p.m.

# Métis Moves: Celebrating Culture Through Folk Dance All ages

Watch a jigging performance then learn two Métis folk dances and some fancy foot work to the most famous Métis fiddle song, the Red River Jig.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Friday, June 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

#### French 1-on-1 Grades 2-4

Students can practice their French reading with an individualized half-hour session.

All locations

July and August. Various times available

# **■** Global Paper Crafts

There will be a new paper craft each week. See our website for more details.

**Rossland Branch** 

Wednesdays, July 2-August 20, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

# **TD Summer Reading Club**

It's time to join the club! Register online and pick up your TD Summer Reading Club kit.

All locations Ages 0–12

Registration begins Tuesday, June 17. TDSRC reporting will begin July 2 and end August 20.

• Reading Club Kick Off All ages Hands on Exotics is bringing animals from around the world to help launch the 2025 TD Summer Reading Club! Saturday, July 5

Central Library 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Rossland Branch 12:30-1:30 p.m. (attendance limited to the first 50 people)

Brooklin Branch 2:30-3:30 p.m.













#### **STEAM Around the World**

Join us each week for a new STEAM activity. See our website for more details.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesdays, July 2-August 20, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Rossland Branch

Tuesdays, July 8-August 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

#### Bears of the World

Let's go on a bear safari and learn about bears with stories, games, and crafts.

**Rossland Branch** 

JK-SK Thursday, July 3, and August 14, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

♣ Grades 1–3 Thursday, August 7, 10:30–11:30 a.m. en français

# Amazing Race (Library Edition)

Grades 4-6

Get ready for an around-the-world adventure! Work in teams to complete challenges featuring something unique to each continent. Brooklin Branch

Thursday, July 3, and August 21, 2:30–3:30 p.m. Central Library and Rossland Branch

Thursday, July 10, and August 7, 2:30–3:30 p.m. Brooklin Branch

★ Monday, July 21, 2:30–3:30 p.m. en français

#### ■ A World of Art Grades 3–6

Take inspiration from the world around us and create your very own clay sculpture.

Central Library

Thursday, July 3, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

♣ Friday, August 8, 2:30–3:30 p.m. en français

#### • International Games Grades 3–6

Attend each week to learn games from other countries.

**Rossland Branch** 

Fridays, July 4-August 22, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

## Stories in the Park All ages

Meet us in the park this summer for stories, songs, and plenty of fun.

Mondays, 11:00-11:30 a.m.

July 7 Kiwanis Heydenshore Park,

Picnic Shelter 2

**July 14** Baycliffe Park

July 21 Vanier Park

July 28 Peel Park

#### • Green Screen Travel Fun Grades 1–4

Learn how green screen technology works and use it to create your own pictures in different places around the world.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Monday, July 7, and Thursday, August 7, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

#### ■ Stay Safe! Grades 4–8

This Red Cross program teaches youth safety awareness and first aid skills to stay home alone. In partnership with Durham First Aid. Register at durhamfirstaid.com. \$70.00 fee.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Tuesday, July 8, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Central Library

Thursday, August 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

#### Around the World in 80 Games

Grades 4-6

Teleport to another continent by trying games originating from different countries around the world. Try and win before time runs out!

Central Library

Tuesday, July 8, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Friday, July 11, 2:30–3:30 p.m. en français Tuesday, August 5, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

# Ontario Tech Workshops

In partnership with Engineering Outreach within the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science at Ontario Tech University.

#### STFM

Learn fundamentals of the engineering design process, tackle design challenges, and put your STEM knowledge to the test.

### **Central Library**

Grades 1-4 Wednesday, July 9, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

#### **Brooklin Branch**

Grades 5–8 **Wednesday, July 30, 2:30–4:00 p.m.** 

#### Codina

Discover the world of coding!

#### **Rossland Branch**

Grades 1–4 Wednesday, July 23, 2:30–4:00 p.m.

#### **Central Library**

Grades 5–8 Wednesday, August 6, 2:30–4:00 p.m.

# ■ Bongos, Rain Sticks, and Maracas

Grades 1-3

Explore percussion from around the world and make your own instrument.

Brooklin Branch Thursday, July 10, and August 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

# Summer Stories: Disability Pride Month Special All ages

Join us for songs, rhymes, and stories to celebrate Disability Pride Month.

#### **Central Library**

Saturday, July 12, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

#### Robot Adventures

Learn about STEM by programming and building a rover that will solve challenges with our special guests, Zebra Robotics!

#### **Central Library**

Grades 4–6 **Saturday, July 12, 2:30–4:00 p.m.** 

Grades 2–3 **Saturday, August 9, 2:30–4:00 p.m.** 

#### ■ Habitat Heroes Grades JK-1

From deserts to tundras, explore how animals adapt to survive in the wild. Then use your creativity to design a brand-new creature built for one of four unique habitats!

#### **Central Library**

Tuesday, July 15, and August 12, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

# ■ Ready, Set, School Ages 3–4

Get ready to steam ahead into kindergarten! We'll cover basic concepts with stories, music, and activities.

#### Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, July 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### Fidget Toy Fun Grades 2–6

Come make some fidget toys to keep your hands busy this summer.

## Central Library

Thursday, July 17, and July 31, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

# ■ Global Royal-Tea Party Grade 1–3

Celebrate summer like royalty! Join us for stories, crafts, and tea! Fancy dress encouraged. **Rossland Branch** 

Thursday, July 17, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

#### Make a Mask Grade 1−3

For centuries, different cultures have expressed themselves through masks. Unleash your creativity and make your own mask-erpiece.

#### **Brooklin Branch**

Thursday, July 17, 2:30-3:30 p.m. and Monday, August 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### ■ **Do It Yourself: Zines** Grades 4–6

What is a zine? Learn about what makes a zine and how to create your own!

Central Library Tuesday, July 22, 2:30–3:30 p.m.













#### • Break a Record Grades 4–6

Think you have what it takes? Team up and try your best to beat some of the world's weirdest records.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Thursday, July 24, 2:30–3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, August 13, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

■ Kids Smash Bros Tournament Grades 4–6
Participate in our third annual Smash Bros
Tournament and cheer on the competition!
Central Library

Thursday, July 24, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

■ Amazing Wetland Animals in your Watershed! Grades 2 + with caregiver

Explore the importance of wetlands and the many animals and plants that live there. Presented by staff from CLOCA.

**Rossland Branch** 

Thursday, July 24, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

# • Jump Up! Carnival Storytime and Craft All ages

Read stories about Caribbean carnival and culture while singing storytime songs to celebrate the rich heritage of the Caribbean. Central Library

Saturday, July 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Friendship Day Leis Grades 1–3

Indigenous Hawaiians use leis as a symbol of connection and friendship. Celebrate Friendship Day by making leis and learning about flowers.

Wednesday, July 30

- Brooklin Branch 10:30–11:30 a.m.
- Central Library 2:30–3:30 p.m.
- Rossland Branch 2:30–3:30 p.m.

#### **STEAM Challenge: Water Filter Grades 4–6**

Design, build, and test a water filter to celebrate National Water Quality Month.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Wednesday, August 6, 10:30-11:30 p.m.

Central Library

Wednesday, August 13, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Rossland Branch** 

Thursday, August 21, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

# World Lizard Day Celebration All ages

Toasty the leopard gecko is back at the Library to celebrate World Lizard Day!

**Brooklin Branch** 

Wednesday, August 13, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

**Central Library** 

Thursday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

**Rossland Branch** 

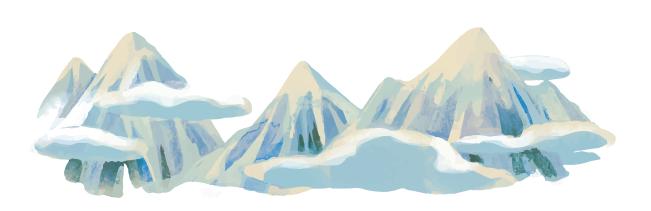
Friday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

#### ■ Take Flight Grades 1–3

Learn how to make a paper airplane. Challenge each other to see who can fly the farthest.

**Central Library** 

Thursday, August 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m.



# Exam Study Break with Dogs

Take a break from studying by hanging out with some furry friends! Sign up for a 10-minute slot at the door.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Wednesday, June 18, 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Monday, June 23, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

In partnership with Sunshine Therapy Dogs.

**Central Library** 

Thursday, June 19, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

In partnership with the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide.

## Teen Chess Club

Learn new skills and practice with others. **Brooklin Branch** 

Wednesdays, June 25, July 23, and August 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

# Mastering Mosaics

Learn about mosaic art and create your own set of custom mosaic glass coasters.

**Central Library** 

Wednesday, July 9, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

# ■ Babysitting Basics Grades 6–9

Learn basic first aid and caregiving skills to care for children and prevent and respond to emergencies. Register at durhamfirstaid.com. \$70.00 fee.

In partnership with Durham First Aid.

**Central Library** 

Tuesday, July 15, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Tuesday, August 19, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

# ■ The Library Games

Welcome to the first annual Library Games. What does it take to be the Saviour of the Stacks, the Hero of Horror, or the Master of Mystery? **Brooklin Branch** 

Tuesday, July 15, and Thursday, August 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### ■ Teen Smash Bros Tournament

Participate in our third annual Smash Bros Tournament and cheer on the competition! Central Library

Wednesday, July 23, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

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# TAG: Teen Advisory Group

**Brooklin Branch** 

Tuesday, June 3, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

## Teen Café

**Central Library** 

Wednesdays, June 4-18, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

## ■ Pixel Perfect

Create your own 3D pixel art using wooden cubes. **Central Library** 

Wednesday, July 30, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

# International Youth Day

Celebrate with a focus on youth empowerment for a sustainable future.

**Tuesday, August 12** 

Brooklin Branch 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Central Library 2:00-4:00 p.m.

# ■ Teen Game Night

Challenge friends to your favourite video games! **Central Library** 

Wednesday, August 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

# Teen Summer Mario Party

That's a wrap! Teen Summer Challenge participants can celebrate the end of summer with Mario-themed games and all sorts of prizes. **Central Library** 

Thursday, August 21, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

# **Teen Advisory Council**

Apply to be part of our Teen Advisory Council. Don't miss your chance to join and make a difference in your Library.

Monday, August 18-Friday, September 5











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## ■ 1-on-1 Tech Help

Times and dates vary by month.

Contact any branch for more information.

# Adult Creative Writing Club

Offered in-person and online. Central Library Monday, June 2, 7:00–8:30 p.m. Monday, July 7, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

## • Fireside Stitchers

Central Library Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. June 5–August 28

# English Conversation Circle

**Central Library** 

Thursdays, June 5-26, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

# Newcomer Walking Group

Central Library **Thursdays**, **July 3**, **10**, **17**, **and 24**, **6**:30–7:30 p.m.

#### **■** Midweek Murders

Rossland Branch Tuesday, June 10, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

#### Online Book Club

Thursday, June 19, 2:30–3:30 p.m. The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters.

#### ■ Brooklin Branch Book Club

Register to attend in person or online.
Brooklin Branch
Monday, June 9, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Butter Honey Pig Bread by Francesca Ekwuyasi.

# **■** Central Library Fiction Book Club

Register to attend in person or online. Central Library Wednesday, June 11, 2:00–3:00 p.m. The Verifiers by Jane Pek.

# ■ Central Library Evening Non-Fiction Book Club

Register to attend in person or online.
Central Library
Wednesday, June 11, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
This is Your Mind on Plants by Michael Pollan.

Registration for fall book clubs (September– December) opens **Saturday, July 26, 9:00 a.m.** 

# ■ Italian Canadian Writers Panel

Listen to a panel of Italian Canadian writers as they discuss their writing journey in celebration of Italian Heritage Month. This program is funded by The Writers' Union of Canada and the League of Canadian Poets. Central Library

Tuesday, June 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

# Pysanky Eggs

Talented artists will teach you how to make beautiful Pysanky eggs in the traditional Ukrainian style using a wax-resist batik method. Central Library

Thursday, June 5, 6:00-8:30 p.m.





# Celebrating Queer Art

Learn more about iconic 2SLGBTOIA+ artists and create your own art in celebration of their legacy. Central Library

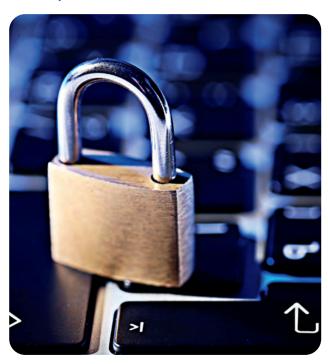
Friday, June 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

# Fraud Prevention

Knowledge is the best defense against victimization. Durham Region Police Services will highlight some common scams and provide tips for residents to protect themselves.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Monday, June 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m.



# ■ Family Trivia Night: Queer Queries

Teens and their friends and families are welcome to take Pride in their knowledge of 2SLGBTQIA+ history, art, music, and more. **Central Library** Prize donated by 8-Bit Beans Monday, June 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Thursday, June 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### Dreamcatchers

Create your own dreamcatcher during this two-part workshop led by Mary Sue Robinet, a Two-Spirited Indigenous artist of Anishinaabe, Huron-Wendat, and French ancestry.

**Rossland Branch** 

Thursday, June 12, and June 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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# Hand Reflexology: Relaxation, **Digestion, and Detoxification**

Reflexology can relieve tension, ease pain, improve digestion, detoxify, sooth, and relax your whole body. Learn reflexology points on your hands and where they map to your body. **Central Library** 

Thursday, June 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m.



## Meet the Artists

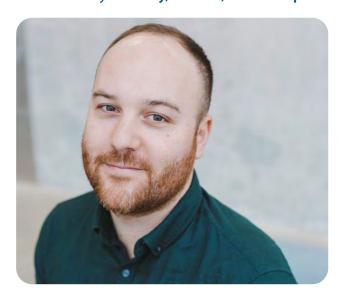
Connect with the creators of this month's Art Rail installation. View their work and hear about their life stories. In partnership with Whitby 55+.

**Central Library** 

Friday, June 13, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

# Craig Jennex Author Visit

In celebration of Pride Month, author Craig Jennex discusses his book Out North, which explores the history of queerness in Canada. Central Library Tuesday, June 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m.











# Rainbow Knots: PFlag's Yarn Club

A 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusive yarn group welcomes all skill levels to knit, crochet, and craft in a relaxed setting. Bring supplies or use provided yarn, hooks, and needles. In partnership with PFlag. Central Library

Wednesdays, June 18, July 16, August 20, 6:00–8:00 p.m.



# Paddle Woodburning

Learn simple woodburning techniques and burn your own design onto a mini paddle. Central Library

Thursday, June 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

# Punny Pots

Talk to your plants? Now your plants can talk back! Decorate an indoor plant pot with your choice of phrase. It can be cute, punny, or something downright snarky!

**Brooklin Branch** 

Thursday, June 19, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

# ■ Understanding Your Medications presented by Ontario Health atHome

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.

**Brooklin Branch** 

Wednesday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

# ■ Forgotten Railways of Durham Region

Explore the rich history of railways in the Greater Toronto Area, with a focus on their impact on urban development, industry, and local communities.

**Rossland Branch** 

Wednesday, June 25, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

# ■ Rainbow Heart String Art

Create a heart in this hands-on program where you weave string around nails.

**Central Library** 

Thursday, June 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

# • Rainbow Recharge All ages

Drop into our safe crafting space to connect with 2SLGBTQ+ folks in the community (allies are also welcome). Create using our crafting materials or bring your own project.

**Central Library** 

Friday, June 27, 6:00–7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31, and August 28, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

# ■ Beeswax Alchemy: From Hive to Home

Learn how the most important pollinators live and work to produce beeswax. Discover products made from the hive and how we can use beeswax in our lives.

**Central Library** 

Thursday, July 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.





# Cricut<sup>®</sup>: Summer Sign

Decorate a custom-wood plaque using Cricut® designs to celebrate the summer sunshine. **Central Library** 

Tuesday, July 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

# Discovery Zone 101

Learn about the materials you can use and what projects you can make with our die cutter, laminator, and button maker. You'll also see the 3D Printer and Cricut® in action. **Central Library** 

Thursday, August 14, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

# Cricut®: Making Mermaid Scales

Come mer-make beautiful mermaid scale stickers to add to a water bottle.

**Central Library** 

Wednesday, August 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

# Learn, play, discover.

Interactive **Discovery Kits** include everything you need to learn code,

**explore** parks and trails, discover a new

instrument, and so much more!



Get started today at

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# **Passport** to Reading

Visit any Whitby Library location and choose a wrapped book from our Passport to Reading book displays. There will be a few hints to guide your selection.

Choose your book, take it home, and find out what adventure awaits!

All locations

Friday, August 1-Saturday, August 16

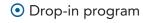












# **Branch Locations and Hours**

All locations will be closed July 1, August 4, and September 1.

## **Central Library**

405 Dundas Street West Whitby, ON L1N 6A1

# Monday-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

The Central Library and Brooklin Branch will be closed Sundays from June 22–August 31.

The Central Library closes Fridays at 6:00 p.m. from July 4–August 29.

# Are You Up for the Challenge? Reading Challenges at WPL

## **Teen Summer Challenge** Grades 7–12

All summer long you can earn points for reading, attending programs, and completing weekly challenges. Trade in your points for raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes.



Register at whitbylibrary.beanstack.com Wednesday, July 2–Thursday, August 21

# Fun in the Sun Reading Challenge Adults

Have some fun reading in the sun this summer! Log your reading on Beanstack and earn raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes.

Register at

whitbylibrary.beanstack.com

Sunday, June 1–Thursday, August 21



Scan the code or sign up at

whitbylibrary.beanstack.com

# **TD Summer Reading Club** Ages 0–12

It's time to join the club! Register online and pickup your TD Summer Reading Club kit at any location.

Registration begins Tuesday, June 17 but you can register anytime during the summer at whitbylibrary.ca/tdsrc

TDSRC reporting will begin **Wednesday**, **July 2** and ends **Wednesday**, **August 20** 



If you require this program guide in an alternative format, email: admin@whitbylibrary.ca or call 905–668–6531