

## Wednesday, October 1, 2025

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### Chair Yoga: September Sampler Session

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 1 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

Have you always wanted to try Chair Yoga? This September, in recognition of *International Pain Awareness Month*, we're introducing a **special second four-week Chair Yoga series** alongside our regular session—perfect for anyone living with chronic pain. This gentle, beginner-friendly program focuses on mindful movement, breath awareness, and soft, supportive stretching—all performed while seated or using a chair for balance.

You'll learn simple techniques to ease tension, improve flexibility, and encourage relaxation—without putting strain on joints or muscles.

#### 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)

### Toddler Time

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 1 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.

## Thursday, October 2, 2025

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### French Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, October 2 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](mailto:formation@lacle.ca)

## Super Storytime: Drop-In

Date and Time: Thursday, October 2 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

Come one, come all to Super Storytime at the library! This no-registration-required program is perfect for families with young children to enjoy stories, songs, and activities that inspire creativity and early learning. Drop-in to share the magic of reading with your little one—no commitment needed!

This drop-in program runs every **Thursday at 10:30 –11:30 a.m. from October 2nd-23rd in the Family Program Room.**

## Friday, October 3, 2025

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### Twilight 20th Anniversary - Teen Book Boxes

Date and Time: Friday, October 3 2:00 pm

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

About three things I was absolutely positive. First, it's the 20th anniversary of *Twilight*. Second, there will be Teen Book Boxes available in celebration of the anniversary. And third, you will be unconditionally and irrevocably in love with them. (For teens ages 13-18.)

Available for pick up at the Check-Out Desk, **beginning Friday, October 3rd**, while supplies last! (Must have a current library card.)

### Big Read Finale: An Evening With Claire Cameron

Date and Time: Friday, October 3 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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

**SOLD OUT!** We are excited to welcome Claire Cameron to the Library for our annual Big Read Finale on **Friday, October 3rd!** Tickets for “An Evening with Claire Cameron” are on sale now at the Library's Check Out Desk for \$25 per person. Doors open at 7 p.m. and light appetizers and a glass of wine will be provided prior to the event which will start at 7:30 p.m. Books will also be available for purchase courtesy of Manticore Books. (This event is **SOLD OUT**.)

## Saturday, October 4, 2025

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## Adult Take & Make: Mini Ghosts in a Jar kit

Date and Time: Saturday, October 4 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

Think you're too old for Halloween crafts? **BOO-lieve us, you're not.**

Get your hands on our *spooktacularly adorable* **Take & Make: Mini Ghosts in a Jar** kit. This kit comes with everything you need to create a clay ghost in a mini vial perfect for your Halloween décor!

For adults ages 18+ with a valid library card. One kit per person.

Kits will be ready for pick up starting Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Saturday SPECIAL

Date and Time: Saturday, October 4 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.

- October 4 - Writer's Voice
- October 11 - Believe It or Not
- October 18 - Pumpkin Patch
- October 25 - Monster Mash

## Library Art Tour at 10:30 a.m.

Date and Time: Saturday, October 4 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

Celebrate Culture Days with us as Melissa Robertson guides you on a tour of notable artworks from the Library's permanent art collection on **Saturday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m.** Discover the work of local artists who have created in and about the Sunshine City for centuries, and experience the featured work of great masters including Arthur Shilling, Elizabeth Wyn Wood, and Franklin Carmichael. Everyone welcome! Meet in the Library Lobby. Please RSVP.

(The same tour will also be offered at 11:30 a.m.)

## Library Art Tour at 11:30 a.m.

Date and Time: Saturday, October 4 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

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## Sunday, October 5, 2025

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### Family Art

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\*Closed October 12 and October 13

## Monday, October 6, 2025

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### VON SMART Exercise Class

Date and Time: Monday, October 6 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

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# Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 7 10:15 am - 11:00 am

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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 14**
- **October 21**

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## Chair Yoga

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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.

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

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 7 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

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## **Wednesday, October 8, 2025**

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### **English Conversation Circle**

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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 other 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](mailto:mobileunit@welcomecentre.ca). or calling 1-877-761-1155 ext.3045.

## **Thursday, October 9, 2025**

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### **French Conversation Circle**

Date and Time: Thursday, October 9 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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## Super Storytime: Drop-In

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## CANCELLED - GC Teen OUTreach

Date and Time: Thursday, October 9 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga 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 Library Program Room #2.**

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

Sorry, this event has been Cancelled.

## Ukulele Jam

Date and Time: Thursday, October 9 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.

## Friday, October 10, 2025

## Mini Kindies (Ages 3-5)

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

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

Give your preschooler a confident start with Mini Kindies, 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 monthly drop-in will be held in the Family Dept. on the following dates:

- **Friday, October 10 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**
- **Friday, November 7 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

No registration required.

## Saturday, October 11, 2025

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### Saturday SPECIAL

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- October 11 - Believe It or Not
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- October 25 - Monster Mash

### Makerspace Morning for Grown-ups: Broom Making

Date and Time: Saturday, October 11 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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

Join us in the Makerspace on **Saturday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m.** for a morning of creativity and magic as we craft handmade brooms from natural, foraged materials. Perfect for your haunted home decor—or your midnight flight. All materials will be provided. Costumes are encouraged!

For ages 18+, \$5 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.



## Makerspace Afternoon for Grown-ups: Broom Making

Date and Time: Saturday, October 11 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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

Join us in the Makerspace on **Saturday, October 11 at 2 p.m.** for an afternoon of creativity and magic as we craft handmade brooms from natural, foraged materials. Perfect for your haunted home decor—or your midnight flight. All materials will be provided. Costumes are encouraged!

For ages 18+, \$5 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.

## Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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

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### Chair Yoga

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

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 14 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

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## Homeschool Hangout: Ocean Wonders

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 14 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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

Join us on **Tuesday, October 14 from 1:30-3 p.m.** to dive into discovery with Ocean Wonders, a fun and educational library program designed just for homeschool families! Explore the mysteries of the deep through hands-on STEM activities and ocean-themed crafts. From diving jellyfish to DIY shark teeth, every young explorer will have the chance to make waves as we explore the ocean depths.

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, October 14 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga 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@firtesimcoepride.com](mailto:m@firtesimcoepride.com) for more information or visit their website: [www.simcoepride.com/events](http://www.simcoepride.com/events)

# Wednesday, October 15, 2025

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# Thursday, October 16, 2025

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## French Conversation Circle

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## Super Storytime: Drop-In

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This drop-in program runs every **Thursday at 10:30 –11:30 a.m. from October 2nd-23rd in the Family Program Room.**

## Genealogy Club 20th Anniversary

Date and Time: Thursday, October 16 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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

Celebrate 20 years of the Genealogy Club with us on **Thursday, October 16 at 1 p.m.!** We are pleased to welcome professional genealogist Linda Corupe for a presentation on "Selling the Past: Advertising in the 1800s". Discover how 19th-century advertisements shed light on daily life and culture—with insights (and a few laughs!).

We will also mark this milestone with the launch of our new Memories Media Lab, plus tours of the Makerspace and Local History Room. Enjoy refreshments and connect with fellow history enthusiasts as we honour two decades of discovery! Register now.

The OPL's Genealogy Club meets the third Thursday of each month (except July and August) in the Library Program Room at 2 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.

## Teen Makerspace Night: Textured Ghost Painting

Date and Time: Thursday, October 16 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 your own **Textured Ghost Painting from 6 -7 p.m. in the Makerspace** (2nd Floor); drop-in & free! For teens ages 13-18. Supplies are first-come-first-serve.

## Saturday, October 18, 2025

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### Saturday SPECIAL

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## Sunday, October 19, 2025

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### Family Art

Date and Time: Sunday, October 19 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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\*Closed October 12 and October 13

## Monday, October 20, 2025

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### VON SMART Exercise Class

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### Family Art

Date and Time: Monday, October 20 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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## The Hidden Stress of Stuff: How Clutter Affects Your Mental Load and How to Shift It

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 21 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Join Laura Davidson, Professional Organizer and Owner of Shift Organizing Solutions, for a refreshing no-nonsense talk on the emotional weight of clutter - why letting go is harder than it looks, and how small shifts in your space can spark big changes in your life.

Walk away with:

- Insight into how your environment shapes your mindset
- Simple, doable strategies to release what's weighing you down
- Fresh motivation to start your own clutter-clearing journey

This program will be held on **Tuesday, October 21 from 6-7 p.m.** in the Library Program Room. Please register.

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## Friday, October 24, 2025

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### Check into Hotel Transylvania: PA Day Drop-in

Date and Time: Friday, October 24 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

Dracula just called and Hotel Transylvania needs our help! Dracula has too many monsters and some will have to come to the OPL!

**Join us in the Family Dept. between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Friday, October 24. for some monster-themed crafts, games and challenges!** No registration required, fun for all ages.

### Makerspace PA Day Program

Date and Time: Friday, October 24 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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



School's out—fun's in! Drop-in to our Hotel Transylvania–inspired program on Friday, October 24 in the Makerspace **between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Recommended for ages 4+. Registration is not required.

## Family Movie Matinee: Hotel Transylvania

Date and Time: Friday, October 24 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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

Pack your bags for a screening of *Hotel Transylvania*, where monsters go to get away from it all!

**Doors open at 2 p.m. in our Library Program Rooms. Registration is not required but space is limited.** (This movie is rated PG; all ages welcome).

## Halloween Trivia Night

Date and Time: Friday, October 24 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 405 Memorial Ave, Orillia, ON L3V 6H1

Gather a gaggle of genius ghoulies, scholarly spooks and well-read witches and register a team of 2-4 for our Halloween Trivia Night on **Friday, October 24** at Kelseys Original Roadhouse (405 Memorial Ave.)! Doors open at 6 p.m., trivia starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. Test your knowledge of horror, (books, movies, TV), eerie history, bizarre animals, and other random stuff we threw into the cauldron.

There will be prizes for the best costumes as well as door prizes, plus the winning Trivia Team will take home the Golden Pumpkin trophy! \$5 per person; ages 19+. Please bring exact cash to the event.

## Saturday, October 25, 2025

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### Saturday SPECIAL

Date and Time: Saturday, October 25 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.

- October 4 - Writer's Voice
- October 11 - Believe It or Not
- October 18 - Pumpkin Patch
- October 25 - Monster Mash

## Sunday, October 26, 2025

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## Family Art

Date and Time: Sunday, October 26 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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

Drop-in to the Family Department for a fun art project that all skill levels will enjoy! Best part? Leave the mess here!

This program runs every \*Sunday from 1-3:30 p.m. and \*Monday from 3:30-7 p.m. No registration is required .

\*Closed October 12 and October 13

## Monday, October 27, 2025

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### VON SMART Exercise Class

Date and Time: Monday, October 27 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, October 27 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Drop-in to the Family Department for a fun art project that all skill levels will enjoy! Best part? Leave the mess here!

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### Tween Escape Room Adventure: The Haunting

Date and Time: Monday, October 27 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Welcome to ***The Haunting***, a thrilling escape room experience designed just for tweens (ages 9-12)! Step into a spectral tale full of hidden clues, paranormal puzzles, and spine-tingling surprises. Work together to uncover the secrets of the haunting—before it's too late!

This event is on **Monday, October 27 from 5:30-7 p.m. in Program Room #1**; spots are limited, so grab your friends and REGISTER NOW... if you dare!

Please note, an up-to-date library card is required to attend. Caregivers of 9 year old attendees must stay in the building during this program.

Content warning: some participants may find themes used in this escape room (untimely death and abduction) disturbing. Discretion is advised.

## Tuesday, October 28, 2025

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### Author Visit: Iona Whishaw

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 28 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

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

Join award-winning author Iona Whishaw in the Library Program Room on **Tuesday, October 28 at 6 p.m.** as she discusses her new book *A Season for Spies: A Lane Winslow Prequel*, the latest in the Lane Winslow Mystery series.

Presented in partnership with Manticore Books.

### About *A Season for Spies*

In *A Season for Spies*, the page-turning prequel to the mystery series Publishers Weekly calls “highly entertaining,” Lane Winslow embarks on her first spy mission in wartime England, while her grandparents’ quiet Christmas in Scotland is interrupted by a mysterious guest.

### About Iona Whishaw

Iona Whishaw is a former educator and social worker whose mother and grandfather were both spies during their respective wars. She is the award-winning author of the Globe and Mail bestselling Lane Winslow Mystery series. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia with her husband.

## Wednesday, October 29, 2025

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### Teen Halloween Treats

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 29 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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

This after school teen (ages 13-18) event is all about the treats, no tricks!

Join us in the **Family Program Room on Wednesday, October 29 from 3-4:30 p.m.** to learn how to make scary good no-bake Halloween treats!

There is no cost and no registration required for this program. Ingredients used in this program may contain gluten, dairy, and eggs.

## Thursday, October 30, 2025

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### French Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, October 30 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 36 Mississauga 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](mailto:formation@lacle.ca)

### Boo Bash: Family Halloween Fun

Date and Time: Thursday, October 30 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Celebrate Halloween with a not-so-spooky party full of family fun! **Come in costume** and enjoy festive games, crafts, snacks and a trick-or-treat parade around the library. No registration required.

Attend either event date, **Thursday, October 30; 5:30-7 p.m. or Friday, October 31; 10-11:30 a.m.**, in the Family Department, for a fang-tastic good time!

### The Artful Way to Wellness: October Session

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

Address: 36 Mississauga Street West, 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, October 30th from 6-7:30 p.m.** in the Library Program Room.

(Please note: This class is not therapy.)

## **Friday, October 31, 2025**

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### **Boo Bash: Family Halloween Fun**

Date and Time: Friday, October 31 10:00 am - 11:30 am

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