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January/February Activity Guide



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KIDS

STORY TIME

Mondays, 10:30 am

Age 3+

Bring your little ones to listen to stories read out loud and engage with new books. Drop in!



CURSIVE WRITING FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesdays, January 9 - February 27, 3 pm

Age 7 +

Learn cursive hand-writing from A to Z in a fun and supportive environment! Join us for a fun interactive learning experience!

OPEN ART TABLE

Wednesdays, 3 pm

All ages, under 6 with a caregiver

Get into your creative flow at our open art table Wednesday afternoons. A variety of inspiring art material will be available each week along with prompts to help get started. We are doing process art so there's lots of freedom in how to explore the materials provided. Come play!



BABIES & BOOKS

Thursdays, 10:30 am

Ages Birth - 18 Months

Babies love stories and songs! Share time with your baby in a fun, confidence-building environment. Baby Time is 30 minutes (or less) and is designed for babies up to 18 months of age. Afterwards, stay for playtime and meet other babies in the neighbourhood.

CODING CLUB

Thursdays, 3 pm

Age 7 +

Learn to code with **Fiero** Code Club! This is a self-guided, online software program that teaches you how to code. Fiero offers a fun, gamified learning experience. Please bring your Chromebook or laptop if you have one. *Registration required call 902-634-8008.*

BREAK OUT BOX

Wednesday, January 24, February 21, 1:30 pm

Age 7 +

Work together to solve puzzles, decipher clues, crack codes, and break into the box. Come with friends, family, or on your own and join others.

ALL AGES

FAIRY DOORS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 21, 3 pm

Age 6+

Join us for a Fairy Doors workshop hosted by *Skills Canada - Nova Scotia*. This 1-hour session serves as an introduction to basic tool usage as children will get hands-on experience with real tools, constructing their own fairy doors. With the help of their parents, they'll learn to attach hinges to door-frames and decorate the doors with colourful paints and stickers. The workshop encourages creativity and community engagement as families are encouraged to find a place in their neighbourhood or yard to set up their decorative fairy homes.

YOUTH

MAGIC

Thursday, January 18, February 1, 15, 29, 3 pm

Age 10 +

Magic is a fun-filled card game in which wizards cast spells, summon creatures and exploit magic objects to defeat their opponents. No experience necessary - we have decks to share. Drop in!



TAXES FOR TEENS

Sunday, February 18, 1 pm

Age 13+

Judy Rawdon will lead an enthusiastic, positive introduction to the Canadian tax system where participants will go over the basics of how taxes are calculated and some of the terminology used. We'll also have a look at managing money and how to save for the future.

Registration required call 902-634-8008.



CHARITY'S BOOK CLUB

Friday, January 12, February 9, 3 pm

Bring a snack and join us for a discussion of our current book selection.

January: *The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by **Jonas Jonasson**.

February: *Chasing Freedom* by **Gloria Wesley**.

LUNENBURG BOOK CLUB

Thursday, January 11, February 8, 1 pm

Join us to discuss our latest read. The Lunenburg Book Club meets every second Thursday of the month. For more information call 902-634-8008.

TALKING (ABOUT) BOOKS

Friday, January 26, February 23, 11 am

Love talking about books? So do we! Join us once a month to discuss what we've read, what we're reading, and what we'd like to read.

CREATIVE WRITING CORNER

Monday, January 29, February 12, 26, 2 pm

Join us biweekly for some simple writing prompts to get the creative ink flowing. There will be opportunities to share your writing with the group, but no pressure. No experience required.

**FUN FLOW YOGA**

Mondays in February, 3 pm

Judy Rawdon (@richness_with_inn) is a registered yoga instructor offering free yoga classes for a chance to stretch, move, and have fun for all levels.

INTRO TO ZERO WASTE

Monday, January 8, 22, February 12, 26 11 am

Want to learn more about the Zero Waste movement? Drop in to the library to chat about all things zero waste; what it is, what it isn't, and how you can make it work for you. Each week we'll discuss a different topic, including How to Freeze All the Things, Buying in Bulk- we'll even make our own dryer balls!

NEEDLE FELTING

Tuesday, January 9, 23, February 6, 20, 10:30 am

Fall in love, if you haven't already, with the soft, bright wool roving. Learn to sculpt and paint using a needle! Your project is up to you, beginner instruction and supplies provided!

ARTIST'S WAY

Tuesday, January 16, 30, February 13, 27, 10:30 am

Inspired by **Julia Cameron's** book *The Artist's Way*, **Holly Sweet** will lead various art processes to encourage creative playfulness and exploration. No experience required. This is a fun and supportive group for people looking to open up ever more to their creative flow.

Registration required call 902-634-8008.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Tuesdays, 1 pm

Come play Scrabble at the library. Meet new friends while exercising your brain!

**KNITTING CIRCLE**

Wednesdays, 1-3 pm

All lovers of knitting, quilting, or any other handcraft, experienced or beginner, are invited to come and relax, learn, and share. New members welcome! Drop in.

TECH HELP WITH RON

Wednesday, January 17, February 21, 1-5 pm

Need help with your phone, tablet or computer? **Ron Layden** will be here to help with anything tech related on your device such as using the internet for searches, games, using social media, identifying spam and scams, getting the most out of the settings on your phone, passwords, doing backups, using the cloud, saving data and photos, and more!

Registration required call 902-634-8008. Drop in available by chance.

GERMAN CONVERSATION: ALPHORN TO ZEIGEIST - GERMAN ALONG THE ALPHABET

Wednesdays, January 10 - February 28, 11 am

Beginner German speakers and anyone interested in the German language are welcome to this gentle introductory course. We discuss words in German and English, starting with the letter A and trying to make connections in language, history and culture.

COOKBOOK CLUB

Thursday, January 4, 18, February 1, 15, 6 pm

Join the Cookbook Club to connect with others in this fun program where we'll all choose a different recipe from the same cookbook and plan an evening to share our dishes! No experience necessary, beginner cooks encouraged! Registration required call 902-634-8008.



THE MAGIC OF DREAMS

Thursday, January 11, 25, February 8, 22, 2 pm

These biweekly dream exploration workshops, facilitated by **Norma Shephard**, draw upon Jungian theory for an understanding of dream symbols. Shephard shares a fun group process for working with dreams in our daily lives.

SPOT OF POETRY

Thursday, January 11, 25, February 8, 22, 6 pm

Spot of Poetry is a poetry appreciation club for long-time and brand-new readers alike! Bring along a found poem (or one you've written) to read aloud. Visit our website for details on upcoming themes spotofpoetry.com.

GROWING MICROGREENS

Thursday, January 18, 3 pm

Learn how to grow food year round indoors with microgreens. This introductory class will provide a list of supplies you need to get started and teach you how to grow, harvest and repeat to enjoy fresh greens all year round. All participants will be starting a small tray of pea shoots to take home, grow & eat!

Registration required call 902-634-8008.

LET'S GROW HOT PEPPERS

Thursday, February 15, 3 pm

An intro to grow lights, heat mats and starting hot pepper seeds indoors. We will be planting Carolina Reapers & Ghost Chilis and learning how to grow hot peppers in containers. All participants will be taking home a planter of each type of hot pepper to get the growing season started!

Registration required call 902-634-8008.

EVERY HAT TELLS A STORY

Friday, January 19, 3 pm

In honour of National Hat Day, **Norma Shephard** (*director of the Mobile Millinery Museum*) will present a retrospective millinery fashion show based on her book *1,000 Hats*.

SEW IT, FIX IT, MEND IT

Fridays, 2 pm

Do you have clothing items that need mending? Come by the library to get sewing guidance from library volunteer **Amy Sullivan**. Sewing machine available.

**ART JOURNALING WITH THE TAROT**

Saturdays, January 13, 27, February 10, 24, 10:30 am

Holly Sweet will lead these creative sessions where we'll pull a card and explore it through creative writing, journaling, mixed media and collage. Tarot is a helpful tool to get you out of your usual thought patterns. Please bring a journal and pen. All other supplies provided.

**YIN YOGA - YOGAWOLKE**

Saturday, February 3, 3 pm

In this gentle yoga class led by **Lisa Edelmann**, we learn to be mindful of ourselves and listen to our inner teacher. Gently we stretch fascia and muscles, strengthen our tissues and minds. This course creates a great balance to our life in constant Yang as we focus on our Yin energy.

INTRO TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX

Sunday, February 25, 1 pm

Judy Rawdon (*richness_with_inn*) will lead an enthusiastic, positive introduction to the Canadian tax system. Participants will go over the basics of how taxes are calculated and some of the terminology used. We will also look at how to manage money and save for the future.

Registration Required, phone 902-634-8008.

MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Thursday, January 11, 6 pm AND Saturday, January 27, 1 pm

Remove yourself from the troubles of everyday life and immerse yourself in a new world of suspense and intrigue. Dress up and play the roles of devious suspects and help solve a murder! Each player is a suspect in a fictitious murder, and each player is a detective trying to solve the mystery.

January 11 - Players are assigned a character and explained the game rules.

January 27 - The Game is afoot!

Registration required call 902-634-8008.

BABY AND ME AT THE LIBRARY**Tuesdays, 10:30 am****Age 0-18 months**

Join **Queens Family Resource Centre** for fun stories and songs, and meet other babies and their caregivers afterwards. Drop in.

TUESDAY HANGOUT**Tuesday, January 16, 30, February 13, 27, 3 pm****Age 6+**

Come hang out at the library, read, draw, or play your favourite computer or board games. This is your space! Snacks provided. Drop in.

LEARN TO DRAW**Tuesday, January 9, 23, February 6, 20, 3 pm****Age 6+**

Let's get creative! Have fun learning to draw something new with step-by-step designs such as animals, trucks, monsters, and more!

CODING CLUB**Thursdays, 3 pm****Age 8 +**

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HOMESCHOOL HUDDLE**Friday, January 12, 26, February 9, 23, 11 am****All ages**

Join local homeschoolers to play games and enjoy some simple arts and crafts.

STORY TIME**Fridays, 10:30 am****Age 3+**

Bring your little ones to listen to stories read out loud and engage with new books. Drop in!

VIOLA DESMOND STORY TIME**Friday, February 2, 10:30 am****Age 3+**

Celebrate African Heritage month with the inspiring story of Viola Desmond. Followed by a craft and scavenger hunt. Drop in.

WEDNESDAY
AFTER SCHOOL FUN
Age 6 +, Drop in.



JANUARY 10, 24, February 7, 21,
1:15-2:30 pm

CLT Early Dismissal Day

Queens Family Resource Centre are providing fun craft activities and snacks.

JANUARY 17, 3 pm**Snowman Fridge Magnets**

Cheer up your fridge with these fun and easy to make snowman magnets.

FEBRUARY 7, 3 pm**Pop Up Valentines with Tanya Barnett**

Come see the magic of paper pop-ups at the library's Valentine pop-up card workshop! Presented by paper artist, **Tanya Barnett.**

JANUARY 10, 31, February 28, 3 pm
Open Craft Table

Be creative, we'll have a variety of material for you to make what ever you can imagine!

JANUARY 24, 3 pm**Paper Snowflakes**

Celebrate this winter season by making your own paper snow flakes!

FEBRUARY 14, 3 pm**Valentine Sun Catcher**

Make and decorate your very own suncatcher, a perfect gift for that special someone.

YOUTH**TEEN SPACE****Fridays, 3 pm****Age 13+**

Teen only space – hang out in this safe space, board games, art supplies and snacks provided.



FIBRECRAFT

Tuesdays, 1 pm

For those who love to knit, sew, and quilt, or would like to learn. Come to Fibrecraft, meet new people, relax, and spin a yarn or two!

TUESDAY TECH HELP

Tuesdays, 2 - 4 pm



Would you like some help with your tablet, cell phone or laptop, or want to learn more about apps or the internet? Help is at hand on Tuesdays! No appointments, drop in. Provided by **Queens Learning Network**.

QUEENS COUNTY TRANSIT

Wednesday, January 3, February 7, 1:30 pm

Join us for an information session on the services offered by **QCT** and how you can volunteer.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Wednesday, January 10, 1:30 pm

Local historian **Kathy Stitt** looks at the history of food preparation and the development of the cook book. You'll also have the opportunity to sample food prepared according to old, historical recipes.
Registration required call 902-354-5270

SEXUAL HEALTH ROAD SHOW

Wednesday, January 24, February 21, 1 - 4 pm

Join **Julie Veinot** (*South Shore Sexual Health*) for a sexual health information road show. Whether you'd like to learn more about birth control or gender-affirming gear, drop in to this informal and confidential health and well-being service.

**STRETCH & FLEX CLASS**

Wednesday, January 31, February 28, 2 pm

Do you suffer from aching joints and tired muscles? Then join us for this gentle stretch class, using the entire body to increase mobility. This class with **Chris Whynot** (*Fitness Attendant, Queens Place Emera Centre*) is for anyone, but is particularly valuable for older adults.
Call 902-354-5270 to register.

HEARTS OF THE SEA

Wednesday, February 14, 1:30 pm

Join local historian **Kathy Stitt** as she looks into the romantic lives of well-known pirates. We'll hear about the love story of William and Sarah Kidd, the many loves of Calico Jack Rackham, and the heart-wrenching story of our own Captain Alex Godfrey.
Registration required call 902-354-5270.

SECOND STORY WOMEN'S CENTRE

Thursday, January 25, February 29, 2 pm



Second Story Women's Centre supports women and gender-oppressed people, provides safer spaces, and advocates for social change. Drop in and speak to **Nicole Robson** (*Outreach Coordinator*) for further information on the services they offer.

RADDALL READING CLUB

Thursday, January 4, February 1, 6 pm

For those who like to read and discuss books with a group of open-minded people. In January we're having a BYO (bring your own book) discussion: February is *The Underground Railroad* by **Colson Whitehead**.

GERMAN CONVERSATION

Thursday, January 11, February 8, 6 pm

Practice your German in this relaxed, volunteer-led conversation group. Beginners are always welcome!

GET MOVING

Thursday, January 11, 6 pm



The new year is the perfect time to think about becoming more active. **Kim Haliday** (*Region Of Queens Physical Activity Coordinator*) will talk about the different active living opportunities available in the Region of Queens. Drop in.

QUEENS GARDEN CLUB

Thursday, January 18, February 15, 6 pm

Queens County Garden Club is a group of gardening enthusiasts who love to spread their gardening knowledge. New members are always welcome.

FRENCH CONVERSATION

Saturdays, 11 am

Come and practice your French in a relaxed, informal setting and make new friends! All levels of French welcome, including beginners.

BREAD CLUB

Saturday, January 20, February 24, 2 pm

Join us for a bread baking journey throughout the winter months. Presented by baking enthusiast **Agnes Moase**. January will be flat breads and February is sourdough.
Registration required call 902-354-5270.

SEWING HELP WITH BEV CROUSE

Saturday, February 3, 1 pm

Bring your sewing machine, project and questions and join **Bev Crouse** at the library.
Registration required call 902-354-5270.





Privateer
FARMERS & ARTISANS
MARKET

Meet the Vendors of Privateer Farmers & Artisans Market

ALL THINGS TEA

Saturday, January 13, 10 am

Join local tea brewer, **Zenia Horton**, owner of *Queens Coast Trading Company* and a vendor at *Privateer Farmers & Artisans Market* for a presentation on all things tea. You'll learn about the different types of tea, it's history, health benefits and how to make that perfect cup. Drop in.

ART FOUND IN NATURAL FIBRES

Saturday, February 3, 10 am

Artist **Willo Treschow** of *Corkscrew Cottage Art* and a vendor at *Privateer Farmers & Artisans Market* loves to explore her outdoor environment, gathering natural elements such as leaves, cones and branches, to create art pleasing to the eye (and often with a practical purpose). Join Willo as she shares her experiences of this natural art making process. Drop in.

GREETING CARDS WITH JANICE MACMILLAN

Saturday, February 10, 2 pm

Join **Janice MacMillan** of *Sir Earl Photography*, to create your own piece of art through making your own greeting card. Janice is an artist and vendor at the *Privateer Farmers & Artisans Market*. She wants to use her art to build an awareness and a community support system for chronic pain sufferers on the South Shore. Drop in.

BEE AND HONEY EDUCATION

Saturday, February 17, 1 pm

Kathy Saville of *Honeywood Farm* is a bee keeper, honey producer, and a vendor at *Privateer Farmers & Artisans Market*. Join Kathy for a discussion on how these industrious insects make delicious honey and a whole range of other products too. Drop in.

NOVA SCOTIA



Workplace Education Initiative Communication Skills for Supervisors- Level 1

Dates: Tuesdays, February 6 - April 9, 2024

Time: 9 am - 1 pm

Location: Margaret Hennigar Public Library

Instructor: Lisette Jones, ThinkSmart Training & Consulting Inc.

Apply: info@ssplibraries.ca

**Maximum
12 Participants**
Limited Seats

- > 40 Hours
- > 10 Weeks - 4hrs/week
- > Earn a Certificate

What to Expect

Communication Skills for Supervisors is designed to support you in navigating through the changing trends around how people communicate in the workplace and marketplace.

* As a foundational program, this is a prerequisite for other programs including Transformational Leadership (Level I).



Key Covered Topics

Verbal vs non-verbal communication
Active listening
Communication styles
Navigating a multi-generational workplace
Difficult conversations
Power of intention
Triangulation

**FULLY FUNDED
PROGRAM**

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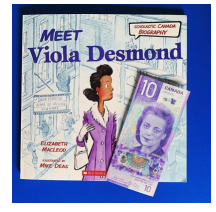


ALL LOCATIONS IN FEBRUARY

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH SEARCH AND FIND Outstanding African Nova Scotians to Celebrate and Remember

February 1-29

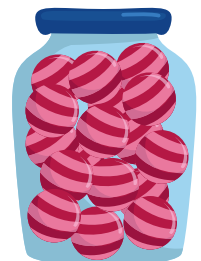
Search through your local library this February and learn about outstanding African Nova Scotians this African Heritage month! These are important faces, names and stories to learn about so search high and low in the stacks. Grab an activity sheet at the front desk and see if you can find out more about ALL these African Heritage Month figures.



GUESS THE NUMBER OF CHOCOLATES IN THE JAR

February 1-13

Guess how many chocolate candies are in the jar and win them all! Winner will be contacted on February 14th



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Age 3+

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Wednesdays, 11 am
Age Birth - 18 Months

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VIOLA DESMOND STORY TIME , Saturday, February 17, 11 am, Age 5+

Come listen to stories about Viola Desmond and engage with her heroic story of standing up against racial discrimination and segregation in Nova Scotia. Activities and crafts will follow. Drop-in!

HOMESCHOOL HUDDLE!
Wednesday, January 10, 24, February 7, 21, 1 pm
Age 5-14

Join South Shore homeschoolers to play games and enjoy some arts and crafts. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and socialize with other homeschool kids, parents and guardians.

READ TO JACK!
LITERACY WITH A LAB
Saturday, January 13, February 24, 11 am


Join Jack, the therapy dog, for an hour of reading! Therapy dogs help children improve their reading and communication skills by acting as reading companions. Dogs may not be able to read, but they make great listeners with their non-judgmental presence! Come see Jack make a "paw-sitive" impact at the library.

ALL AGES
BACKYARD GAMES - INDOORS!
Saturday, January 20, 11 am
Tuesday, January 23, 5:30 pm

Drop by for some fun playing with our Giant Backyard Games! Giant Jenga, Connect 4, and more. All ages welcome!

TRY SNOWSHOEING
(weather dependent)
Saturday, February 3, 11 am

Come try snowshoeing on the trails around the LCLC! Snow shoes supplied on a first come, first served basis . Adult and child sizes available. Please dress appropriately and bring a snack and water!

VALENTINE ACTIVITIES
Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 pm

Decorate a Valentine cookie and create a Valentine card for someone special All ages welcome!



YOUTH HORROR BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 30, February 27, 3:30 pm

Age 10+

Do you love all things creepy crawly? Have you read every Goosebumps book and want more? Join our Kids Horror Book Club! Each month we will read a different scary book and then meet up to talk about it, with snacks! Please email charity@ssplibraries.ca for more information!

January: *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman

February: *Let the Monster Out* by Chad Lucas

ART JOURNAL CLUB

Wednesday, January 10, 17, 24, 31,
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 3:30 pm, Age 9+

Make new friends, try new things, & get creative! Each week we will meet to decorate a section of our journals with a new combination of writing prompts and art medium techniques. Participants will be provided with a journal to fill with their artwork that can be taken home at the end of the program's duration.

YOUTH WRITERS GROUP

Thursdays, 3:30 pm

Age 13+

Join other teens for a fun hour of writing and snacks! All are welcome, whether you have a work in progress, an idea that you don't know how to put on paper, or you're just interested in the process. All types of writers are encouraged to come; if you write poetry, fan fiction, lore, novels, anything else, you are welcome in our group! If you have a laptop or notebook that you work on, please bring that with you.

YOUTH SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Friday, January 12, 19, 26, February 9, 16, 23
3:30 pm, Age 9+

Join us on Fridays in January and February for youth after-school science activities! Come learn new experiments, make new friends and make your own new things to take home. Drop in.



ADULTS

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 16, February 20, 6:30 pm

Open to anyone who is interested in reading and discussing books. January: *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabriele Zevin
February: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

SOUTH SHORE SCRIBES - CRITIQUE GROUP

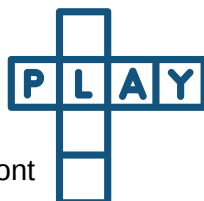
Wednesday, January 17, February 14, 6 pm

A once-a-month opportunity to share your written work, provide critiques and get feedback from beta readers! Call 902-543-9222 for more information.

SCRABBLE CLUB

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 2 pm

Come meet and compete with fellow Scrabble enthusiasts. Sign up at the front desk or call 902-543-9222 to register. Join today!



24 IN 2024: WRITE YOUR NOVEL THIS YEAR!

Wednesday, January 10, 24, February 7, 21, 6 pm

For writers who are working on completing, or have completed their first novel! 24 alternating weeks of sessions designed to get your debut novel ready for submission.

All writers and genres welcome. Call 902-543-9222 for more information.

SHORT STORY THROW DOWN!

Wednesday, January 31, February 28, 6 pm

Four prompts, one performance, every month. A fun way to get words on the page and get confidence reading in public! Space is limited. Registration required call 902-543-9222.

CHESS CLUB

Wednesdays, 6 pm

Join us and play chess! All skill levels welcome, including beginners. Call 902-543-9222 for more information.

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OPEN MIC NIGHT!

Thursday, February 22, 7 pm

Sing, tell a joke, recite a poem, share a story or two. Open to performers of all stages and ages.

SEXUAL HEALTH ROAD SHOW

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Join **Julie Veinot** (*South Shore Sexual Health*) for a sexual health information road show. Whether you'd like to learn more about birth control or gender-affirming gear, drop in to this informal and confidential health and well-being service.

**DIABETES CLUB**

Thursday, January 18, February 15, 5 pm

Join other diabetics in conversation about the joys and challenges of living with diabetes. We'll choose discussion topics, examine new and emerging technologies and literature to review.

You aren't alone! All diabetics welcome - Type 1, Type 2, gestational. Friends and family members of diabetics welcome too.

**TALKING (ABOUT) BOOKS**

Thursday, January 25, February 22, 12 pm

Love talking about books? So do we! Join us once a month to discuss what we've read, what we're reading, and what we'd like to read.

SPANISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Friday, January 12, 26, February 9, 23, 10 am

The Spanish Conversation Circle is a volunteer led casual gathering aimed at providing a setting where people can practice their Spanish language skills. Please join us to chat in Spanish, listen and hablar en español con otras personas!

CREATIVE WRITING FOR ADULTS

Friday, January 5, 19, February 2, 16, 10:30 am

If you always wanted to write, stopped writing and want to start again, or just try something new, this group is for you. The goal is to have fun, laugh and expand our world through writing. We'll use writing prompts, games and sharing to help invigorate our minds and stretch our imagination. Bring paper, pen and other writing tools you're comfortable with.

**NON FICTION BOOK CLUB**

Saturdays starts January 6, 3 pm

Hello, fellow readers! Rediscover the joy of reading in the company of like-minded people. We are going to cover books on philosophy, wellness, history, and habit-building. Our goal is to be engaged in the reading and learn practical knowledge from the material. As we read through, we will meet on the weekends to share our thoughts and ideas. For more information, please email charity@ssplibraries.ca
January: *Atomic Habits* by **James Clear**.
February: *The Mind-Gut Connection* by **Emeran Mayer**.

WINTER WELLNESS SERIES

Saturday, January 20, 12 pm

Wednesday, February 7, 5 pm

Please join **Linda Groeger** from *Aurora Counselling and Wellness* to learn about coping strategies and self-care practices to get through the winter.
January 20 - Coping strategies and self-care practices to get through the winter.
February 7 - Boundaries.

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH FILM SCREENING

Saturday, February 10,

11:00 am - Children/Youth Film- **Step by Step**

2:00 pm - Adult Film - **On the Rise**

Join us for a short film screening of **Step by Step** (film length 45 minutes) and **On the Rise** (film length 1 hour). Snacks provided!



NEW RELEASES

January 2024

The Storm We Made by Vanessa Chan (02 Jan)

Malaya, 1945. Cecily's son has disappeared, and her youngest daughter is hidden away to prevent being pressed into service at the comfort stations. Her eldest daughter, who works at a tea house frequented by Japanese soldiers, becomes angrier by the day. Cecily knows that this is her fault. A decade prior, desperate to be more than a housewife, she was lured into a life of espionage, dreaming of an "Asia for Asians." Instead, Cecily helped usher in a brutal occupation by the Japanese. Ten years later, her actions have caught up with her and she will do anything to save her family.

The Djinn Waits a Hundred Years by Shubnum Khan (09 Jan)

Akbar Manzil was once a grand estate off the coast of South Africa. Now it stands in ruins: a boardinghouse for misfits. Until Sana; she and her father are the latest tenants and she finds herself drawn to the history of the mansion. To the East Wing, and a locked door, unopened for decades. Behind the door is a bedroom frozen in time, with faded photographs and the diary of a young woman named Meena who died mysteriously a hundred years ago. Watching Sana from the shadows is a grieving djinn who once loved Meena and has haunted the mansion since her death. Obsessed with Meena's story, Sana digs into the past, dredging up secrets that will change the lives of everyone at Akbar Manzil.

Where You End by Abbott Kahler (16 Jan)

When Kat Bird wakes up from a coma, she sees her mirror image: Jude, her twin sister. Jude's face and name are the only memories Kat has from before her accident. As Kat tries to relearn her history and identity, she trusts Jude will provide the answers. But as the months progress, Kat begins to fear that Jude is lying to her. Growing up in an isolated cult, the girls studied poetry and literature—but also played dangerous games of cunning and savagery, games with dark lessons that followed them into adulthood. Now, with Kat's mind as a blank slate, Jude invents an idyllic childhood in the hope of erasing this history, and all the threats it still holds.

The Bullet Swallower by Elizabeth Gonzalez James (23 Jan)

In 1895, Antonio Sonoro is a ruthless man, but he's out of money and options. When he hears about a train full of gold he sets off for Houston, with his brother Hugo, to rob it. But when the heist goes awry and Hugo is killed, Antonio finds himself on a quest for revenge that endangers not only his life, but his soul. In 1964, Jaime Sonoro is Mexico's most renowned actor and singer. But his life is disrupted when he discovers a book that purports to tell the entire history of his family. And when the same mysterious figure from Antonio's timeline shows up in Mexico City, Jaime realizes that he may have to pay for his ancestors' crimes, unless he can discover the true story of his grandfather Antonio, the legendary bandido El Tragabalas, The Bullet Swallower.

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A Love Song for Ricki Wilde by Tia Williams (06 Feb)

Ricki Wilde has many talents, but being a Wilde isn't one of them. As the impulsive, artistic daughter of a powerful Atlanta dynasty, she's the opposite of her socialite sisters. Ricki knows that somewhere, a different, more exciting life awaits her. When a regal nonagenarian invites her to rent the bottom floor of her Harlem brownstone, Ricki jumps at the chance for a fresh start. One evening in February as the heady scent of night-blooming jasmine fills the air, Ricki encounters a handsome, deeply mysterious stranger who knocks her world off balance in the most unexpected way.

The Fox Wife by Yangsze Choo (13 Feb)

Manchuria, 1908. A young woman is found frozen in the snow. Her death is clouded by rumors of foxes involved, which are believed to transform themselves into beautiful women and men. Bao, a detective with a reputation for sniffing out the truth, is hired to uncover the dead woman's identity. Meanwhile, a family that owns a famous Chinese medicine shop can cure ailments, but not the curse that afflicts them—their eldest sons die before their twenty-fourth birthdays. When a mysterious woman enters their household, their luck seems to change. Or does it? Is their new servant a simple young woman or a fox spirit bent on her own revenge?

Sun of Blood and Ruin by Mariely Lares (20 Feb)

In 1500s New Spain, witchcraft is punishable by death, temples have been destroyed, and tales of mythical creatures have become whispers. Behind a mask, Pantera uses her magic and sword skills to fight the Spanish rule. Leonora de Las Casas Tlazohtzin is respectable, law-abiding, and faints at the sight of blood. No one suspects that Leonora and Pantera are the same person. Despite her mastery, she is destined to die young in battle, as predicted by a seer. But the legendary Pantera is destined for more than an early grave, and once she discovers the truth of her origins, not even death will stop her.

Heartless Hunter by Kristen Ciccarelli (20 Feb) 🇨🇦

In the aftermath of a revolution, witches have been diminished from rulers to outcasts ruthlessly hunted, and Rune must hide what she is. Spending her days pretending to be a vapid young socialite, Rune spends her nights as a vigilante who rescues her kind from being purged. When a rescue goes wrong, she decides to throw the witch hunters off her scent and gain intel she needs by courting the handsome Gideon, a witch hunter loyal to the revolution, who she can't help but fall for. Gideon loathes the decadence Rune represents, but when he learns the vigilante has been using Rune's merchant ships to smuggle witches out of the republic, he inserts himself into her social circles by pretending to court her back. She feels like his perfect match, except, what if she's the very villain he's been hunting?

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