



January / February 2025

Movies



Movie Afternoon!

The Wild Robot (Animated, 1hr 42min)

After a shipwreck, an intelligent robot called Roz is stranded on an uninhabited island. To survive the harsh environment, Roz bonds with the island's animals and cares for an orphaned baby goose. Rated G (Ontario). May frighten young children.

Thursday, January 2nd at 2pm

A United Kingdom (1hr 51min)

The inspiring true story of Seretse Khama, the King of Bechuanaland (modern Botswana), and Ruth Williams, the London office worker he married in 1948 in the face of opposition from their families and the British and South African governments.

Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 pm



Conclave (2 hrs)

Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with running one of the world's most secretive and ancient events—selecting the new Pope. Once the Catholic Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope's wake, secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church.

Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 pm

Puzzle (1hr 43min)

Agnes, taken for granted as a suburban mother, discovers a passion for solving jigsaw puzzles, which unexpectedly draws her into a new world where her life unfolds in ways she could never have imagined. Rated 14A for some coarse language.

Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30 pm



White Bird (2 hrs)

From the best-selling author of Wonder, the book that sparked a movement to "choose kind," comes the inspirational next chapter. In White Bird: A Wonder Story, we follow Julian, who has struggled to belong ever since he was expelled from his former school for his treatment of Auggie Pullman. To transform his life, Julian's grandmother (Helen Mirren) finally reveals to Julian her own story of courage in Nazi-occupied France.

Thursday, January 30th at 6:30 pm

Movie tickets are \$2 each and are available at the Circulation Desk one week in advance

The February film schedule will be available in mid-January

Travelogue Presentation



Join us for an engaging presentation and lively Q&A with photographer, author, television host and world-traveler, Jonathan van Bilsen. Join Jonathan for a presentation on Budapest

When: Monday, January 13th at 3 pm

Free program. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 905-985-7686 x1010

Makerspace Classes

Intro to Cricut: this 90 minute class will introduce you to our craft cutter – ideal for cutting paper, card stock, and vinyl or drawing with infusible ink. You will explore the Cricut Design app and learn how to select and create a basic project to send to the Cricut. Adults & Teens ages 14+. Maximum of 2 participants per class.

When: Saturday, January 25th from 3:30 pm to 5pm

Intro to 3D Printing: this 90 minute class will introduce you to our Prusa 3D printer. You will select a basic project and learn how to import it into the Prusa Slicer app. Once in the Slicer, you will learn more about which settings to modify to ensure a successful print and how to transfer your project to the 3D printer. Adults & Teens ages 14+. Maximum of 2 participants per class.

When: Saturday, February 8th from 3:30 pm to 5 pm

Both of these programs are offered free of charge and pre-registration is required. Please visit the Information Desk or call 905-985-7686 x1010 to register.

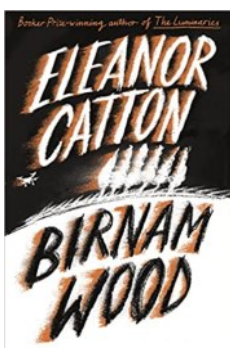
Tea & Books



Tea & Books is a great way for readers to enjoy a relaxing afternoon hearing about new and favourite books. Library staff share descriptions and excerpts from their latest picks, while you sit back and enjoy tea & treats. A perfect cozy afternoon at the library! Registration is not required.

When: Thursday, February 6th at 2 pm

SMPL Evening Book Club



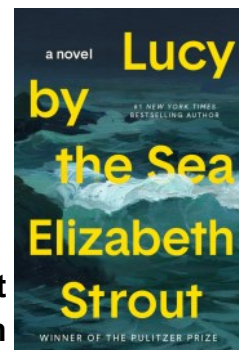
Join a group of fellow readers for a lively discussion. Extra copies of the book are available to borrow. Registration is not required.

January's Title: Birnam Wood: a novel by Eleanor Catton

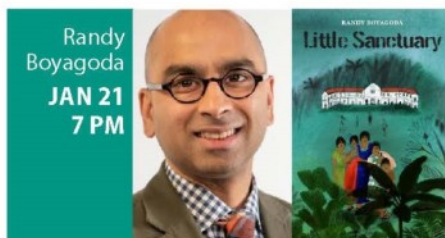
When: Thursday, January 30th at 7 pm

February's Title: Lucy by the Sea: a novel by Elizabeth Strout

When: Thursday, February 27th at 7 pm



Heart of the Story: Authors in Conversation



The Heart of the Story series, presented in partnership with the Scugog Council for the Arts, continues in January and February! These evenings offer special readings by the visiting authors and the opportunity to discover the inspiration behind their work. Books are available to purchase at the event. These programs are offered free of charge and registration is not required.

Randy Boyagoda

When: Tuesday, January 21st at 7 pm



Bryn Turnbull

When: Tuesday, February 18th at 7 pm

Early Literacy Programs



Babytime

For newborn to 16 months and their parent or caregiver. Join Leslie for 30 minutes of songs, bounces and stories! Please visit or call the Information Desk at 905-985-7686 x1010 to register.

When: Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 11 am from January 7th to February 26th



Toddler Time

The next step for toddlers ages 16 months up to 3 years with their parent or caregiver. This is a drop-in program and registration is not required.

When: Wednesday from 10 am to 10:45 am from January 8th to February 26th



Family Storytime

Join us for stories, songs and movement for children ages 0 to 6 with their parent or caregiver. This is a drop-in program and registration is not required.

When: Tuesdays from 10 am to 10:45 am from January 7th to February 25th

All Ages Saturday Family Fun!



Join us on Saturday mornings for family fun and creativity!

We'll have crafts and activities for children and their parents or caregivers to work on together and Leslie will share some stories and songs. Drop in anytime between 10:30 am and 12 pm for some free family fun! Registration is not required.

When: Saturdays at 10:30 am to 12 pm from January 11th to March 1st

EarlyOn @ the Library

Musical Babies

This program will introduce children to interactive songs, nursery rhymes, music, creative movement and musical instruments. Parents/caregivers will learn how to incorporate music and musical instruments into your child's everyday play.

When: Mondays from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm from January 27th to February 24th (no program on Family Day) This is a drop-in program and registration is not required

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Earn volunteer hours at the library! Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join our Teen Advisory Group. TAG members will share ideas, assist with programs and program preparation, learn leadership skills and more.

TAG meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. No registration required.

Teen Café

Teen Café is a safe space where youth in grades 7-12 can drop-in and play games, create, do their homework, and more. Snacks will be provided. Teen Café meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration is not required.

Upcoming Dates: January 14th and February 11th

January & February Library Closures

Wednesday, January 1st—New Year's Day

Monday, January 20th—Staff Development Day

Monday, February 17th—Family Day

Connecting Through Theatre!

The Theatre on the Ridge First Read Club invites you to the production table with the company's artistic staff and artists. Each session will feature a unique play to be read aloud, followed by creative discussion and conversation. The First Read Club is open to everyone and is part of the popular Connecting Through Theatre program. No experience necessary - attendees have the option to read aloud with the "cast" or listen only.

When: Tuesday, January 7th, 1pm to 3 pm: 1979 by Michael Healey A fast-paced political comedy from Michael Healey that examines the space between ideals and political reality during a monumental moment in Prime Minister Joe Clark's career.

When: Tuesday, February 4th, 1 pm to 3 pm: Serving Elizabeth by Marcia Johnson Serving Elizabeth is a funny, fresh, and topical play about colonialism, monarchy, and who is serving whom — or what.



There is no cost for The First Read Club but pre-registration is requested. Register online at theatreontheridge.ca/connecting-seniors/

Tech Talk Tuesdays in January & February

Free Streaming Services

Join us for an interesting seminar which will explore popular free streaming apps and websites. Get some tips for library services in the Durham Region that might help trim your entertainment budget, too! **When: Tuesday, January 28th at 3 pm**

Money Saving Apps

Join Emily for an overview of her favourite apps and couponing websites for saving money and stretching your budget. **When: Tuesday, February 25th at 3 pm**

Please call 905-985-7686 x1010 or visit the Information Desk to register

Free Craft Night for Adults

DIY Keychains Enjoy an evening of crafting and socializing. Learn how to make unique keychains using the library's Cricut machine. We'll give you a brief demo of the Cricut then walk you through the steps to create your own keychains using pre-cut vinyl.

When: Tuesday, February 4th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm

This program is free, but we ask that you pre-register by calling 905-985-7686 x1010 or visiting the Information Desk, as spaces and supplies are limited.

North Durham Nature Presents

Join the North Durham Nature group for Member Presentation Night, which will feature short presentations by several members on natural history subjects, as well as travel tales! Presented in partnership with North Durham Nature. You do not have to be a member of North Durham Nature to attend this presentation. Registration is not required and all are welcome!

When: Tuesday, January 28th, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Seniors Exercise Classes

Community Care's Falls Prevention exercise classes resume in January. These programs are open to those aged 55 and up and are offered free of charge. Exercise & Falls Prevention: Gentle exercises for increased balance, strength and flexibility.

When: Wednesdays and Fridays from 1pm to 2 pm, beginning on Wednesday, January 8th