

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Saturday SPECIAL

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

Address: 36 Mississaga 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.

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Family Art

Date and Time: Sunday, March 2 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga St West

Join us in the Family Department for a fun art project that all skill levels will enjoy! Let your creativity flow with different materials and inspiration each week; available for drop-in on Sundays 1-3:30 p.m. or Mondays 4:30-7 p.m.

Monday, March 3, 2025

VON SMART Exercise Class

Date and Time: Monday, March 3 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, March 3 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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The library will be closed on Monday, March 31.

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Chair Yoga

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 4 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

Try yoga from the comfort of a chair with Certified Hatha Yoga Instructor, Melanie Rimkay. The **cost is \$24** cash for four in-library classes. This new session begins on **Tuesday, March 4th at 10:30 a.m.** and runs every Tuesday until **March 25th.**

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.

Homeschool Hangout: Engineer It!

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 4 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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

Homeschoolers and their families are invited to drop-in and explore the exciting world of engineering on **Tuesday, March 4 from 1:30-3 p.m.** From building bridges to designing robots, this program provides activities and games that inspire innovation, creativity and promote problem-solving skills. We can't wait to see you there!

This a drop-in program for school-aged children will take place in the Family Dept. Program Room.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

VolunTEENS: #ITSTARTS

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 5 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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

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.

March Workshop: #ITSTARTS

Love media and marketing? Want to take a step towards addressing racism and discrimination in Simcoe County?

“#ITSTARTS is a public awareness campaign designed to take a proactive step towards addressing racism and discrimination in Simcoe County. #ITSTARTS works to promote a unified community that encourages collective action against racism and discrimination.” (simcoe.ca)

Join us to create content for our #ITSTARTS campaign on **Wednesday, March 5 from 3-4:30 p.m.** Plan and create Instagram content, book lists, and displays. Registration required. (Meet in Library Program Room 2.)

English Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 5 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, March 6, 2025

French Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, March 6 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

Friday, March 7, 2025

Dorkentines Trivia Night

Date and Time: Friday, March 7 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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

Gather your friends for a night of fun, food and trivia on **Friday March 7** from 6-8:30 p.m. at Kelsey's Original Roadhouse. (**This event was initially scheduled for February 7 but postponed due to weather.*) Do you LOVE all things nerdy? Then join us to test your knowledge of fun trivia that appeals to your inner dork! Please register in teams of 2 to 4 people. This program is for library members ages 18+ and costs \$5 per person. (Please bring \$5 CASH on the night of the event). Doors will open at 6 p.m., trivia starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. .

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Sunday, March 9, 2025

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Monday, March 10, 2025

Makerspace March Break: The Great Yeti Cover-Up

Date and Time: Monday, March 10 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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nesday, March 12 or Thursday, March 13 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Recommended for ages 4+. Free!

Choose Your Own Adventure: The Wild Robot is Missing!

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

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

Stop by the Family Department on **Monday, March 10 OR Tuesday, March 11 between 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** to work on your wilderness survival skills while searching for our friend Roz the robot! You'll be able to 'Choose Your Own Adventure' with games, crafts, and challenges celebrating the book The Wild Robot!

No registration is required.

(Please note that the same activities will be available on Monday and Tuesday.)

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Family Movie: The Wild Robot

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Join us in the Library Program Room for a fun movie matinee on **Monday, March 10 OR Tuesday, March 11** to watch "The Wild Robot"!

"After a shipwreck, an intelligent robot called Roz is stranded on an uninhabited island. To survive the harsh environment, Roz bonds with the island's animals and cares for an orphaned baby goose". (Rated PG)

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. No registration is required but space is limited.

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No registration is required.

(Please note that the same activities will be available on Monday and Tuesday.)

Teen Escape Room in a Box: The Cursed Labyrinth!

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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

Teen ages 13-18 are invited to solve riddles, crack codes, and work together to complete an Escape Room in a Box!

Meet in the Family Dept. Program Room on **Tuesday, March 11 from 2-4 p.m.** to help us escape the Cursed Labyrinth! This program is drop-in and free.

Fierte Simcoe Pride - Creative Gathering

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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

March: Board Games Night

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/m/events

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Makerspace March Break: The Great Yeti Cover-Up

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 12 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Choose Your Own Adventure: The Secret of the Sasquatch!

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 12 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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

Stop by the Family Department on **Wednesday, March 12 OR Thursday, March 13 between 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** to learn all about the OPL Sasquatch's secrets! You'll be able to 'Choose Your Own Adventure' with games, crafts, and challenges to help you make your very own Sasquatch Catching Kit!

No registration is required.

(Please note that the same activities will be available on Wednesday and Thursday.)

Family Fun: Who Would Win? Family vs. Family

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 12 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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

Lion vs. Tiger? Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Velociraptor? Family vs. Family? Join us in the Library Program Rooms on **Wednesday, March 12 OR Thursday, March 13 from 1:30-3 p.m.** to test your family's knowledge of some of the world's fiercest creatures to determine Who Would Win!

Best for families with school-aged children. No registration is required but space is limited. Please arrive at 1:30 p.m. to participate.

GC Teen OUTreach

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 12 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 **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, March 12 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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

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Thursday, March 13, 2025

French Conversation Circle

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Teen Makerspace Night: Rock Your Socks

Date and Time: Thursday, March 13 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Join us to **Rock Your Socks** with dye pastels and fabric paint from **6-7 p.m. in the Makerspace (2nd Floor); no registration is required.**

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

Ukulele Jam

Date and Time: Thursday, March 13 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, March 14, 2025

Primary Escape Game: I Survived the Time Machine

Date and Time: Friday, March 14 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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

Step into the time machine and try to survive a thrilling journey through history! In this exciting escape room challenge, young adventurers will travel to different eras, finding clues and solving puzzles. From ancient civilizations to the future; teamwork and clever thinking are the keys to escaping in time.

This registered event is for children ages 6-8 and will be held on **Friday, March 14th from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.** in the Library Program Rooms.

A library membership is required to attend.

(Please note that caregivers must stay in the building during this program.)

Tween Escape Game: I Survived the Egyptian Pyramid

Date and Time: Friday, March 14 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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

Calling all tween adventurers ages 9-12! Step into an ancient Egyptian pyramid and uncover its hidden secrets in this thrilling escape room event on **Friday, March 14 from 1:30-3 p.m.** As a team of daring explorers, you'll decode hieroglyphs, solve puzzles, and unlock mysteries to find the lost mummy before time runs out! Can you survive the traps of the pyramid and uncover its secrets?

This event will be held in the Library Program Rooms. Please register as spaces are limited. A library membership is required to attend.

(Please note that caregivers of 9 year old attendees must stay in the building during this program.)

Saturday, March 15, 2025

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Sunday, March 16, 2025

Family Art

Date and Time: Sunday, March 16 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga St West

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Monday, March 17, 2025

VON SMART Exercise Class

Date and Time: Monday, March 17 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

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Family Art

Date and Time: Monday, March 17 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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

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Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Chair Yoga

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 18 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

Try yoga from the comfort of a chair with Certified Hatha Yoga Instructor, Melanie Rimkay. The **cost is \$24** cash for four in-library classes. This new session begins on **Tuesday, March 4th at 10:30 a.m.** and runs every Tuesday until **March 25th.**

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.

Book Chatter

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 18 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississauga 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, March 19, 2025

Baby Signs

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 19 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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

Join the Orillia EarlyON Centre at the Orillia Public Library for this special 4-week baby and caregiver program held **Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m beginning March 19**. Learn new and fun ways to bond and interact with your baby using basic signs, playing, and singing songs.

Registration opens on Friday, March 7 at 10 a.m. A library card is required.

English Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 19 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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

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Thursday, March 20, 2025

French Conversation Circle

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Storyland Stay and Play

Date and Time: Thursday, March 20 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

Caregivers and families are invited to enjoy a fun social hour while engaging in free play and early learning activities. Join us for a new theme each week and let the adventure begin! This drop-in program takes place in the Family Dept. and Family Program Room. Registration is not required.

Genealogy Club: Sydney Hill's Muskoka Orbit

Date and Time: Thursday, March 20 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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

It was in making additions to the online Canadian Virtual War Memorial that Genealogy Club member Lisa Rance chanced upon a fascinating story of a circle of friendships that took place locally, in the First World War period. The story centers on a British teen and his friendship with a world-renowned astronomer and humanitarian John A. Brashear. This inspiring piece of local history should not be forgotten, and Lisa brings a visually-packed slideshow to enjoy.

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: March Session

Date and Time: Thursday, March 20 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga 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. This month's class will be held on **Thursday, March 20 from 6-7:30 p.m.** in the Library Program Room.

(Please note: This class is not therapy.)

Friday, March 21, 2025

Nerf Battle for Grown-Ups

Date and Time: Friday, March 21 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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

Bring your un-modified Nerf guns to the Library for a game of Nerf Capture the Flag on **Friday, March 21 at 6 p.m.**! You will be sorted into teams, and notified of your team before the big battle. Costumes and team colours are encouraged for Ninja Turtles (green) vs Foot Clan (black). Open to adults 18+ with a valid library card. Please bring \$5 cash to the event. Pizza and drinks provided.

Please register online by Wednesday March 19 at 5 p.m. to secure your spot!

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Seedy Saturday

Date and Time: Saturday, March 22 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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

Join us at the Library on **Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** for Seedy Saturday! This event invites local farmers and gardeners to connect to trade and share open pollinated, organic, heritage seeds.

We will also have the following activities:

- Orillia Horticulture Society and Mariposal Pollinators will be on hand with seeds, seedlings, and knowledge sharing along with a kid-friendly planting station.
 - Monarch Squad will be a-flutter with monarch butterfly facts and fun - and "butterfly seeds" to help you grow your own.
 - Mariposa Pollinators will have native plant seeds and information to help make your space pollinator-friendly. Bee ready to learn how you can support local diversity!
 - The Family Dept. will also be hosting special Seedy Saturday activities from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Everyone is welcome to this free, family-friendly event!

This event is in partnership with Green Orillia, Orillia Farmers' Market, Mariposa Pollinators, Monarch Squad, Orillia Horticultural Society, and Lakehead Orillia Farm Lab.

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Family Art

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Monday, March 24, 2025

VON SMART Exercise Class

Date and Time: Monday, March 24 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, March 24 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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The library will be closed on Monday, March 31.

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Chair Yoga

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 25 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. The **cost is \$24 cash** for four in-library classes. This new session begins on **Tuesday, March 4th at 10:30 a.m.** and runs every T

uesday until **March 25th**.

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.

Tuesday Tech Drop-In

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 25 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga 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.

Mini Hobbit Doors: Adult Craft Night

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 25 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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

Celebrate Tolkien Day by making your very own Hobbit door! This program will be held **Tuesday, March 25 from 6-7:30 p.m.** in the Makerspace.

This program is for Library members ages 18+. Please register as space is limited. (Please bring \$10 cash to the program.)

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Baby Signs

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 26 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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

Join the Orillia EarlyON Centre at the Orillia Public Library for this special 4-week baby and caregiver program held **Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m beginning March 19**. Learn new and fun ways to bond and interact with your baby using basic signs, playing, and singing songs.

Registration opens on Friday, March 7 at 10 a.m. A library card is required.

English Conversation Circle

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 26 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga 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.

"The Principal and His Principles" with Dave Town

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 26 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

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

In 1891 the Orillia High School Board rashly fired the entire teaching staff of the school in November. That led to a protracted fight with the Department of Education when they sheepishly changed their minds and re-hired the staff. What was the big issue? The Principal and his methods. Join Dave Town in the Library Program Room on **Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m.** as he discusses his new book "The Principal and His Principles: Scandal Hits Orillia's High School in 1891". The arguments that shattered the board's unity and are still pertinent to today's education debates. Which side will you agree with?

Please register. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Storyland Stay and Play

Date and Time: Thursday, March 27 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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

Caregivers and families are invited to enjoy a fun social hour while engaging in free play and early learning activities. Join us for a new theme each week and let the adventure begin! This drop-in program takes place in the Family Dept. and Family Program Room. Registration is not required.

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Saturday SPECIAL

Date and Time: Saturday, March 29 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 36 Mississaga 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.

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Family Art

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

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