

## Ottawa Public Library, Carlingwood Branch – Winter 2024

### Children's Programs

- **Babytime** (0-18 Months): Stories, rhymes and songs for babies and a parent/caregiver
  - Tuesdays from 10:30 - 11:00am (Registration Required) or 1:15 - 1:45pm (Drop in)
  - Session 1: January 9 – February 27
  - Session 2: March 19 – April 23
  
- **Toddler time** (19-36 Months): Stories, rhymes and songs for toddlers and a parent/caregiver
  - Wednesdays from 10:30 – 11:00am (Drop in)
  - Session 1: January 10 – February 28
  - Session 2: March 20 – April 24
  
- **Family Storytimes:** Stories, rhymes and songs for children and a parent/caregiver. Offered as a bilingual program on Thursdays and in English on Saturdays
  - Bilingual: Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:00am (Drop in)
    - Session 1: January 11 – February 29
    - Session 2: March 21 – April 25
  - Saturdays from 10:30 – 11:00am (Drop in)
    - Runs from January 6 – April 27
  
- **Homework Club:** Come join our homework club and get help with reading, math, science, French, English, etc. Led by United for Literacy volunteers.
  - Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:00pm (Drop in)
  - Ages 6-12
  
- **Lego Block Party:** Create and build with Lego! Family program.
  - January 19, February 16 & March 15 from 4:00 – 5:00pm (Drop In)
  - Ages 4-12 (4–6-year-olds **require** adult supervision)
  
- **Family Literacy Day:** Making clay with Barbara Reid (author and illustrator). Learn how Barbara Reid uses clay to create the illustrations in her books. We will provide the clay and tools for you to create your own illustrations. Recorded program in English.
  - Saturday January 27 from 2:00 - 3:30pm (Registration Required)
  - Ages 6-12
  
- **PA Day Program – Crafternoon:** Open-ended crafting time. We will supply the materials; you supply the imagination! Parents are responsible for supervision of children.
  - Friday, January 26 and Friday, February 2 from 2:00 – 4:00pm (Drop In)

## Teen Programs

- **Teen Study Halls:** Get ready for exams at the Carlingwood library! Bring your books and we'll provide the snacks. Come as a group or enjoy some solo study time.
  - Thursday, January 11 and Thursday, January 18 from 6:00 – 7:30pm (Drop In)
  - Takes place in the Carlingwood Library Meeting Room
  - Ages 13-17
- **Teen Board Game Night:** Are you undefeated at Uno? Amazing at Apples to Apples? Drop in for a night of board games at Carlingwood! We'll provide the games and snacks for you, your friends, and any new friends you may make this evening.
  - Thursday, February 15 from 6:00 – 7:30pm (Drop In)
  - Takes place in the Carlingwood Library Meeting Room
  - Ages 13-17
- **Teen Paint & Mocktail Night:** Bring your creativity for an evening of painting and mocktails at Carlingwood! By following the provided video tutorial, you can create a masterpiece while enjoying some light refreshments.
  - Thursday, March 14 from 6:00 – 8:00pm (Registration Required)
  - Takes place in the Carlingwood Library Meeting Room
  - Ages 13-17

## Adult Programs

- **'Folk' Song Circle:** Sing your favourite soft pop songs from the 50's-80's, Celtic and other folk music!
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 1:30-3:00pm (Drop In)
  - Takes place in the Carlingwood Library Meeting Room
  - January to June, February session held February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **English Conversation Group:** Practice your English language conversation skills and meet new friends in a relaxed and friendly environment.
  - Tuesdays from 6:30 – 7:30pm (Drop In)
  - Takes place in the Carlingwood Library Meeting Room
  - January to June 25
- **Reading Group #1:** Share the enjoyment of good books in a relaxed atmosphere.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2:00-3:30pm (Drop In)
  - Takes place in the Carlingwood Library Meeting Room
  - January to June
    - February 7<sup>th</sup> – The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles
    - March 6<sup>th</sup> – The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

- April 3rd – Permanent Astonishment by Tomson Highway
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> – The Searcher by Tana French
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> – The Girl in His Shadow by Audrey Blake
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- **Carlingwood Adult Colouring Club:** Colouring can have a calming effect on the mind and promote overall wellness. All supplies are provided, no experience required.
    - Thursdays from 2:00 – 3:00pm (Drop In)
    - Takes place in the Carlingwood Library Meeting Room
  
  - **Jigsaw Puzzle in the Library:** Did you know that jigsaw puzzles can strength your short-term memory, enhance your eye-hand coordination and sharpen your observation skills? Drop in at the Carlingwood branch and stay a while for a relaxing time making jigsaw puzzles.
    - Anytime during open hours
    - Puzzle located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Mystery Section
  
  - **Protecting Your PC:** The average time it takes for an unprotected computer to be compromised after connecting to the Internet is under 15 minutes. Don't let it be yours. Chris Taylor, President of the Ottawa PC Users' Group will show you the simple steps you need to take to keep your PC from being hacked. And best of all, it can be done for free.
    - Monday January 22 from 6:00 – 8:00pm (Registration Required)
    - Takes place in the Carlingwood Library Meeting Room
  
  - **Keeping Passwords Safe:** We are told: don't write down passwords; don't reuse passwords; make passwords long and complex. Chris Taylor, President of the Ottawa PC Users' Group will show how to use free software that stores all your usernames and passwords along with related information and protects them with a single, very strong password. It's easy and free!
    - Monday February 26 from 6:00 – 8:00pm (Registration Required)
    - Takes place in the Carlingwood Library Meeting Room
  
  - **Pinecrest-Queensway Employment Services Information Session:** Are you looking for work? Unemployed or underemployed? Drop-in to meet one-on-one with an Employment Counsellor from the Pinecrest-Queensway Employment Services team.
    - Saturday February 24 from 1:00 – 3:00pm (Drop In)
    - Takes place in the Carlingwood Library Meeting Room
  
  - **Effective Tax Strategies:** Join a CPA professional to have a better understanding of Canada's tax system and minimize the amount of tax you need to pay. Topics such as tax planning, reducing taxable income, tax credits, record keeping, and understanding basic tax law are covered.
    - Saturday March 9 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm (Registration Required)
    - Takes place in the Carlingwood Library Meeting Room