



# Library Programs



# \* Library Registration

## Register for programs with Xplor Recreation

Create an Xplor Recreation account. Online registration for Library and Town programs can only be done using Xplor Recreation. Take a few moments to sign up for your account

You can also register in person for Library programs at all NPL Service Desks. For more information call 905-953-5110 Ext. 4770 for Adult programs, 905-953-5110 Ext. 4690 for Children's programs and 905-953-5110 Ext. 4860 for Community programs.

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### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Register for programs with titles at Xplor Recreation

**NOTE: Registration ends one week before program start date**

#### Mother's Day Storytime and Craft: Drop-in

Join us for a very special Mother's Day Storytime! We'll share stories and make a greeting card just for Mom with tissue paper flowers. While supplies last, quantities are limited.

**Saturday, May 11**

**Time: 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

**Ages: 3 to 12 years**

**Location: Story Room**

**Cost: FREE**

#### Baby and Toddler Storytime: Drop-in

An interactive experience for you and your child, this eight-week program includes songs, bounces, rhymes and puppets for the child 6-35 months of age, but all are welcome. Limit of 15 children and caregivers.

**Friday, Apr. 5 – May 24**

**Time: 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Ages: 6 – 35 months**

**Location: Picture Book Area**

**Cost: FREE**

#### Family Storytime: Drop-in

Join us as we enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and finger-plays and share good times together. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Every Saturday, April 6 to June 24**

**Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.**

**Ages: 6 months to 5 years**

**Location: Picture Book Area**

**Cost: FREE**

**Family Storytime in the community coming this spring.**



**Click here to view full program information and register online**

## Preschool and Toddler Storytime: Drop-in

Join us for stories, songs and rhymes! Each week a new theme and a new set of stories. Parent/caregiver accompaniment required. Maximum 15 participants.

**Tues., April 2 to May 21**

**Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.**

**Ages: 2 to 4 years**

**Location: Story Room**

**Cost: FREE**

## Music and Movement

A fun interactive music-based program where children and caregivers together will get to dance, sing, play instruments and enjoy finger rhymes. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

**Ages: 2 to 4 years**

**Tuesday, April 2 to May 21**

**Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.**

**Location: Multipurpose Room**

**Cost: FREE**

## Drag Queen Storytime with Haus of Devereaux: Drop-in

Don't miss this fun, family drop-in storytime event returning by popular demand and featuring the wonderful queens of the Haus of Devereaux. Enjoy acclaimed and age appropriate 2SLGBTQ+ stories, crafts and plenty of fun for everyone! Story sessions will be at approximately 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. No registration required.

**Ages: Everyone welcome**

**Saturday, May 25**

**Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Multipurpose Room**

**Cost: FREE**



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## Parent-Child Mother Goose

A 10-week program focusing on the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs and stories together. It will give your baby healthy early experiences with communication, language and social relationships. It is also a chance for you to socialize with other parents with young children. This program is brought to you by EarlyON Child and Family Centre. Registration required through EarlyON

**Thurs., Apr. 4 – June 6**

**Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Ages: 3- 10 months with parent(s)**

**Location: Multipurpose Room**

**Cost: FREE**

**Register for Parent-Child Mother Goose**

## Full STEAM Ahead Workshops

STEAM workshops will inspire your child's curiosity about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Each workshop includes hands-on activities and experiments. Registration required.

**APRIL WORKSHOP: 10 spots**

**Ages: 8 to 10 years**

## The Titanic

The "unsinkable" Titanic sank on April 15th, 1912. Join us as we examine how this happened. We will try building our own unsinkable ships using common household items.

**Tuesday, Apr. 16**

**Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Location: Program Room**

**Cost: FREE**



**MAY WORKSHOP: 10 spots****Ages: 7 to 9 years****Plant Life Cycles, Seed Planting: A hands-on science activity**

From seed to roots to seedlings, plants are important in our everyday life. How long does it take for a seed to grow? Let's explore and discover various plant life cycles. We will plant bean seeds and learn about the importance of composting.

**Tuesday, May 21****Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.****Location: Program Room****Cost: FREE****Craft Afternoons: Drop-in**

Channel your inner artist when you visit our craft table in the program room. Open every fourth Tuesday afternoon in the month. Different crafts each month. Drop-in while art supplies last.

**Tuesday, April 23 and May 28****Time: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.****Ages: 5 -12 years****Location: Program Room****Cost: FREE****Blox and Bots: Lego Mindstorms**

LEGO Mindstorms combines LEGO with advanced technology. Learn to create and control an awesome robot. Space is limited, maximum of eight participants.

**Tues., April 2 and 9****Time: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.****Ages: 10 to 12 years****Location: Program Room****Cost: FREE****Blox Builders Club with LEGO: Drop-in**

Bring your imagination and create your own world with Lego and DUPLO. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Sat., April 6 to June 29****Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.****Ages: 3 years and up****Location: Story Room****Cost: FREE****Tween Book Club**

For pre-teens interested in reading challenging books like *The Witches* by Roald Dahl or *Swindle* by Gordon Korman. Meetings are once a month to discuss that month's chosen book, with activities based on the book's theme.

Contact Children's Dept. to register.

Every third Thursday of the month

**Until May 16****Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.****Ages: 9 to 12****Location: Program Room****Cost: FREE****Chess in the Library – Drop-in**

Love playing chess? Want to learn? Here's your opportunity to play a good game with your peers, or learn how to play. Chess in the Library is an organization whose mission is to promote chess across Canada through its student volunteer-run program at libraries. Parent/caregiver is to remain in the building if participant is under the age of 11. No registration required. For more information, visit the Chess in the Library website.

**Every Saturday, April 6 to June 24****Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.****Ages: 8 to 18 years****Location: Program Room****Cost: FREE**

**Click here to view full  
program information  
and register online**



## Reading Buddies

Reading Buddies is a literacy-based program for children who need reading encouragement. Children in grades 1-4 will meet one-on-one with a high school or adult volunteer mentor for ten one-hour sessions. **If you are interested in obtaining a Reading Buddy for your child, please fill out our online registration form on our website or call 905-053-5105.**

## COMPUTER SKILLS:

### Point, Click, Connect: Digital Literacy

Learn basic computer skills in this 3-day workshop from Job Skills where you'll get one-on-one support from a team of tech savvy professionals. Find out about Microsoft Windows, Office and Excel, and communication via email and social media. Discover Internet job searching, Google Drive, privacy and security and online shopping.

**Date: April 16, 17, 18**

**Time: 10:00-3:30 p.m.**

**Location: Large Study Room**

**Ages: Adults**

**Fee: Free**

**Register for Point, Click, Connect**



**Click here to view full program information and register online**

## Minecraft Club, Build A Minecraft Game World: Drop-in

If you know what enderman, skelly, redstone and creeper are, then you obviously 'dig' Minecraft. Learn to create your own Minecraft game world, new characters and objects in the Minecraft Club. Gain skills in Minecraft Education MakeCode Arcade tutorials and Mcreator. Presented by Code Ninjas East Gwillimbury and Newmarket Library. NOTE: First-come, first-served, so check-in early at the Children's Information desk on the second floor. To attend the second workshop, please put your name on the waitlist. Parents/guardians must remain in the Library during the program. Limit 12 children per workshop.

**Sundays, April 28, May 26, June 30**

**Choose from two Times:**

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m. or 3:15– 4:15 p.m.**

**Ages: 8 years and up**

**Location: Board Room**

**Cost: FREE**

## TD SUMMER READING CLUB 2024

It's a summer tradition: the TD Summer Reading Club for kids 3 to 5 and 6 to 12 is back! This summer take time to star gaze and join us in our discovery of looking at planets, moons, stars or black holes. When we get tired from our interstellar travel, we will return home to our cozy books and beds where we can gaze out into the night sky or enjoy a book all about our vast and wonderful universe.

Join in the fun by registering at the Library starting Saturday, June 22. Participants explore recommended reads, track their reading, connect and share with others, read books online, join activities, collect reading incentives, and more. There are great resources for kids with print disabilities, as well as for pre-readers and their families. The Summer Reading Club inspires kids to enjoy reading, and it helps prevent learning loss when school is out by encouraging children to engage in reading all summer long. Prize draws will take place at the end of the summer for participants, and Children's Services has organized several summer reading club events.

## The Bubble Show

Don't miss this spectacular show to kick-off the summer and the Summer Reading Club. This performance is filled with bubble magic, juggling, cool music and lighting effects. Bubble tricks include volcano bubbles and bubble tennis, and kids get to make their own bubbles. Registration required. Please register for each person planning to be in attendance, maximum 45 participants.

**Saturday June 22, 2024**

**Time: 2:00-2:40 p.m.**

**Location: Multipurpose Room**

**Ages: 3 years and up**

**Cost: \$5 per person**

## TEEN PROGRAMS

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### Scholarship Essay Writing Workshop

Do you know how to write winning essays for scholarships? Would you like expert advice on how to stand out from all the other applicants? ACE Scholarship Consultant Judy Fiebig will outline how to create a compelling and authentic scholarship essay. Only the first six registrants will be guaranteed a spot to allow for individual support and attention from. This process is also useful in writing supplemental essays for your university and college applications.

**Dates: April 13, 2024**

**Time: 11:00am – 12:30pm**

**Location: Board Room**

**Ages: 15 and up**

**Fee: Free**

**Register for Scholarship Essay Writing Workshop**



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## YA Pride Club: Drop-In

In the YA Pride Club, LGBTQ+ teens can be themselves free from judgement and enjoy activities, discussions, and lots of fun. Whether you're questioning, out and proud, or anywhere in between, the club is an inclusive hangout where you will find acceptance, laughter and friendship. In biweekly meetings, we'll have respectful conversations about gender, sexuality and identity, and enjoy game nights, movie screenings, themed parties and creative workshops.

**Biweekly Tuesdays, April 9 to June 18**

**Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Ages: 13 to 20**

**Location: Story Room**

**Cost: FREE**

**Learn more and see the dates for YA Pride Club**

## Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Teens aged 13-18 can earn community volunteer hours and help awesomeify the library! The T.A.G. works on projects that will help shape the library's programs and services. What kinds of projects? Lots! We've done things like assisting with library programs, create book displays, run contests, advise on web site development, participate in community events, suggest things the library should buy, and so much more! T.A.G. members ultimately guide the group's direction, it's up to YOU how things will happen!

Sound interesting? Have some ideas you'd like to bring to the table? Want to join? GREAT! Send an application form to Dora at [dlafleur@newmarketpl.ca](mailto:dlafleur@newmarketpl.ca) and she will touch base with you about joining! Regular meetings happen every other week on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m.

## Reading Buddies Mentors

Earn community hours and make a difference while working one-on-one with a child who is struggling to read. As a volunteer mentor you will get to know your buddy and plan your meetings to have fun and help them develop their reading skills. Mentors must have good communication skills, be independent, and be able to commit to the full 10 weeks of this program. Mentors will be interviewed, trained and matched with a child. Teens or adults who wish to volunteer can register online or call 905-953-5105 for more information. This program runs from September to June but we are always looking for interested Reading Buddies' mentors.

## Chess in the Library

Student volunteers are needed to oversee chess matches, basic teaching and set up. This opportunity is a great way for students to earn their community hours. Do you love chess and are willing to lead others in the game? Register online and we will touch base with you about next steps. Chess in the Library runs every Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Library.

## ONLINE LIBRARY DISCOVERY PROGRAMS:

Newmarket Library's Online Library has digital eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, streaming movies, and more. All available to access from the comfort of your home. We'll show you how to enjoy all the digital delights waiting for you. **Use a tablet provided by the Library (or your own device). A valid, up-to-date library card or e-access card required.**



**Click here to view full program information and register online**

## Discover Digital Reading: Drop-In

Learn about the user-friendly apps Libby, Hoopla and PressReader that make borrowing and enjoying eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers easy. Whether you're a seasoned reader or new to digital reading, this program will get you started on your literary journey.

**Date: April 5**

**Time: 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

**Location: Board Room**

**Ages: Adults**

**Fee: Free**

## Discover Video Streaming and eMusic: Drop-In

Discover a world of digital entertainment at Newmarket Public Library with Kanopy, Hoopla, and Freegal, all at your fingertips using your library card. Stream movies, music, and more right from your device. Join us to learn more.

**Date: May 10**

**Time: 10:00am – 11:30am**

**Location: Board Room**

**Ages: Adults**

**Fee: Free**

## Discover eLearning: Drop-In

Discover the eLearning apps LinkedIn learning, Hoopla and Mango. A quick introductory program where you can learn how to download, log in, and search for courses available in these apps and kickstart your eLearning.

**Date: June 7**

**Time: 10:00am – 11:30am**

**Location: Board Room**

**Ages: Adults**

**Fee: Free**

## BOOK CLUBS

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### Dark Evenings Online Mystery Book Club

Mystery lovers this is the club for you! Intriguing books, lively discussions, and great titles to see you through the long, dark evenings of fall and winter. Club meetings take place the second Thursday of the month from September to June. Upcoming books include Heat Wave by Richard Castle, Down A Dark River by Karen Odden, and many more. Copies of the books will be available for pick-up approximately one month before club meeting dates. For more information on the club contact 905-953-5110 Ext. 4770 or register now for our next book club meeting.

**Second Thursday of the month**

**Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Location: Via Zoom**

**Cost: FREE**

### Afternoon Online Book Club

A great club for those readers who like to alternate between reading fiction and non-fiction. Club meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Upcoming titles include The Art Thief by Michael Finkel, Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See, and Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano.. For more information on the club contact 905-953-5110 Ext. 4770

**Second Tuesday of the month**

**Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Location: Via Zoom**

**Cost: FREE**



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## NPL's Online Cookbook Club

Let's get cooking! Here's a club for those who enjoy the culinary arts. We'll make different dishes each month based on a theme, with suggested recipe books to use that are available at the Library (feel free to use any recipe source). Then at our monthly zoom meetings we'll show each other the dish we've created (this can be a photo if it's already been consumed), and chat about food, recipes and more.

**Third Thursday of the month**

**Afternoon Club Meeting**

**Time: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Evening Club Meeting**

**7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Location: Via Zoom**

**Cost: FREE**

## Bridging The Gap Book Club: Spring 2024 Graphic Novels.

No matter what generation you belong to, you'll enjoy our Bridging the Gap Book Club. There's no generation gap between people who love reading. Up next in the club: Graphic Novels. Read some books and experience the artistry and literary merit of this visual form of storytelling. Then we'll get together and have a lively, interactive discussion on what we've read. For more information on the club contact 905-953-5110 Ext. 4770

**Club Meeting: Tues., March 26**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Multipurpose Room**

**Cost: FREE**

**Register for Bridging The Gap Book Club**

## Online Library

Available 24/7 for eBooks, streaming movies, music online courses and more.

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# GALE COURSES



**Online certificate courses free for Library members.**

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## York Cinemania

York Cinemania is back with a new movie every month! Presented by Newmarket Public Library and East Gwillimbury Public Library, York Cinemania brings independent and award-winning TIFF films to audiences in northern York Region showing at SilverCity Cinemas Newmarket. Ticket Prices: \$15 per person, per film. Learn more about York Cinemania.

### April's Film: Past Lives (2023)

Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, are wrested apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. Twenty years later, they are reunited for one fateful week as they confront notions of love and destiny.

**Wednesday, April 24**

**Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Location: SilverCity Cinemas**

**Ages: Adults**

**Get Tickets to Past Lives**

## FILM FRIDAYS AT NPL

Drop in for free movies every Friday! Movies TBD, see library e-newsletter or social media for details on upcoming films. Bring your own snacks! Doors open at 1:45 p.m., movie starts at 2:00 p.m.

**Fridays, until June 21**

**Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Multipurpose Room**

**Ages: Adults**

**Cost: FREE**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Math in Drag Book Launch: Math is for Everyone

Meet drag queen Kyne Santos, who proves math can be fun. In her new book *Math In Drag*, Kyne explores mathematical mysteries and makes surprising connections, like the elegance of ballroom culture and the nature of infinity, the rebellious joys of *Pride* and dividing by zero, and the role of statistics in her own experience on *Drag Race*. Kyne wants readers to see numbers glitter, equations sashay through history, and embrace the beauty of math.

**Date: April 6, 2024**

**Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Old Town Hall**

**Ages: All ages | Fee: Free**

**Get tickets to Math in Drag Book Launch here**

### NPL's Third Annual Community Plant Swap with Sale

Plant lovers start dividing and transplanting your plants in preparation for the library's third annual Community Plant Swap & Sale. Swap your garden or houseplants and/or cuttings with other plant enthusiasts. It's a great way to diversify your collection, and chat with others about how to care for the new plants you acquire. We are also expanding our sales tables so there will be lots of reasonably priced plants. To register, call us at 905-953-5110 Ext. 4770.

**Saturday, May 11**

**Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Multipurpose Room**

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