



Library Programs

**Newmarket
Public Library**
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* Library Registration

Registration for all library events can be done online with Xplor Recreation, a new system that allows you to search and register for all Library and Town Recreation and Culture programs from one location.

NOTE: Beginning with Winter 2023 programs all online registration will be through Xplor Recreation by searching for the program title. Winter registration begins Dec. 7 for Newmarket residents, and Dec. 14 for non-residents.

Take a few moments to create your Xplor Recreation account now.

* Library Programs

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

ToddlerTime

Youngsters and their caregivers will have a great time as we read stories, sing songs, recite rhymes, and do entertaining fingerplays during this eight-week program. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Registration required.

Tues., Jan. 10 – Feb. 28

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 11 – March 1

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Tues., Apr. 4 – May 23

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Wed., Apr. 5 – May 24

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Ages: 24 – 35 months

Location: Program Room

Cost: FREE

BabyTime

An interactive program for you and your baby, this eight-week program includes songs, a variety of active rhymes and puppets.

Registration required. Payment is required for all children in attendance who are 6 months and older.

Friday, Jan. 13 – March 3

Time: 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Ages: 6-23 months

Location: Picture Book Area

Cost: FREE

Friday, Apr. 14 – June 2

Time: 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

(No program on April 7, Good Friday)

Ages: 6-23 months

Location: Picture Book Area

Cost: FREE

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Tales for Threes

An eight-week program just for the terrific threes that will help increase children's vocabulary, comprehension and ability to interact socially. With engaging stories, songs and fingerplays. Registration required.

Tues., Jan. 10 – Feb. 28

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 11 – March 1

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Tues., Apr. 4 – May 23

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Wed., Apr. 5 – May 24

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Ages: 3 years

Location: Story Room

Cost: FREE

Family Storytime

Join us as we enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and finger-plays and share good times together. Registration required.

Every Saturday, starting Jan. 7 to June 24

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Ages: 6 months to 5 years

Location: Picture Book Area

Cost: FREE



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Kid's Groove Music Program

Kid's Groove is an active program that combines singing with visual stimulation, movement, instrumental experimentation and the spoken word. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

For Families

Ages: 6 months – 3 years

Wednesday, Jan. 11 – March 1

Time: 9:35 – 10:05 a.m.

Wednesday, March 29 – May 17

Time: 9:35 – 10:05 a.m.

Location: Multipurpose Room

Cost: \$62 per child

For Preschoolers

Ages: 2 – 5 years

Wednesday, Jan. 11 – March 1

Time: 10:20-10:50 a.m.

Wednesday, March 29 – May 17

Time: 10:20 – 10:50 a.m.

Location: Multipurpose Room

Cost: \$82 per child

Groovy Art

A fun craft-based program with Nikki Forrester, presenter of Kid's Groove Music. Children will complete five different art and craft activities each week as they move around the art stations at their own pace. Sand and water may be included. Dress your child in old clothes and bring a plastic bag to take home your child's crafts. Registration required.

Fri., Jan. 13 – March 3

Time: 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Location: Multipurpose Room

Ages: 2-5 years

Cost: \$85 per child

Fri., March 31 – May 19

Time: 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

(No program on Apr. 7, Good Friday)

Location: Multipurpose Room

Ages: 2-5 years

Cost: \$72 per child

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., Jan. 5 – Mar. 9

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Thurs., Apr. 6 – June 8

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Ages: 3- 10 months with parent(s)

Location: Multipurpose Room

Cost: FREE

Will You Be Our Valentine?

Join us for a special Valentines inspired program. Join us as we share stories, songs to celebrate this wonderful day. Maximum 15 children.

Sat. Feb. 11

Time: 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Ages 3-6 years

Location: Program Room

Cost: FREE

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.

JANUARY WORKSHOPS

Ages: 3 - 5 years

Workshop 1: Measurement of Length

Tues., Jan. 10

Workshop 2: Counting and Combinations

Tues., Jan. 24

Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Program Room

Cost: \$10 per child for activity kits for both workshops

FEBRUARY WORKSHOPS

Ages: 6 - 9 years

Workshop 1: Potential Energy, Straw Rockets

Tues., Feb. 14

Workshop 2: Sound Waves

Tues., Feb. 28

Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Program Room

Cost: \$10 per child for activity kits for both workshops

MARCH WORKSHOPS

Ages: 10 - 12 years

Workshop 1: Circuits

Tues., March 7

Workshop 2: Polymers

Tues., March 21

Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Program Room

Cost: \$10 per child for activity kits for both workshops

APRIL WORKSHOP

Ages: 7 - 12 years

Workshop 1: Absorption: Let's Grow A Rainbow

Tues., Apr. 11

Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Program Room

Cost: FREE

MAY WORKSHOP

Ages: 7 - 12 years

Workshop 1: Cereal Box Marble Maze

Tues., May 16

Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Program Room

Cost: FREE

Home Alone

Designed for the older child to give them basic emergency and safety training. Topics include: handling phone calls, people at the door, 911 emergencies, basic first aid, and at home do's and don'ts. Registration required.

Fri., Feb. 3

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Ages: 8 -11 years

Location: Multipurpose Room

Cost: \$44 per child

Spring To It

Let's all celebrate the start of spring with this special program. We'll share stories and songs about flowers, birds and holidays to usher in the season.

Registration required. Maximum of 10 children.

Sat., Apr. 1

Time: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Ages: 3 -6 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., May 9 and 23

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Ages: 10 years and up

Location: Program Room

Cost: FREE



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MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS

LEGO Movie Marathon

We've assembled a great movie marathon for LEGO fans. You won't want to miss the chance to see three classic LEGO films showing in the library's multipurpose room. Snacks are provided, but please bring your own water bottle.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fri., March 17

The Lego Movie (2014)

Rated G at 10:00 a.m.

The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (2019)

Rated G at 1:00 p.m.

The Lego Batman Movie (2017)

Rated PG at 3:00 p.m.

Ages: Children and families

Location: Multipurpose Room

Cost: FREE

Family Storytime

Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays for children under six and accompanied by an adult. Registration required. Maximum 10 children.

Sat., March 11

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Sat., March 18

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Ages: 6 months – 5 years

Location: Picture Book Area

Cost: FREE

Clay Workshops with Cathy Gifford: Wizard

It's magic time in this workshop as you create your own clay wizard. Get creative with many different decorating ideas. Design your wizard, then add eye-catching bright colours to finish off your enchanting creation. Cathy will take your wizard, kiln-fire it and dip it in clear glaze to make it shiny. You can pick it up at NPL approximately two weeks after the program. Maximum 18 children.

Tues., March 14

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

Ages: 6 years and up

Location: Multipurpose Room

Cost: \$24 per child

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS

Clay Workshop with Cathy Gifford: Mug

Design your own cool drinking mug. Add different shapes and bright, fun colours. Cathy will take your mug, kiln-fire it, then dip it in food safe glaze to make it shiny and ready for use. You can pick it up at NPL approximately two weeks after the program.

Maximum 18 children.

Thurs., March 16

Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Ages: 6 years and up

Location: Multipurpose Room

Cost: \$24 per child

Make Your Own Kaleidoscope

Get creative and make your own colourful kaleidoscope. This will be a fun learning experience to understand the science behind this optical instrument and what goes into making one. Once created, you'll have a marvelous creation with changing designs that will dazzle your family and friends.

Maximum 15 children.

Tues., March 14

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Ages: 7-10 years

Location: Program Room

Cost: \$2 per child

Beach Party

Let's get together for a fun time inspired by the beach. Create a cool shell picture frame and sand art project, while also enjoying some beach-inspired games and stories. Maximum 15 children.

Wed., March 15

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.

Ages: 6-9 years

Location: Program Room

Cost: FREE

Spring's Blooming

Come celebrate all things spring where participants will get to express their creativity as they decorate a spring tree and they can test their knowledge with a spring guess-who game. Maximum 15 children.

Thurs., March 16

Time: 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 5-8 years

Location: Program Room

Cost: FREE

Minion Madness

Banana! It's Minion Mayhem at the library! Join Stuart, Bob & Kevin as we read favorite stories, answer fun trivia questions, and make Minion-inspired crafts. Maximum 15 children.

Fri., March 17

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 7-9 years

Location: Program Room

Cost: FREE

TEEN PROGRAMS

What Every Babysitter Should Know

Learn how to care for infants, toddlers, and older children; what questions to ask parents; how to give first aid and what to do in an emergency. Receive a workbook and a certificate from St. John Ambulance. Program includes a babysitter's kit. Registration required.

Fri. Jan. 20

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fri. May 5

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ages: 11 – 15

Location: Story Room/Program Room

Fee: \$52 per youth

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Seminar On U.S. University Options

We welcome back education coach Imbert Fung for another information session for high school students and their parents and educators on U.S. university options. Imbert will discuss post-secondary options in the U.S., available scholarships, financial aid available for talented Canadian students, and more. The program will also compare the advantages and disadvantages between attending top Canadian versus US schools.

Saturday, Apr. 22

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ages: 14 and up

Location: Multipurpose Room

Cost: FREE

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 and she will touch base with you about joining! Regular meetings happen every other week on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m.



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Volunteer for Reading Buddies

Earn community service 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 is ongoing so we are always looking for interested Reading Buddies' mentors.

BOOK CLUBS

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 *The Keeper of Lost Causes* by Jussi Adler-Olsen, *When the Stars Go Dark* by Paula McLain, and *The Darkness* by Ragnar Jonasson. 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.

Thursdays

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 Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus, I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy, and Shrines of Gaiety by Kate Atkinson. 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.

Tuesdays

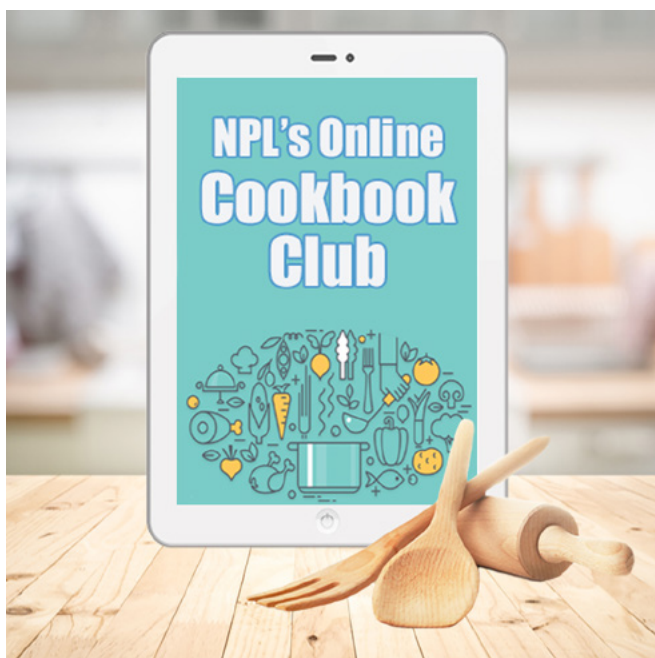
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

Cost: FREE

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.



January's Theme: Eating Healthy For You

Focus on healthy food choices, eating vegetarian, gluten-free, low inflammatory, low sugar or whatever suits your needs. Books for inspiration: in print at the library How Not to Diet Cookbook by Michael Greger; Becoming Sugar-Free: How to Break Up with Inflammatory Sugars and Embrace a Naturally Sweet Life by Julie Daniluk and on Hoopla we have Unprocessed: Revitalize Your Health with Whole Foods as well as The Plant-Based Cookbook: Vegan, Gluten-Free, Oil-Free Recipes for Lifelong Health by Ashley Madden. Feel free to use any recipe source.

Thursday, January 19

Afternoon Club Meeting

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

Evening Club Meeting

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

February's Theme:

Recipes From A Place You've Been or a Place You'd Like To Go

Re-live your last vacation or prepare for an upcoming trip with recipes from a place you've been to or a place you would like to visit. Books for inspiration: in print at the library The Wickaninnish Cookbook by Wickaninnish Inn: Toronto Eats :100 Signature Recipes from the City's Best Restaurants by Amy Rosen: and on Hoopla we have Japanese Cooking Made Simple: Japanese Cookbook with Authentic Recipes for Ramen, Bento, Sushi & more and Koreatown Cookbook by Deuki Hong & Matt Rodbard. Feel free to use any recipe source.

Thursday, February 16

Afternoon Club Meeting

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

Evening Club Meeting

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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March's Theme: Rice Recipe Roundup

Inexpensive and tasty, rice is used in a wide range of recipes from rice pudding to elaborate paellas or jambalayas. Switch rice for any other grain if you prefer. Books for inspiration: in print at the library Grains for Every Season:

Rethinking Our Way with Grains by Joshua McFadden and The Ultimate Rice Cooker Cookbook :250 No-fail Recipes for Pilafs, Risotto, Polenta, Chilis, Soups, Porridges, Puddings, and More, From Start to Finish in Your Rice Cooker by Beth Hensperger and on Hoopla we have Rice: A Savor the South Cookbook by Michael W. Twitty. Feel free to use any recipe source.

Thursday, March 16

Afternoon Club Meeting

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

Evening Club Meeting

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

April's Theme: Pasta and Pizza

So many pasta and pizza recipes to choose from, whether it be lasagna, pasta salad, pizza primavera or...surprise us. Books for inspiration: in print at the library The Silver Spoon: Pasta by the Silver Spoon; Pasta & Noodles by the Canadian Living Test Kitchen: and on Hoopla we have The Pasta Friday Cookbook: Let's Eat Together by Allison Arevalo. Feel free to use any recipe source.

Thursday, April 20

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

P. A. Days Movies At Npl

Looking for something to do with the kids on P.A. Days? NPL is showing free family movies the kids will love in the multipurpose room. Free snacks provided, but please bring your own water bottle. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required, just drop in and enjoy! Movies titles to be determined for the following dates:

Fri., January 20

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Fri., February 3

Time: 1:30 p.m.

LEARN LAB PROGRAMS

Learn Labs are a collaboration between the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce and Newmarket Public Library. Sessions are open to Chamber members and library card holders (available at no charge at the library).

Learn Lab: Paid Social Media Ads

You put a lot of work into your Facebook or Instagram ad but it didn't result in any noticeable change. What can you do differently next time? At this workshop, you'll learn the basics of how to create an effective Facebook ad campaign from Britt Holmes of Merit Media. Britt has years of experience creating successful paid media campaigns, and she'll share some of her tips and tricks so that you can create an ad that actually delivers results.

Thurs., January 19

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Ages: 18 and up

Location: Multipurpose Room

Cost: FREE

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Learn Lab: Upskilling For You and Your Team, Easy(ish) Ways To Bridge Knowledge Gaps

Opportunities for learning and development (L&D) are now a big component of employee attraction and retention strategies. But they're not just tools for the big guys. There are a variety of programs and initiatives that small companies and even solopreneurs can access and take advantage of. Some are even totally free! This Learn Lab explores some of the local opportunities currently available, how to incorporate upskilling into company culture and some of the key areas to focus on.

Thurs., February 9

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Ages: 18 and up

Location: Multipurpose Room

Cost: FREE

Register for this program

ADULT PROGRAMS

How To Buy & Sell Local: Discover Online Marketplaces for Used Items

Learn how to buy and sell items you no longer need through online markets. We'll show you how to save money and make money using Facebook Marketplace, Kijiji and VarageSale. These online markets are a great way to buy locally, sell locally and prevent items from ending up in the landfill. Register now and enjoy the benefits of taking your garage sale virtual.

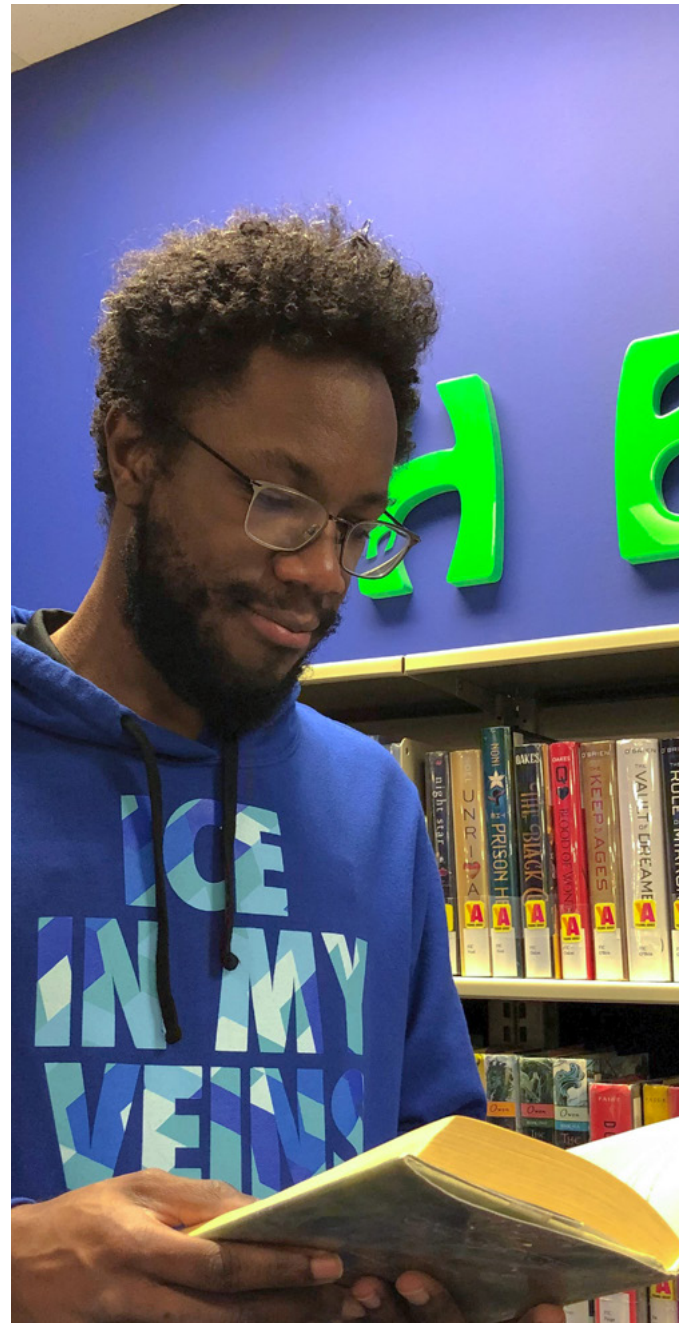
Tuesday, December 20

Time: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

Cost: FREE

Register for this program



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