

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Chair Yoga

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 2 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

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Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Saturday SPECIAL

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 3 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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

Come visit our Family Department for an EXTRA SPECIAL Saturday! Every week, enjoy a fresh selection of self-guided activities tailored and created by our enthusiastic Children's staff just for you! Drop-in between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Registration is not required.

- September 6 - Coding
- September 13 - Fun at the Farm
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- September 27 - Food for Thought

Chair Yoga: September Sampler Session

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Program details:

- Cost: \$24 for four in-person sessions (cash only, payable at the first class—please bring exact change to the Library Program Room)

Thursday, September 4, 2025

French Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, September 4 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, September 5, 2025

Properly Poured: A Downton Abbey Tea Party

Date and Time: Friday, September 5 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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

The kettle is on and the silver has been polished! You are cordially invited to join us for a fine afternoon worthy of the Crawleys themselves on **Friday, September 5 from 1:30-4 p.m.** Whether you consider yourself more of a Lady Mary, a Carson, or a Mrs. Patmore, there's a place at the table for you at this Downton-inspired tea and social.

Test your knowledge of all things Downton in a trivia challenge sure to separate the upstairs from the downstairs, sip a proper cup of tea (raised pinkies optional but encouraged), and craft your own fascinator fit for a garden party at Grantham House.

Attendance is free, though decorum is priceless. Costumes and vintage flair warmly encouraged. Kindly RSVP at your earliest convenience.

(This program is for adults ages 18+. A library card in good standing is required.)

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Saturday SPECIAL

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Sunday, September 7, 2025

Family Art

Date and Time: Sunday, September 7 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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*Closed September 1 & September 22

Monday, September 8, 2025

VON SMART Exercise Class

Date and Time: Monday, September 8 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.

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

Family Art

Date and Time: Monday, September 8 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Chair Yoga

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Homeschool Hangout: Space Invasion!

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 9 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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

Join us for an out-of-this-world experience designed just for homeschool families! Explore the wonders of the universe, launch mini rockets, and uncover the mysteries of black holes. There's something for every young explorer. Perfect for ages 6–12, but all are welcome. Come learn, create, and blast off with us at the library!

This program will be taking place in the **Family Dept. Program Room**; no registration is required.

Fierte Simcoe Pride - Creative Gathering

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 9 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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

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.

This free event will take place in the Library Program Room.

Contact M (they/them) at m@fiertesimcoepride.com for more information or visit their website: www.simcoepride.com/events

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Chair Yoga: September Sampler Session

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 10 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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Program details:

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Thursday, September 11, 2025

French Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, September 11 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Genealogy Club

Date and Time: Thursday, September 11 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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

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.

CANCELLED - GC Teen OUTreach

Date and Time: Thursday, September 11 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga St. W.

Today's program has been cancelled.

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 Library Program Room #2.

For more information about this group, email: qtconnect@gilbertcentre.ca or call: 249-535-0585

Ukulele Jam

Date and Time: Thursday, September 11 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga 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.

Friday, September 12, 2025

Mini Kindis (Ages 3-5)

Date and Time: Friday, September 12 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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

Give your preschooler a confident start with **Mini Kindis, a playful, hands-on library program designed for children ages 3–5 and their caregivers.** Each session begins with fun circle time activities, including stories, songs, and games that build early learning and social skills. After circle time, caregivers will help their preschooler explore engaging learning stations; we'll have the perfect mix of learning and play to help little ones get ready for kindergarten.

This is a monthly drop-in program taking place in the Family Program Room.

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Saturday SPECIAL

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Sunday, September 14, 2025

Family Art

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*Closed September 1 & September 22

Monday, September 15, 2025

VON SMART Exercise Class

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

Family Art

Date and Time: Monday, September 15 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Chair Yoga

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Teen Mario Kart Tournament

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 16 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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

Start your engines! Teens ages 13-18 are invited to go for gold at our first ever Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Tournament!

The tournament will run on **Tuesday, September 16 from 3-4:30 p.m. in Program Room 2. No registration is required, but please arrive on time to secure your spot in the bracket!**

Film Screening: Voices - Lighting a Pathway to Indigenous Inclusion

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 16 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga Street West, Orillia, ON, L3V 7A4

We are proud to present the premiere of a short documentary: *Voices: Lighting a Pathway to Indigenous Inclusion* at the Library on Tuesday, September 16 at 6 p.m.

Film synopsis: "Not just powerful people, but everyday working Canadians are being challenged — even mandated to forge paths toward Indigenous partnerships. Meanwhile, Indigenous Canadians are asking for time and patience — commodities lacking amid today's pressures and Canada's history. Finding common ground is the only way forward, both fundamentally and legally, in the workplace and in business. Join us on this journey as we examine the past and how it has shaped the present. Hear from Indigenous movers and shakers as they share their personal and their nation's stories." (Runtime: 60 minutes)

This film lights the path to meaningful Indigenous partnerships - and the best way forward together, through Indigenous voices.

Following the screening, there will be a Q&A session with the film's producer, Muckpaloo Ipeelie. Everyone welcome; please RSVP.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Chair Yoga: September Sampler Session

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 17 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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Thursday, September 18, 2025

French Conversation Circle

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Glass Fusion Workshop

Date and Time: Thursday, September 18 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West

Join Hilarie from the Bougie Mermaid to create stunning glass fusion art on **Thursday, September 18th at 6 p.m.** Choose from three unique designs to express your personal style! All materials are provided, and no prior experience is necessary.

For ages 18+, \$25 per person. (Please bring your payment in cash to the program.) Must have a valid library card to attend. Please register as space is limited.

Friday, September 19, 2025

Special Guest Storytime: Angelia Brooks

Date and Time: Friday, September 19 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

Join **Angelia Brooks, Indigenous Coordinator for Empower Simcoe's EarlyON Child and Family Centre**, for a special community storytime that will celebrate culture, community, and connection! Through tales, songs, and stories, Angelia shares the rich storytelling traditions of her heritage in a way that's engaging and accessible for young children and their families. Join us for a joyful and meaningful experience that honors Indigenous voices and invites all to listen, learn, and celebrate together.

This drop-in program will be hosted in the Family Program Room.

Nerf Battle for Grown-Ups

Date and Time: Friday, September 19 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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

Think the library is a quiet place? It won't be on **Friday, September 19th at 6 p.m.!** You're invited to grab your unmodified nerf guns and join Team Werewolf or Team Vampire. Then, under the cover of (fluorescent) moon light, battle it out in an all-out Nerf Capture the Flag showdown in the stacks.

You will be sorted into teams, and notified of your team before the big battle. Costumes and team colours are encouraged for Vampires (red) vs Werewolves (black). Open to adults 18+ with a valid library card. Please bring \$5 cash to the event. Pizza and drinks provided.

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Orange Shirt Beading Workshop - Morning Session

Date and Time: Saturday, September 20 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

Join local artist Ashley Lacourciere on **Saturday, September 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the Makerspace for a hands-on workshop in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Create your own orange shirt pin with beaded detail and take time for reflection as we remember Residential School Survivors and the children who never came home.

All materials are provided, and no prior experience is necessary.

This registered program is open to teens and adults ages 13 and up. A valid library card is required. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

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Orange Shirt Beading Workshop - Afternoon Session

Date and Time: Saturday, September 20 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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

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Sunday, September 21, 2025

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Monday, September 22, 2025

VON SMART Exercise Class

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Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 23 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 **4-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 in the Family Program Room on the following **Tuesdays**:

- **September 23**
- **CLOSED September 30**
- **October 7**
- **October 14**

- **October 21**

There are two time slots available (10:15 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.); **please only register for one time slot.** An up-to-date library membership is required.

Chair Yoga

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

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 23 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga Street West

Join us for stories, songs, tickles, and bounces, in this **4-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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- **October 21**

There are two time slots available (10:15 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.); **please only register for one time slot.** An up-to-date library membership is required.

Primary Party: Recess Remix

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 23 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Children ages 6-8 are invited to join us on **Tuesday, September 23 from 6-7 p.m.** for an exciting evening program to enjoy all their favourite recess games and win prizes! From classic games, like Octopus and skipping, to creative new challenges, there's something for everyone. Perfect for kids who love to move, laugh, and make new friends. Come for the fun, stay for the smiles! This program will be hosted in the Library Program Rooms.

(*Remember a water bottle, supportive athletic footwear, and comfortable clothing for movement.)

A library membership is required to attend this program which will be held in the Library Program Rooms. Car egivers must stay in the building during this program. Please register.

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Toddler Time

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 24 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

Join us for a fun-filled hour of wiggles, giggles, and interactive play at Toddler Storytime! This lively **5-week** program is perfect for little ones (ages walking-36 months) with a variety of stories, songs, art, and activities that encourage a love of reading and fuel the imagination!

This registered program runs every **Wednesday from September 24th - October 22nd from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Family Program Room.** An up-to-date library membership is required.

Chair Yoga: September Sampler Session

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 24 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

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Thursday, September 25, 2025

French Conversation Circle

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Sing and Sign Storytime!

Date and Time: Thursday, September 25 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

Join us on **Thursday, September 25 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.** for Sing and Sign—a special storytime that blends books, songs, and fun with simple American Sign Language (ASL)! Designed for young children and their caregivers, this engaging program introduces basic signs alongside favorite stories and songs, helping little ones build early language and communication skills in a playful, welcoming setting. No prior sign language experience needed—just curious hands and eager ears!

This drop-in program will be hosted in the Family Program Room.

Author Visit with Wendy McQuaig

Date and Time: Thursday, September 25 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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

Join us on **Thursday, September 25 at 1:30 p.m.** as we welcome Wendy McQuaig, author of *Behind the Pickle Jar*. This emotionally powerful novel of historical fiction takes the reader on a journey through yesteryear, from horse-drawn buggies and church socials to the present-day world of social media and smart phones. It is essentially about the benefits of living a simpler life and finding a special connection with people.

Wendy will be in the Library Program Rooms to chat about her novel and answer audience questions. She will also have copies of her book for sale. Everyone welcome; please register.

Teen Makerspace Night: Faux Stained-Glass Windows

Date and Time: Thursday, September 25 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Unleash your creativity at our Teen Makerspace Night! Join us for **Faux Stained-Glass Windows on Thursday, September 25th from 6-7 p.m. in the Makerspace** (2nd Floor); drop-in & free! For teens ages 13-18. Supplies are first-come-first-serve.

The Artful Way to Wellness: September Session

Date and Time: Thursday, September 25 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. Register for one or all. (A valid library card is required.) This month's class will be held on **Thursday, September 25th from 6-7:30 p.m.** in the Library Program Room.

(Please note: This class is not therapy.)

Friday, September 26, 2025

The Magic School Bus: PA Day Drop-in

Date and Time: Friday, September 26 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

Let's "take chances, make mistakes, and get messy" just like Miss Frizzle! **Visit the Family Dept. to board the Magic School Bus between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Friday, September 26 to explore the wonders of the human body!** No registration required, fun for all ages.

Family Movie Matinee: Inside Out

Date and Time: Friday, September 26 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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

Join us for a screening of ***Inside Out***, an Pixar film that follows young Riley as she transitions from her Midwest life to San Francisco. As she navigates a new city, home, and school, her emotions—Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust, and Sadness—clash in their quest to help her adapt.

Doors open at 2 p.m. in our Library Program Rooms. No registration is required but space is limited. (This movie is rated PG; all ages welcome).

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Saturday SPECIAL

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Monday, September 29, 2025

VON SMART Exercise Class

Date and Time: Monday, September 29 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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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

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