

Discover WPL

Winter December/January/February 2025/26

Warm up with
winter
programs



Whitby Public Library | doorway to discovery

In every issue

🕒 **Babies, Movement, and Music**

0–18 months with caregiver

Brooklin Branch **Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**
December 2–9, January 6–February 10,
and February 24–March 31

Central Library **Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**
December 3–10, January 7–February 11,
and February 25–April 1

Rossland Branch **Thursdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**
December 4–11, January 8–February 12,
and February 26–April 2

🕒 **Toddler Time** 19–35 months with caregiver

Central Library **Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**
December 1–8, January 5–February 9, and
February 23–March 30

Rossland Branch **Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**
December 2–9, January 6–February 10,
and February 24–March 31

Brooklin Branch **Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**
December 3–December 8, January 7–
February 11, and February 25–April 1

■ **Numbers, Rhymes, and Storytimes**

Ages 3–4

Central Library **Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**
December 2–9, January 6–February 10,
and February 24–March 31

Brooklin Branch **Thursdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**
December 4–11, January 8–February 12,
and February 26–April 2

■ **Stories, Songs, and Stretches**

Ages 3–4 with caregiver

Rossland Branch **Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**
December 3–10, January 7–February 11,
and February 25–April 1

🕒 **Sensory Storytime** Ages 2–5 with caregiver

Central Library **Thursdays, 10:30–11:15 a.m.**
December 4–11, January 8–February 12,
and February 26–April 2

🕒 **Game Club** Grades 3–6

Central Library **Thursdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**
December 4–11 and January 8–February 26

🕒 **LEGO® Club** JK–Grade 4

Brooklin Branch **Mondays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**
December 1–8 and January 5–February 23

Central Library **Fridays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.**
December 5–12 and January 9–February 27

🕒 **Drop-In Family Storytime** All ages

Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch
Fridays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
December 5–12 and January 9–March 27

Central Library
Saturdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
December 6–13 and January 10–March 27

🕒 **Little Explorers** Ages 2–4 with caregiver

Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch
Fridays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.
December 5–12 and January 9–March 27



🕒 **LEGO® Winter Village** All ages
Help us create a winter village. Check out a book and add to our LEGO® scene.
Rossland Branch **December 1–31**

🕒 **Holiday Suncatchers** All ages
Make beautiful window decorations to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or just the magic of snowflakes and frosty fun.
Rossland Branch
Friday, December 5, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

🕒 **Operation Toy Mountain and Cozy Toes** All ages
Celebrate Cozy Toes and Operation Toy Mountain's collection of socks and toys with the Library! Storytimes, scavenger hunts, crafting, and family photos will all be available while we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the CTV Toy Mountain Campaign. *In partnership with Mayor Roy, Town of Whitby.*
Central Library
Tuesday, December 9, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

🕒 **Kwanzaa Storytime** All ages
Yolanda T. Marshall, author of *Brown Girl in the Snow* and many other picture books, is here for an exciting storytime.
Central Library
Saturday, December 13, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

🕒 **Winter Scavenger Hunt** All ages
Have fun during the winter break by finding the hidden images around the Library.
All locations **December 19–January 4**

🕒 **Drop-In Family Storytime: Santa's Special Storytime** All ages
Enjoy stories, songs, jingle bells, and a visit from Santa at this family-friendly program. The Brooklin Branch program will include a Christmas sing-along.
Rossland Branch
Friday, December 19, 10:15–11:00 a.m.
(Santa arrives at 10:15 a.m.)
Brooklin Branch
Friday, December 19, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
(Santa arrives at 11:00 a.m.)
Central Library
Saturday, December 20, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
(Santa arrives at 11:00 a.m.)



🕒 **Resolution Rockets** Grades 3–6
Blast off into the New Year by writing resolutions on colourful paper rocket ships. Launch your goals into 2026 and reach for the stars!
Brooklin Branch and Rossland Branch
Wednesday, December 31, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Central Library
Friday, January 2, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

🕒 **Play-Doh Party** Ages 2–5 with caregiver
Roll, squish, and sculpt colourful dough to get ready for the new year.
Central Library
Wednesday, December 31, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **DIY Sticker Books** Grades 4–8
Do you have too many stickers and nowhere to put them? Learn how to make a reusable sticker book to protect and show them off. Optional: bring some stickers (up to 25) to test your book and trade with other collectors!
Central Library
Saturday, January 3, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Braille Workshop** Grades 1–3
Explore the world of tactile reading and writing. Create your own braille alphabet and gain a deeper understanding of how people impacted by blindness and vision loss read and communicate.
Brooklin Branch
Tuesday, January 6, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Children's Book Clubs

■ **Book Pirates** Grades 4–5

Central Library

Wednesday, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

December 3 **Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas** by Jonathan W. Stokes

January 7 **The Van Gogh Deception** by Deron R. Hicks

February 4 **The Explorers: The Door in the Alley** by Adrienne Kress

Brooklin Branch

Thursday, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

December 11 **The Maze of Bones** by Rick Riordan

January 8 **The Last Human** by Lee Bacon

February 5 **The Bridge Home** by Padma Venkatraman

■ **Page Turners** Grades 6–8

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

December 10 **Ryan Quinn and the Rebel's Escape** by Ron McGee

January 7 **Snapdragon** by Kat Leyh

February 4 **Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor** by Xiran Jay Zhao

Central Library

Wednesday, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

December 17 **Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow** by Jessica Townsend

January 21 **Bloom** by Kenneth Oppel

February 18 **Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky** by Kwame Mbalia



■ **Square Knits** Grades 4–8

Learn to cast on, knit, purl, and cast off. Bring a pair of 6 mm straight needles. Wool is provided.
Rossland Branch Saturdays, January 10–February 28, 10:00–10:45 a.m.

⦿ **Valentines for Vets** All ages

Roses are red, violets are blue... Valentine's Day is a great time for veterans to hear from you! Create a card at any of our locations. Finished valentines will be sent to Veterans Affairs Canada and distributed to veterans in long-term care facilities in Canada.

All locations January 12–25

■ **Chess Club** Grades 2–8

Learn new skills and practice with others in this multi-week session. Participants must already know how to play chess.

Registration opens January 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Brooklin Branch

Tuesday, January 13, 27, February 10, 24, March 10, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Central Library Wednesdays, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Check our online program calendar for dates.

⦿ **Celebrate Winnie the Pooh** All ages
Honour the birthday of author A. A. Milne with activities to celebrate his treasured bear.

Rossland Branch

Saturday, January 17, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

⦿ **Pajama Party Storytime** All ages

Come in your pajamas and bring your favourite stuffie as we read and sing together!

Central Library

Saturday, January 24, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

🕒 **Family Literacy Day Fort Storytime**

All ages

Bring your grown-up to celebrate Family Literacy Day with songs and stories inside our cozy fort.

Rossland Branch

Tuesday, January 27, 7:00–7:30 p.m.

■ **LEGO® Literacy** Grades 2–6

Discover new things about LEGO®, try some challenges, and build a mini bookcase to take home as we celebrate LEGO® Day.

Rossland Branch

Wednesday, January 28, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

🕒 **Hot Chocolate Storytime and Craft**

All ages

Brrr! Cozy up in the Library with a wintery storytime and cute hot chocolate craft.

Rossland Branch

Friday, January 30, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

🕒 **Groundhog Puppets** All ages

Celebrate Groundhog Day with a groundhog craft. Will Wiarton Willie see their shadow?

Brooklin Branch

Friday, January 30, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Central Library and Rossland Branch

Tuesday, February 3, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

■ **The Brooklin Bee** Grades 4–6

Do you have spelling skills and a friendly sense of competition? If so, come see what the buzz is all about and demonstrate your spelling talent!

Brooklin Branch

Saturday, January 31, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Reading Buddies** Grades 1–3

This eight-week program pairs children who would benefit from additional reading support with a teen volunteer. Reading Buddies meet for an hour each week to read stories and play literacy-based games to enhance literacy skills of fluency, comprehension, and diction.

Registration opens January 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Central Library

Tuesdays, February 3–March 31 (excluding March break), 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Brooklin Branch

Thursdays, February 5–April 2 (excluding March break), 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Spend Your P.A. Day with Us!

🕒 **Boredom Busters** All ages

Keep kids' brains busy and engaged at the Library with fun activities.

Brooklin Branch

Friday, January 23, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **STEAM Stations** Grades 1–4

Challenge yourself as you work through different STEAM stations. Parents are encouraged to stay with younger participants.

Rossland Branch

Friday, January 23, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

🕒 **Cat in the Hat Storytime and Craft**

All ages

Hat, cat, stories, craft – come for some fun, stay for the laughs!

Rossland Branch

Saturday, February 7, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

🕒 **Olympic Storytime and Craft**

All ages

Go for the gold with this sports-themed storytime, then it's time to make your own Olympic torch and Canada flag to cheer on our athletes.

Central Library

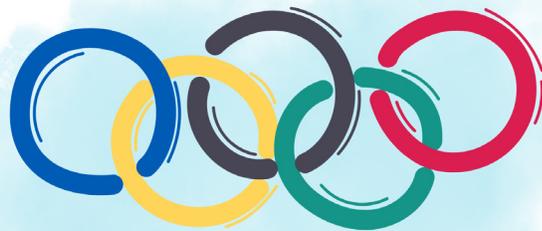
Saturday, February 7, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Rossland Branch

Friday, February 13, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Brooklin Branch

Friday, February 20, 10:30–11:30 a.m.





Celebrate Black History Month

🕒 **Black History Month Scavenger Hunt** All ages

Learn about significant Black Canadians by finding the hidden images around the Library.

All locations **February 1–28**

🕒 **Hair Diversity Storytime and Craft** All ages

Join us as we sing our favourite storytime songs and read stories that explore cultural awareness, empowerment, and celebrate textured hair. Includes a family-friendly craft highlighting hair diversity.

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Rossland Branch **Friday, February 6**

Brooklin Branch **Friday, February 13**

Central Library **Saturday, February 21**

■ **Leadership Talks** Adults

An inspiring panel discussion featuring Black entrepreneurs and professionals of all ages who share their journeys, challenges, and successes in leadership and business. Presented by Durham Region Association of Black Professionals and Entrepreneurs (DRABPE).

Central Library

Thursday, February 19, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

🕒 **Anansi the Spider** All ages

Hear a tale of clever Anansi the spider and create your own crafty spider.

Brooklin Branch

Saturday, February 28, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

■ **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** Grades 4–8

Learn about opportunities for women in the fields of science and technology. Bring your questions and be inspired to explore opportunities in STEM. In collaboration with Ontario Tech University.

Rossland Branch

Wednesday, February 11, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

🕒 **Valentine's Love Bug Craft** All ages

Buzz on over for a Valentine's Day craft that's full of heart and make your own love bug.

Brooklin Branch

Saturday, February 14, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Central Library

Saturday, February 14, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Rossland Branch

Saturday, February 14, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Plasticine Scenes** Grades 1–3

Stretch, squeeze, and sculpt colourful plasticine into a beautiful painting. Explore the world of plasticine art and take home your own plasti-scene.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, February 18, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

🕒 **Year of the Horse**

All ages

Gallop into the new year with a craft celebrating the Year of the Horse.

Rossland Branch

Saturday, February 21, 2:30–3:30 p.m.



🕒 **Pink Paper Shirts for Pink Shirt Day**

All ages

Write a kind message on a pink paper shirt and pin it to our Pink Shirt Day poster.

All locations

February 23–28

🕒 **Ramadan Storytime** All ages

Celebrate Ramadan and Eid with a storytime, craft, colouring, and henna. A fun family event.

In partnership with Muslim Women of Durham Region.

Central Library

Saturday, February 28, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

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📍 Teen Lounge

Central Library

Wednesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

■ Teen Game Night

 Grades 7–12

Bring your friends or come meet some new ones to spend the evening playing popular video and board games.

Central Library

Tuesday, December 16, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

■ Tiny Tomes

 Grades 7–12

Dive into the world of miniatures and create your own mini library.

Central Library

Wednesday, January 14, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

■ Study Break with Canada Dog Guides

Grades 9–12

Take a break from studying by hanging out with some furry friends! Sign up for a 10-minute slot at the door. In partnership with the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Central Library

Thursday, January 22, 2:30–4:00 p.m.

■ Game On! Teen Game Tournament

Grades 7–12

Switch into game mode and start the year with a win.

Brooklin Branch

Thursday, January 29, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

■ Teen Library Olympics

 Grades 7–12

Compete in challenges, library-style.

Work with your team to take home the first-place ribbons!

Central Library

Monday, February 9, 7:00–8:00 p.m.



Blind Date with a Book

 All ages

Will it be love at first page?

Visit any location and choose a wrapped book from our **Blind Date with a Book** display (adults and teens) or **Playdate with a Book** display (children). There will be a few hints to guide your selection. Choose your book, take it home, and find out if you have a new bookish love! Once you've read your book, fill out the **Rate Your Date Card** and return it to be entered into a draw for a chance to win a prize.

All locations **February 2–18**



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📍 Drop-in program

■ Registration required

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■ 1-on-1 Tech Help

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

⦿ Fireside Stitchers

Brooklin Branch **Mondays, 1:30–3:30 p.m.**
December 1–15 and January 5–February 23
Central Library **Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**
December 4–18 and January 8–February 26

■ Adult Creative Writing Club

Offered in-person and online.
Central Library **Monday, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**
December 1, January 5, and February 2

■ Brooklin Branch Book Club

Brooklin Branch **Monday, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**
December 8, January 12, and February 9

■ Midweek Murders

Rossland Branch **Tuesday, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**
December 9, January 9, and February 10

■ Central Library Fiction Book Club

Central Library **Wednesday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.**
December 10, January 7, and February 11

■ Central Library Evening Non-Fiction Book Club

Central Library **Wednesday, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**
December 10, January 14, and February 11

■ Online Book Club

Thursday, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
December 18, January 15, and February 19

Registration for winter/spring book clubs (January–June) opens Saturday, December 6, 9:00 a.m.

■ Glitter Ornaments

Create custom glitter ornaments using our Cricut® and your own creative flair! Perfect for gift giving or decorating, this holiday craft session will leave you sparkling with inspiration.

Central Library
Tuesday, December 2, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

■ Stained Glass Tree Ornaments

Get in the holiday spirit by creating your own fused glass tree ornament. No experience is required. Projects are kiln fired at Wendy Daly Studio for pick-up at the Rossland Branch one week later.

Rossland Branch
Thursday, December 4, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ Happy Birthday, Jane Austen

Celebrate the beloved author's 250th birthday with trivia, cake, and a toast to her wit, words, and legacy.

Brooklin Branch
Thursday, December 4, 6:30–8:00 p.m.



■ **DRIFF Presents**

Spend an evening with the Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF) enjoying a feature film. Discover thoughtful film selections. Hungry for more? Borrow a related book from our curated collection.

Central Library

Thursday, 6:30–8:45 p.m.

December 4 and February 5

■ **The Ontario Poetry Society: Durham Region Reading Series**

Four award-winning writers will read and discuss their recently released novels.

Presented by The Ontario Poetry Society's Durham Region Branch in collaboration with Trent University Durham.

Central Library

Tuesday, December 9, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

⦿ **Wrap and Yap: Sustainable Holidaying**

Wrap, yap, and craft your way into the holiday season—sustainably! Learn creative ways to wrap gifts using reusable and eco-friendly materials. Share ideas, chat with others, and discover simple ways to make your wrapping both beautiful and kind to the planet.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, December 17, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

■ **Guitar Lesson**

Learn fundamental chords, strumming patterns, and simple guitar songs in a fun and supportive environment. Participants must bring their own guitar. All skill levels are welcome.

Central Library

Tuesday, January 6, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

■ **New Year, New Reads**

Is your new year's resolution to read more? Learn how to set realistic reading goals and incorporate reading into your life with the help of the Library. Read more, stress less!

Central Library

Wednesday, January 7, 7:00–8:00 p.m.



■ **Bakers Gonna Bake!**

Take the gloom out of winter by creating baking-inspired dish towels. Join our Cricut® program and learn how to use iron-on vinyl.

Central Library

Tuesday, January 13, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, January 28, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Rossland Branch

Thursday, February 26, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

■ **Getting the Most from Your Healthcare Appointment**

Healthcare appointments can be stressful. This workshop focuses on what you can do to ensure you are getting the care and information you need.

Presented by Ontario Health atHome.

Brooklin Branch

Monday, January 19, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

■ **Crystals, Cold, and Curiosity: A Snowflake Science Night**

Join us for an engaging STEM night for adults exploring the science behind snow: how ice crystals form, why snowflakes are symmetrical, and how winter weather affects our bodies and minds.

Central Library

Monday, January 19, 7:00–8:00 p.m.



■ **Victorian Puzzle Purse**

Celebrate National Hobby Month by creating an origami Victorian Era puzzle purse.

Rosland Branch

Wednesday, January 21, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

⦿ **Craft n' Chat**

Bring your current craft project for a fun, social crafting session! Share tips and connect with fellow makers. No project? No problem! A simple craft will be provided.

Brooklin Branch

Monday, January 26 and February 23, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Central Library

Tuesday, January 27, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

■ **Winter Lanterns**

Brighten up your winter nights with a custom lantern using our Cricut®.

Central Library

Tuesday, February 10, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, February 25, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

■ **Kiss and Tell: Enemies to Lovers**

Love chatting about romance and swapping suggestions? We set the theme—you choose your book! Bring your enemies-to-lovers pick and dish.

Brooklin Branch

Wednesday, February 11, 7:00–8:00 p.m.



■ **Adult Trivia Night: Whitby Library's Winter Games**

Do you think you have what it takes to make the podium? Flex your Olympic knowledge and compete against other TriviAthletes for the chance to medal.

Central Library

Wednesday, February 18, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

■ **Collage Art**

Discover the art of self-expression through collage! Participants will explore creative ways to combine images, textures, and colours to craft unique works of art. All supplies will be provided, just bring your imagination.

Central Library

Tuesday, February 24, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

■ **Library Secrets: What They Don't Teach You in Storytime**

Learn how libraries balance access, equity, and differing viewpoints. This session focuses on intellectual freedom, collection development, material challenges, and the principles that govern public libraries.

Central Library

Thursday, February 26, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Branch Locations and Hours

All locations will be closed December 24, 25 and 26 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on December 31.
The Central Library and Brooklin Branch will be closed Sundays from December 14 to December 28.

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



Mindful Mandalas

All ages

Immerse yourself in mindful moments!
Help the library colour a shared mandala
and watch vibrant hues bloom.

Central Library and Brooklin Branch
January 5–11

Reading Challenges

All ages



Million Minute Marathon

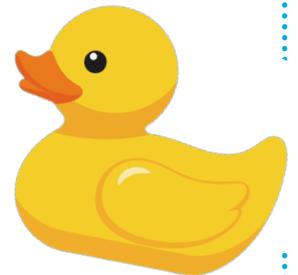
There are only 525,600 minutes in 2026. No one person can read for one million minutes, but if we all work together, we can log a million reading minutes on Beanstack this year!

All locations **January 1–December 31**

Duck, Duck, Read!

Get your ducks and your books in a row for this duck-themed reading challenge! Earn digital ducky badges and prize tickets by logging your reading minutes. Plus, all your reading helps your age group earn mini ducks for their jar!

All locations **January 5–June 7**



Sign up at whitbylibrary.beanstack.com



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