

Thursday, May 1, 2025

French Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, May 1 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West Orillia, Ontario L3V 3A6

Join our welcoming French Conversation Circle to practice your French speaking skills. Everyone is welcome. We will be meeting in the Program Room on the first floor of the Library. For more information or to register, please contact La Cle at 705-549-3116 or email formation@lacle.ca

Friday, May 2, 2025

Spy School: PA Day Drop-in

Date and Time: Friday, May 2 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to join us in the Family Dept. **between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Friday, May 2** to test your spy skills by making top-secret disguises, memorizing mission details, and solving cyphers! All successful recruits will be awarded a Spy School certificate and their very own Spy ID! No registration required. (All ages.)

PA Day: Makerspace Secret Mission

Date and Time: Friday, May 2 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West

Stop by the Makerspace **between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** to level up your master spy toolkit and build your very own periscope - an essential tool for top secret missions! Recommended for ages 4+. No registration required. Free!

Family Movie Matinee: The Bad Guys

Date and Time: Friday, May 2 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

Mr. Wolf, Mr. Snake, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Shark and Ms. Tarantula may be bad, but they're so good at it! Join us for a viewing of "The Bad Guys" in our Library Program Rooms on for a PA Day Drop-in on **Friday, May 2**. **D**

doors open at 2 p.m. No registration is required but space is limited. (This movie is rated PG; all ages welcome.)

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Family Art

Date and Time: Saturday, May 3 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga St West

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Please note we are closed on Monday, May 19th.

Monday, May 5, 2025

VON SMART Exercise Class

Date and Time: Monday, May 5 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 36 Mississauga Street West Orillia, Ontario L3V 3A6

Join VON Canada SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) for an exercise class for seniors 55+. SMART's gentle exercises are for those that want to improve their strength, balance and flexibility regardless of their current physical ability.

For more information and to register, call the Orillia SMART team at 705-326-7021.

Family Art

Date and Time: Monday, May 5 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga Street West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

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Wednesday, May 7, 2025

VolunTEENS: Couchiching Conservancy - Youth Stewardship Program

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 7 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga Street West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

This event has been rescheduled from April 9th.

VolunTEENS is a low commitment way to earn Community Involvement Hours at the Orillia Public Library. Each month we will have a registered workshop and/or presentation that you can attend and learn how to make a difference in your community! This program is for teens in high school only.

April Workshop: Couchiching Conservancy - Youth Stewardship Program

Passionate about nature and eager to make a difference? The Couchiching Conservancy will share information about how you can reconnect with the environment, meet like-minded peers, and gain hands-on conservation experience.

Join us to learn about how you can become a steward of nature, and how you can help protect our planet for Y OUR generation! **Registration required. Meet in Library Program Room 2.**

English Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 7 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga Street West Orillia, Ontario, L3V 3A6

Join our English Conversation Circle to have fun and practice speaking English, connect with your community and share your settlement experience. This free program is run by the Welcome Centre Immigrant Services Mobile Unit **every Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m.** in the Library's Program Room.

Please contact the Welcome Centre for more information by emailing mobileunit@welcomecentre.ca. or calling 1-877-761-1155 ext.3045.

Thursday, May 8, 2025

French Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, May 8 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Ukulele Jam

Date and Time: Thursday, May 8 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West, Orillia, ON L3V 0K8

Bring your ukulele to the Library for a fun jam! Hosted by the Sunshine Ukulele Network (S.U.N.). All skill levels welcome; no registration required.

Teen Makerspace Night: Perler Bead Party

Date and Time: Thursday, May 8 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

Get your Perler Bead fix by joining us in the **Makerspace (2nd Floor)**, on **Thursday, May 8th from 6-7 p.m.**, to make jewelry, keychains, characters or anything else you can imagine; no registration is required.

All supplies are provided and are first come, first serve. Free and for ages 13-18.

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Mother's Day Gifts in the Makerspace

Date and Time: Saturday, May 10 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

Drop-in to the Makerspace on Saturday, May 10 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to create a card and special keepsake! No registration required. Recommended for ages 4+. Free!

Family Art

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Monday, May 12, 2025

VON SMART Exercise Class

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Family Art

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Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Homeschool Hangout: Science Fair

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 13 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga St West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

Young scientists are invited to display their discoveries and share their experiments at the first OPL Homeschool Science Fair. Whether your child is passionate about chemistry, biology, physics, or earth science, this program offers an opportunity to learn using the scientific method while connecting with other homeschool families. A \$50 gift card prize will be awarded to the best entry.

Please read the attached Science Fair Rules (document found under blue banner "Attachments") before registering.

This registered event is for children ages 7-14 and will be held on **Tuesday, May 13th from 1:30-3 p.m.** in the Library Program Rooms.

A library membership is required to participate. Please register by Tuesday, May 6th.

Fierte Simcoe Pride - Creative Gathering

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 13 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga St West, Orillia, ON, L3V3A6

May: Embroidery

Fierte Simcoe Pride (FSP) creative gatherings are a monthly drop-in social for all ages (including youth and families) who are looking for a supportive space to explore their identity, express themselves, and build community. Each month will feature a new activity/game/craft to do together while chatting about life and getting to know one another. These events are open to all members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and allies within Simcoe County and beyond. All materials are provided, including light snacks and drinks. Registration is not required and folks can come and go as they please.

This free event will take place in one of the accessible Orillia Public Library (OPL) Program Rooms on the first floor.

Contact M (they/them) at m@fiertesimcoepride.com for more information. Check out the website or social media for any updates: www.simcoepride.com/events

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

GC Teen OUTreach

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 14 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga St. W.

GC Teen OUTreach is a monthly drop-in group for youth ages 12-19 who are looking for a supportive space to explore their identity and build community.

Each month will feature a new activity to do together while chatting about life and getting to know one another. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Registration is not required for the group, and youth can come and go as they please. This program will take place in May in Library Program Room #2.

For more information about this group, email: Kat - katb@gilbertcentre.ca or Silas - silasf@gilbertcentre.ca or call: 249-535-0585.

English Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 14 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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Thursday, May 15, 2025

French Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, May 15 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Genealogy Club - "You Found What? Where?!"

Date and Time: Thursday, May 15 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga Street West Orillia, Ontario L3V 3A6

Speaker: Professional Genealogist, Linda Corupe

We have all had them as genealogists -- one of those "Eureka" moments when you seemingly stumble over a nugget involving your own family. One of the challenges of genealogy is that such information can be hidden in unexpected places, mislabeled, referenced in an more obscure finding aid, or perhaps just be something that is generally unknown. This presentation will highlight some of Linda Corupe's "You Found What? Where?" moments, and encourage others to share theirs.

The OPL's Genealogy Club meets the third Thursday of each month (except July and August) at 2:00 p.m. Our members have an interest in genealogy and enjoy meeting with other like-minded people, a mix of experienced genealogists and newbies. Each month, a different topic is presented, either by members of the club, or professional genealogists. Meetings are open to all Orillia Public Library cardholders. For more information on this free monthly program, please contact 705-325-2556 or email us.

The Artful Way to Wellness: May Session

Date and Time: Thursday, May 15 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga St W, Orillia, ON L3V 3A6

Join Therapeutic Arts Practitioners Lindsey and Molli to make art with personal meaning! This monthly program will help you learn to use art as a tool for processing experiences and expressing emotions through creative prompts, which are beneficial to your emotional and mental wellness. You don't need to be an artist or feel creative to join; just bring an open mind and a willingness to explore through different mediums, such as watercolors, acrylics, and collage.

Ages 18+. Please bring \$10 cash to each class. This month's class will be held on **Thursday, May 15 from 6-7**

:30 p.m. in the Library Program Room.

(Please note: This class is not therapy.)

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Family Art

Date and Time: Saturday, May 17 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Chair Yoga

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 20 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West Orillia, Ontario L3V 3A6

Try yoga from the comfort of a chair with Certified Hatha Yoga Instructor, Melanie Rimkay. Please note that, due to a scheduled instructor absence the weeks of May 6th and 13th, this session will span the dates of both May and June. The **cost is \$36** cash for six in-library classes. This new session begins on **Tuesday May 20th at 10:30 a.m.** and runs every Tuesday until **June 24th**.

Please note that the May 27th class will be in the afternoon, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

This class is ideal for anyone with knee/hip replacements or balance issues. Please register online and bring your cash payment to the first class.

Registration opens Wednesday April 23rd at 10:30 am.

Book Chatter

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 20 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

Join Lee and share what you're reading and gather suggestions from other readers during this relaxed hour of bookish conversation.

*Book Chatter is currently FULL. Please email us at info@orilliapubliclibrary.ca or call 705-325-2556 to join the waitlist.

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Babytime A (10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 21 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: 36 Mississauga St West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

Join us for stories, songs, tickles, and bounces, in this **5-week** baby and caregiver program. Each program will end with a baby play time and caregiver social. This program is best for babies from birth until walking.

This program runs every **Wednesday from May 21–June 18 in the Family Program Room**. There are two time slots available, **please only register for one time slot**. An up-to-date library membership is required.

Babytime B (11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 21 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga Street West

Join us for stories, songs, tickles, and bounces, in this **5-week** baby and caregiver program. Each program will end with a baby play time and caregiver social. This program is best for babies from birth until walking.

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English Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 21 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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Thursday, May 22, 2025

French Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, May 22 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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In the Park: Drop-In Family Storytime

Date and Time: Thursday, May 22 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 36 Mississauga St West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

Join OPL staff In The Park, Victoria Park @ 75 Coldwater Road West, for an exciting storytime! Enjoy some fun in the sun with a different theme each week! All ages are welcome to this drop-in program. Please note, parents must remain with their children while attending this program. Check OPL's social media for weather-related updates.

This **5-week session** will be held every **Thursday, May 22-June 19, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.** Registration is not required.

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Family Art

Date and Time: Saturday, May 24 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga St West

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Monday, May 26, 2025

VON SMART Exercise Class

Date and Time: Monday, May 26 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West Orillia, Ontario L3V 3A6

Join VON Canada SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) for an exercise class for seniors 55+. SMART's gentle exercises are for those that want to improve their strength, balance and flexibility regardless of their current physical ability.

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Mini Kindis (Preschoolers entering Kindergarten in 2025)

Date and Time: Monday, May 26 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga St West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

Mini Kindis is an interactive program designed to help **preschoolers (entering kindergarten in 2025)**, supported by their caregivers, build the skills they need to succeed in kindergarten. Through engaging stories, songs, games, and activities, children will cultivate early literacy, social skills, and self-confidence in a nurturing and playful setting.

This **5-week registered program** will be held every **Monday, May 26-June 23, from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.** in the Family Program Room.

An up-to-date library membership is required.

Family Art

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Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Fraud Awareness Seminar

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 27 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga St West, Orillia, ON, L3V3A6

Join Samantha Adams from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre for a fraud awareness seminar. We will review common scams, safety practices, and steps to take in case of fraud.

This event will take place on Tuesday May 27th from 10:30a.m. to 12p.m. in the library program rooms. All are welcome, registration is required.

Tuesday Tech Drop-In

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 27 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga St West, Orillia, ON, L3V3A6

Got a quick technology question? Stop by for a drop-in tech help session held every fourth Tuesday of the month. Whether you need assistance with your personal device or just want dedicated time to clean up your cloud storage and organize your files, we're here to help! For more complex issues, we'll guide you on how to schedule a one-on-one tech session. Stop by anytime between **2-3 p.m.** and get the tech support you need!

(This program will be held in Program Room 1) Registration is not required.

Chair Yoga

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Try yoga from the comfort of a chair with Certified Hatha Yoga Instructor, Melanie Rimkay. Please note that, due to a scheduled instructor absence the weeks of May 6th and 13th, this session will span the dates of both May and June. The **cost is \$36** cash for six in-library classes. This new session begins on **Tuesday May 20th at 10:30 a.m.** and runs every Tuesday until **June 24th**.

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Tween Perler Bead Party

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 27 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga Street West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

Tweens, get ready for the Perler Bead Party! Unleash your imagination and create awesome designs using fuse beads; keychains, wind spinners, photo frames, and much more. With a wide array of provided designs, or the chance to invent your own, this program will fuse innovation with hands-on fun.

This is a registered program for Tweens aged 9-12 years, happening in the Family Department Program

Room.

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Babytime A (10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 28 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Address: 36 Mississaga St West, Orillia, ON, L3V 3A6

Join us for stories, songs, tickles, and bounces, in this **5-week** baby and caregiver program. Each program will end with a baby play time and caregiver social. This program is best for babies from birth until walking.

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Babytime B (11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 28 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West

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Thursday, May 29, 2025

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Saturday, May 31, 2025

Family Art

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