In the Know

Program Guide

September, October, November 2026

Clarington Library Museums & Archives

IT'S ALMOST GAME TIME!

New programs coming to South Bowmanville Recreation Centre this fall

Thanks to community feedback, we've lined up new programming residents asked for, like sports leagues, evening and weekend kids' activities, walking programs on the indoor track, and more.

Be first to experience this modern multi-sport destination!

Fun fall programs across all facilities	**Sneak-peek:** August 12	**Resident registration:** September 2

Learn more:
www.clarington.net/SouthBowmanvilleRec

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CLMA would like to thank the following organizations for their generous sponsorship.

Boston Pizza

Bowmanville Rotary Club

Dom's Auto Parts

The Home Depot

Ontario Power Generation

ROKA Timber Mart

For more information about how your organization can make a difference in your community with CLMA, visit us at cplma.ca/**sponsorship**

About Us

Clarington Library
Museums & Archives

Welcome from the CEO

Our team has been hard at work curating a vibrant offering of events, learning opportunities, and community gathering designed to inspire curiosity and connection for the months ahead.

As we transition to a new season, one thing remains constant at CLMA – our amazing community. Whether you are a weekly visitor or stop by occasionally to pick up your next great read, CLMA appreciates all who walk through our doors everyday and we take the time in October to celebrate our customers on our annual Customer Appreciation Day! It's our opportunity to connect and say thank you to the community that makes our library so vibrant.

This is also the perfect time for new beginnings and connections. Our popular Spirit Walks are a way to experience local history like never before with our spine-tingling ghost and heritage tours or connect with acclaimed authors as they share insights into their work, creative processes, and journeys behind the page. Whether attending an inspiring new program, engaging with local culture, or cozying up with a book as the leaves change, we have something for everyone!

Thank you for making CLMA a cornerstone of this community. We cannot wait to see you this fall!

Warmly,

Monika Machacek
Chief Executive Officer
Clarington Library, Museums & Archives

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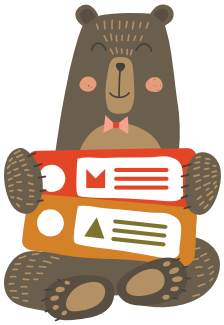

Mobile Wallet

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Great news! Accessing your library card just got easier. You can now add your CLMA card to your Google or Apple Wallet!

To add your card, login to the CLMA app, tap "My Barcode" and follow the on-screen prompts.

Ontario Public Library Week

All locations | Sun, Oct 18 - Sat, Oct 24

Celebrate libraries and what they mean to you! During the annual Ontario Public Library Week, libraries and library partners across the province raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in the lives of their communities.

Clarington Votes

Be Ready to Vote October 20 to 26

Make your voice heard in the 2026 Municipal Election by voting online or by phone between October 20, 10am and October 26, 8pm.

Need help voting? Visit any CLMA location or an Election Assistance Centre for support.

Learn more or check that you're on the voters' list at www.clarington.net/**Voters** or by calling 905-697-4747.

Counting Week

All locations | Tue, Oct 20 - Mon, Oct 26

Show your support during our annual Counting Week! Drop into, check out items, attend a program, ask a question, use our mobile app, download an eBook, stream a movie, or engage with us on social media. It all counts!

Public libraries in Ontario are asked to capture a snapshot of library usage across the province during a typical week in the fall. The gathered anonymous data is vital in helping identify usage trends and opportunities for growth or new initiatives.

NEW COLLECTIONS, COMING SOON!

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New Book Club in a Bag Titles

New Adult Book Club titles have arrived! Check out new reads from Wally Lamb, Allen Levi, Caro Claire Burke, and Christina Applegate!

Walking Kits

Enjoy crisp fall walks with our new Walking Kits! Each kit includes trekking poles and a pedometer to count your steps!

Exploration Kits

Exploration Kits have arrived! Check out our new activity kits that encourage kids to explore the world around them! Each themed kit contains books, songs, and activities to explore space, cities, bugs, and more!

Customer Appreciation Day

All locations | Wed, Oct 21 | 10am-3pm

We're celebrating you, our wonderful customers! Drop by any CLMA location for refreshments and activities!

HarvestFest Book Sale

Newcastle | Sat, Oct 3 | 9am-4pm

Join us for our annual Harvest Festival Book Sale! Browse our selection of gently used materials to support CLMA and score some deals! Fill a CLMA bag for $10!

Donations of materials, including books, DVDs, video games, etc. will be accepted at all locations **Monday, September 21 to Monday, September 28.**

ontario culture days

This fall, the Ontario Culture Days festival invites Ontarians to experience art in unexpected ways.

Returning September 18 to October 4, 2026, Ontario Culture Days will once again transform communities across the province with more than 1,500 free arts, culture and heritage experiences, from large-scale installations and performances to hands-on workshops and unexpected public encounters.

Please visit onculturedays.ca for full festival information.

Celebrate at CLMA!

Look for programs featuring the Culture Days icon, including:

- **Film Screenings:** Fri, Sep 18, Mon, Sep 21 | Fri, Sep 25 | Mon, Sep 28, 10am (p16)
- **Author: Monique Gray Smith:** Online | Mon, Sep 28, 7pm (p12)
- **Jury Lands Foundation, Guest Speaker Series: Prince Albert to Bowmanville, John Jury:** Sarah Jane Williams | Thu, Oct 1, 6:30pm (p13)
- **Celebrating Courtice History:** Courtice | Fri, Oct 2, 4pm (p12)

Author Visit: Zenia Wadhwani

Bowmanville | Fri, Oct 23

Grades JK-3: 10-10:45am
Grades 4-5: 11-11:45am

Drop in; registered class visits welcome

Join us for an engaging author visit with Zenia Wadhwani! Celebrate the magic of Diwali with Zenia as she shares 'Twas the Night Before Diwali, explores the traditions of the Festival of Lights and its similarities to other celebrations from around the world, and leads a creative storytelling adventure.

Indigenous Medicine Music

Bowmanville | Thu, Sep 24 | 10-11am

Grades 3-6 | Drop in; registered class visits welcome

Join Aqua Nibii Waawaaskone as they share their favourite original and traditional hand drum songs. All Nations, generations, and walks of life welcome. This is an interactive and transformative experience meant to heal and uplift our hearts and spirits.

Islamic History Month Storytime

Bowmanville | Sat, Sep 26 | 11am-1pm

All ages | Drop in

Celebrate Islamic History Month by learning about the contributions of Muslims to the Arts and Sciences. Families can enjoy stories, colouring, crafts, and Henna. Presented with the Muslim Women of Durham Region.

Children's

Infant Massage

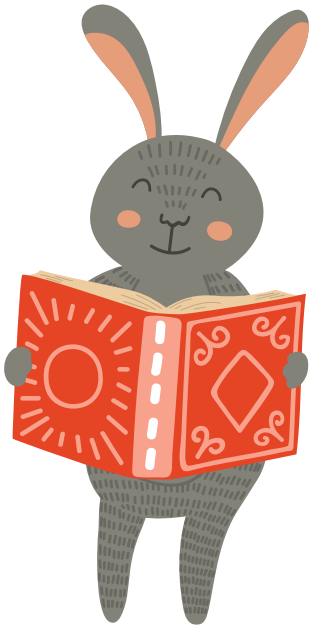
Courtice | Tue, Sep 15, 29, Oct 27, Nov 10, 24 | 1:30-3pm
Birth to 12 months | Registered

Learn techniques that promote healthy development, growth, and positive interaction between caregivers and children with a certified infant massage instructor in this five-week session. Presented with EarlyON Child and Family Centres.

Infant Hearing Screening Clinic

Newcastle | Thu, Sep 3, Oct 1, 15, 29, Nov 26 | 10am-6pm
Birth to 2 months | Registered

Sign up your infant for a screening if you have hearing-related concerns, and learn about the follow-up services available to your family. Presented in partnership with Markham Stouffville Hospital, the lead agency for the Tri-Regional Infant Hearing Program.



French Music & Movement

Courtice | Sat, Oct 17 | 10:30-11:30am
Birth to age 6 | Drop in

Build important early skills in your little ones with interactive songs, nursery rhymes, music, creative movement, and musical instruments. Parents and caregivers will learn how to make and incorporate music and musical instruments into your child's everyday play experiences while promoting a healthy lifestyle and intimate social bonds. Presented with EarlyON Child and Family Centres.

Multilingual Storytimes

All ages | Drop in

Join us for stories, songs, and fun in different languages! All are welcome; no previous knowledge of the language is required.

Portuguese Storytime | Hora da História

Bowmanville | Sat, Sep 12 | 10:30-11:30am

French Storytime | L'Heure du conte

Bowmanville | Mon, Sep 21, Oct 19, Nov 16 | 10-10:30am

Italian Storytime | L'Ora del Racconto

Bowmanville | Sat, Oct 10 | 10:30-11:30am

Hindi & Urdu Storytime | اردو کہانی پروگرام

Courtice | Sat, Nov 14 | 10:30-11:30am

Presented with EarlyON Child and Family Centres.

Monster Stuffies

Courtice | Tue, Oct 13 | 6-7pm
Grades 4-8 | Registered

Learn the basics of hand sewing as you transform socks and gloves into fun, imaginative monster stuffies. Add colourful details and personality to create a one-of-a-kind friend to take home.

Tween FrankenToys

Bowmanville | Wed, Oct 21 | 6-7:30pm
Grades 5-8 | Registered

Take apart old toys and stitch them back together into creepy, silly, and monstrously unique FrankenToys. Bring your own old toys or explore our stash of recycled finds. With glue, tape, and a little mad-scientist imagination, you'll create a bizarre new creature!

Halloween Storytime

Bowmanville | Thu, Oct 29 | 5:30-6:30pm
All ages | Drop in

Wear your favourite costume and join us for spooktacular stories, songs, and chilling-but-cheerful activities!

Monster Mash

Courtice | Fri, Oct 30 | 10:30-11:30am
Ages 0-5 | Drop in

Grab your costume and join us for the Monster Mash! Dance along to Halloween favourites and enjoy a boo-tiful morning at the library.

Halloween Spooktacular

Courtice | Sat, Oct 31 | 10:30am-12pm
All ages | Drop in

Happy Halloween! Gather with fellow ghosts and ghouls for a fun, kid-friendly celebration featuring silly games and a monster dance party. Dress up to join the costume parade!

Baby BOOkworms

Newcastle | Tue, Oct 27 | 10:30-11:15am
Bowmanville | Wed, Oct 28 | 10:30-11:15am
Courtice | Thu, Oct 29 | 10:30-11:15am
Birth to age 1½ | Drop in

Come in costume for a Halloween-themed Baby Bookworms! Drop in each week for stories, songs and rhymes, followed by a social playtime!

TAILS for Toddlers

Bowmanville | Tue, Oct 27 | 10:30-11:15am
Courtice | Wed, Oct 28 | 10:30-11:15am
Newcastle | Thu, Oct 29 | 10:30-11:15am
Ages 1½-3 | Drop in

Come in costume for a Halloween-themed Tales for Toddlers! Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes using the skills taught in Every Child Ready to Read©, designed to help build early literacy skills!

Battle of the Books

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Registration opens Fri, Sep 25
Registration closes Fri, Jan 29

Register your school to compete with teams across Clarington and the Durham Region in this annual book-based trivia battle!

For more information and to register your teams, please visit our website.

Spelling Bee

Newcastle | Sat, Oct 24 | 10:30am-12:30pm
Grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Registered

Do you have what it takes to be a spelling champion? Compete in CLMA's fourth annual Spelling Bee, where students in Grades 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6 will test their spelling abilities in a fun, friendly, and supportive competition.

Reading and Math Buddies

Courtice | Tue, Oct 6 - Nov 24 | 5-6pm
Newcastle | Wed, Oct 7 - Nov 25 | 6-7pm
Bowmanville | Thu, Oct 8 - Nov 26 (exc Nov 12) | 4-5pm
Grades 1-5 | Registered

Practice reading skills through literacy activities and games with high school volunteers! Some assistance with math activities and French reading skills is also available.

Kindergarten Readiness

Newcastle | Wed, Oct 7 - Nov 25 | 2-3pm
Ages 3-5 | Registered

Parents and children will together build skills and confidence for entering kindergarten in this eight-week workshop. Through stories, songs, and activities, children will boost their letter and number recognition, colour recognition, fine motor, and social skills.

Chess at the Library

Bowmanville | Mon, Nov 2 - Dec 7 (exc. Nov 23 | 5-6pm
Grades 1-7 | Registered

Learn the fundamental principles and basic concepts of chess through interactive activities and coaching sessions. This five-week workshop series is ideal for beginners. Presented with the Clarington Chess Club.

Homeschool Club

Courtice | Drop in

Grades JK-3: Tue, Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 3 | 1:30-2:30pm
Grades 4-8: Tue, Sep 22, Oct 20, Nov 17 | 1:30-2:30pm

Explore different STEAM, literacy, geography, or art activities while building social skills and connections.

Activities are designed for students in the specified groups, but siblings of all ages are welcome to attend.

Kids' Book Club

Courtice | Tue, Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 | 4-5pm
Grades 3-7 | Registered

Meet up with other readers to chat and share your thoughts about the month's book, then enjoy activities and games based on the story!

OCTOBER 26 PA DAY FUN!

LEGO Lunch

Boston Pizza Bowmanville | 12-2pm
All ages | **Registered**

Build up an appetite! Drop by for lunch and construct your next great LEGO creation. Presented with Boston Pizza Bowmanville.

Family Groove

Courtice | 10:30-11:30am
All ages | Drop in

Dance, sing, and groove together! This fun, music-filled class combines dance, singing, rhythm games, and instruments to promote active play, coordination, creativity, and family connection.

Ride 'n' Roll with Science

Courtice | Sat, Sep 19 | 1:30-2:30pm
Grades JK-6 | **Registered**

Welcome to the amusement park—where we'll be bumping, spinning, zipping, and rolling! Discover the actions and reactions of bumper cars. Explore the forces at work when you spin. Create a zip-line while investigating gravity. Design a roller coaster to meet a challenge. It's all about the physics of riding'n'rolling! Presented with Scientists in School.

Baby Rave

Courtice | Fri, Oct 2 | 10:30-11:15am
Birth to age 1½ | Drop in

Toddler Rave

Courtice | Fri, Oct 16 | 10:30-11:15am
Ages 1½-3 | Drop in

Is your baby or toddler born to dance? Welcome to Baby Rave and Toddler Rave! Boogie to your favourite techno-style nursery rhymes and songs at a volume perfect for tiny ears. Enjoy bubbles, lights, and all that glows!

Puppet Show

Bowmanville | Tue, Nov 10 | 10:30-11:15am
All ages | Drop in

Discover the magic of storytelling through an interactive puppet show! Enjoy an engaging performance filled with stories, songs, and imagination.

STORIES & LEARNING

*** = registered**

Storytimes may be held outdoors, weather permitting

	Bowmanville	Courtice	Newcastle	Orono	Sarah Jane
Songs & Stories					
Baby Bookworms (birth to age 1½)					
Tuesdays | Sep 8 - Nov 24 | 10:30-11:15am			●		
Wednesdays | Sep 9 - Nov 25 (exc. Sep 30) | 10:30-11:15am	●				
Thursdays | Sep 10 - Nov 26 (exc. Nov 12) | 10:30-11:15am		●			
Tales for Toddlers (ages 1½-3)					
Tuesdays | Sep 8 - Nov 24 | 10:30-11:15am	●				
Wednesdays | Sep 9 - Nov 25 (exc. Sep 30) | 10:30-11:15am		●			
Thursdays | Sep 10 - Nov 26 (exc. Nov 12) | 10:30-11:15am			●		
EarlyON: Music & Movement (birth to age 6)					
Tuesdays | Sep 1 - Nov 24 | 1:30-2:30pm	●				
EarlyON: Musical Babies (birth to pre-crawlers)					
Mondays | Sep 14 - Nov 23 (exc. Oct 12) | 1:30-3pm		●			
Thursdays | Sep 10 - Nov 26 (exc. Nov 12) | 1:30-3pm			●		
EarlyON: Musical Babies (crawlers to 15 months)					
Mondays | Sep 14 - Nov 23 (exc. Oct 12) | 1:30-3pm			●		
Wednesdays | Sep 9 - Nov 25 (exc. Sep 30) | 1:30-3pm		●			
Socialization & Family Time					
Stay & Play (birth to age 5)					
Mondays | Sep 14 - Nov 30 (exc. Oct 12) | 10:30-11:30 am	●				
Wednesdays | Sep 9 - Nov 25 (exc. Sep 30) | 10:30-11:30 am					●
Fridays | Sep 11 - Nov 27 (exc. October in Courtice) | 10:30-11:30 am		●		●	
Saturdays at Sarah Jane (all ages)					
Saturdays | Sep 12 - Nov 28 | 10:30-11:30am					●
Education & Learning					
Kids' Book Club (grades 3-7)					
Tuesdays | Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 | 4-5pm *		●			
Homeschool Club					
Tuesdays | Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 3 | 1:30-2:30pm | Grades JK-3		●			
Tuesdays | Sep 22, Oct 20, Nov 17 | 1:30-2:30pm | Grades 4-8		●			

PROGRAM SERIES

* = registered

	Bowmanville	Courtice	Newcastle	Sarah Jane	Online
Author Visits					
Monique Gray Smith: Mon, Sep 28 | 7-8pm | Adults *					●
Zenia Wadhwani: Fri, Oct 23 | 10-11:45 | Grades JK-3, 4-5	●				
Bill Humber: Thu, Nov 19 | 6:30-7:30pm | Adults *				●	
Adult Programs					
LEGO & Lagers					
Wednesdays | Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 25 | 6-7:30 | Chronicle Brewing					
Waverley Place Tours					
Thursdays | Sep 3, 17, Nov 5, 26 | 6:30-7:30pm *				●	
Book Club					
Tuesdays | Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24 | 6-7pm *			●		
Wednesdays | Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 25 | 12-1pm *	●				
Older Adult Health & Wellness 55+					
Zumba Gold					
Mondays | Sep 14 - Nov 30 (exc. Oct 12) | 6-6:45pm			●		
Chair Yoga					
Wednesdays | Sep 2 - Nov 25 | 4:30-5:30pm			●		
Falls Prevention Class					
Wednesdays | Sep 2 - Nov 25 (exc. Sep 30) | 12-1pm			●		
Fridays | Sep 4 - Nov 27 | 3-4pm			●		
Newcomers					
English Conversation Circle					
Wednesdays | Sep 9 - Dec 9 | 2:30-3:30pm *					●
Newcomer Settlement Services					
Fridays | Sep 11 - Nov 27 | 1:30-4:30pm *	●				
Youth Programs					
TAG (Teen Advisory Group, grades 7-12)					
Wednesdays | Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13 | 3:30-4:30pm *	●				
Thursdays | Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 10, Jan 21 | 3:30-4:30pm *		●			

Adults

Waverley Place Anniversary

Waverley Place | Fri, Oct 16 | 2-4pm
All ages | Drop in

Celebrate the 65th anniversary of our beloved historic house museum! Join a special guided tour and see displays about the museum's past.

Heritage Fair

Sarah Jane Williams | Sat, Nov 14 | 1:30-3:30pm
All ages | Drop in

Discover your local heritage organizations! See what Clarington has to offer and get a glimpse at upcoming heritage events. Meet with local partners, see displays and hear brief presentations, and browse history texts for sale by donation.

What We Inherit: Family Memory, Migration, and the Stories We Carry

Bowmanville | Thu, Sep 17 | 6-7:30pm
Adults | Drop in

Join Andrea Gunraj, author of "Go-Between Girl: My Indentured Roots as Reclaimed Present," for a thoughtful exploration of the stories families pass down and the silences that shape us just as deeply.

Drawing on her Indo-Caribbean heritage, the author reflects on memory, migration, and identity while inviting audiences of all experiences and backgrounds to consider their own personal legacies, spoken and under-spoken. This engaging talk and reading asks how the past lives within us, what we choose to carry forward, and how storytelling can help us understand where we come from.

Author Visit: Monique Gray Smith

Online via Zoom | Mon, Sep 28 | 7-8pm
Adults | Registered

Bestselling author Monique Gray Smith will discuss her personal journey of truth and reconciliation and read from her various books. She will explore Canada's historical treatment of Indigenous people and how it impacts them today and will share her Cultural Resilience model and strategies for weaving aspects into our work. Presented in partnership with Durham and York Region Libraries.

Celebrating Courtice History

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Courtice Community Complex | Fri, Oct 2 | 4-7pm
Adults | Drop in

Celebrate the unique history of Courtice with informative displays and guest speakers!

Presented with the Municipality of Clarington 55+, and Courtice Vintage History Group.

Collecting Courtice

We are looking for artifacts and archival materials relating to the community of Courtice to display at the event or add to our museum collections! Please visit our website for more information.

Author Visit: Bill Humber

Sarah Jane Williams | Thu, Nov 19 | 6:30-7:30pm
Adults | Registered

Join Author Bill Humber as he shares his work on a new book, "Amsterdam 1928: A Dutch and Canadian Olympic Treat." Mr. Humber will discuss interviews he conducted with the athletes and their impact on Canadian history.

A Member of the Order of Canada, Bill Humber is the first historian and researcher to be inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. He has authored 15 books, and has been listed in Canada's Who's Who for over 35 years. His latest projects involve the Olympic Games between the war years focusing on Amsterdam in 1928, Los Angeles in 1932, and the infamous Berlin games of 1936.

Jury Lands Foundation: Guest Speaker Series

Sarah Jane Williams | 6:30-7:30pm
Adults | Registered

The Campus Behind Camp 30:
Thu, Aug 27 | Presented with Katharine Warren

Guardians of the North; Canadian Warships and Maritime Aircraft: Thu, Sep 24 | Presented with Rick Gimblett

Prince Albert to Bowmanville, John Jury:
Thu, Oct 1 | Co-delivered by Marilyn Pearce & CLMA

Learn what is happening at the historic Camp 30 site and about the Jury Lands Foundation's work to preserve it. Join us for guest lectures and special updates about the preservation efforts and discover the work of community heritage organizations in Clarington!

Waverley Place Tours

Sarah Jane Williams, Waverley Place | Thu, Sep 3, 17, Nov 5, 26 | 6:30-7:30pm
Adults | Registered

Join us for tours of Waverley Place, a historic home furnished and exhibited to depict the Edwardian period (1900-1930s) and lifestyle of a wealthy merchant family in this area.

Paranormal Craft Night

Sarah Jane Williams | Thu, Oct 8 | 6-7:30pm
Adults | Registered | **$15**+tax

Looking for a frighteningly fun evening? Join us for a special mini Spirit Walk tour around the Museum's neighbourhood. Once inspired by these stories, participants will be guided to participate in a ghostly home decor craft.

Spirit Walk

Sarah Jane Williams | Thu, Oct 15, 22, 29 | 6:30-7:30pm
Adults | Registered | **$10**+tax

Enjoy one of our famous evening tours where we will share eerie and unexplained stories of old Bowmanville! Spirit Walk tours begin at the Sarah Jane Williams Museum and run rain or shine.

EXHIBIT SPOTLIGHT

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Visit Waverley Place during the month of October to see special displays and artifacts to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the museum!

Adults: Community & Wellness

Communication & Conflict Workshop

Bowmanville | Wed, Sep 9 - Oct 14 (exc. Sep 30) | 1-2:15pm
Adults | Registered

Gain a better understanding of conflict and the impact of our communication styles. As a group, participants will look at why some conflicts happen, learn effective communication skills for conflict resolution, as well as strategies to prevent conflict. Presented with Ontario Shores Mental Health Science.

Perimenopause Mythbusters

Bowmanville | Wed, Oct 14 | 6-7pm
Courtice | Thu, Oct 15 | 6-7pm
Adults | Registered

This candid, science-backed session tackles the most common myths about menopause. From hot flashes to hormone therapy, break down the truths, bust the taboos, and get the tools to take charge of your health.

Presented with Jess Johnston, nurse practitioner, Menopause Society certified provider, Durham Natural Health Centre.

Introduction to Bethesda House

Courtice | Thu, Oct 22 | 5:30-6:30pm
Adults | Drop in

Join Bethesda House for a conversation about the programs and services they offer to support individuals and families impacted by gender-based violence. Learn about their work in the community, the resources available, and how they help create safer, more supportive spaces through advocacy, education, and prevention.

Human Trafficking & Online Safety 101

Bowmanville | Tue, Sep 22 | 5:30-6:30pm
Adults | Drop in

Learn practical tools to recognize risks, trust your instincts, stay safe, and support others in your community. This presentation raises awareness about human trafficking risks and helps the community understand online safety, exploitation, and strategies for staying safe both online and in everyday life.

The session covers warning signs of unsafe situations, digital safety and privacy, protecting personal information, healthy boundaries, and accessing support and resources. Presented with Bethesda House.

Building Safe Relationships: Healthy Relationships, Consent, Boundaries, and Online Safety

Bowmanville | Tue, Oct 20 | 6-7:30pm
Adults, Teens | Drop in

October is recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month, an important time to raise awareness about protecting children and promoting safe, healthy relationships. This interactive presentation helps build the knowledge and skills to foster respectful relationships through communication, consent, boundaries, trust, and respect.

The session will explore online safety, including protecting personal information, recognizing risks, and creating positive digital relationships. Participants will leave with tools to build healthy connections, stay safe online and offline, and help create safer, more supportive communities. Presented with Bethesda House and Child and Youth Advocacy Centre Durham.

FOR NEWCOMERS

Newcomer Settlement Services

Bowmanville | Fri, Sep 11 - Nov 27 | 1:30-4:30pm
Adults | Registered

Find confidential, culturally sensitive information and referral services. The Orientation Settlement Program provides information on housing, social assistance, childcare, language classes, education, legal services, financial supports, and more. Presented with Community Development Council Durham.

English Conversation Circle

Online via Zoom | Wed, Sep 9 - Dec 9 (exc. Sep 30) | 2:30-3:30pm
Adults | Registered

Practice speaking English, discover ESL resources, and learn more about the Clarington community and life in Canada! Presented with Community Development Council Durham.

Mobile ID and Benefits Access Hub

Bowmanville | Thu, Oct 22 | 11:30am-5:30pm
Adults | Drop in

This one-stop-shop helps residents access government ID and income-boosting benefits, including the Canada Learning Bond, opening a RESP, accessing ID like Social Insurance Numbers and Birth Certificates, and learning about the new Canadian Dental Care Plan and other benefits. Presented with the Regional Municipality of Durham and Service Canada.

Entering the Job Market with Confidence

Courtice | Thu, Sep 10, 24, 2-4pm | **Thu, Oct 1, 29**, 3:30-5:30pm | **Thu, Oct 15**, 1-3pm | **Mon, Nov 9, 23**, 4-6pm
Ages 16-30 | Registered

Join one of these interactive workshops and learn how to build a stronger resume, prepare for interviews, use AI tools effectively, and organize your job search with confidence. Leave with practical skills, personalized strategies, and a clear action plan to help you succeed in today's job market. Presented with Agilec.

Hearing Clinics

Newcastle | Fri, Sep 18, Oct 23 | 10am-1pm
Adults 55+ | Registered;
walk-ins welcome space pending

Test your hearing and identify potential hearing loss and other concerns. Presented with Canadian Hearing Services.

Sound Advice on Hearing Health Workshop

Bowmanville | Mon, Oct 5, 19, Nov 2, 9
Newcastle | Mon, Oct 26
10am-12pm | Adults 55+ | Registered

Learn how to ease communication, build confidence in challenging listening situations, and help reduce feelings of isolation in this five-week workshop for people with suspected or confirmed hearing loss and the friends or family who support them. Presented with Canadian Hearing Services.

Older Adult Health & Wellness

Newcastle |
Adults 55+ | Drop in

All classes suitable for any fitness level, no experience required. Presented with Community Care Durham.

Zumba Gold

Mon, Sep 14 - Nov 30 (exc. Oct 12) | 6-6:45pm

Chair Yoga

Wed, Sep 2 - Nov 25 (exc. Sep 30) | 4:30-5:30pm

Falls Prevention Class

Wed, Sep 2 - Nov 25 (exc. Sep 30) | 12-1pm
Fri, Sep 4 - Nov 27 | 3-4pm

Adult: Making & Socials

Film Screenings

Adults | Drop in

The Nest

Newcastle | Fri, Sep 18 | 10:30am-12pm

Bowmanville | Mon, Sep 21 | 1-2:30pm

As she prepares to say goodbye to her childhood home and her ailing mother, a decolonial writer uncovers generations of forgotten matriarchs and rebels whose intertwined lives transform the house into a living archive of resistance (NFB).

Siksikakowan: The Blackfoot Man

Courtice | Fri, Sep 25 | 1-2:30pm

Bowmanville | Mon, Sep 28 | 10-11:30am

Sons, fathers, brothers, riders, racers, dancers, dreamers... Sinakson Trevor Solway introduces us to the many lives, identities and stories of the boys and men of the historic Blackfoot Confederacy (NFB).

Learn to Knit

Bowmanville | Tue, Sep 15 - Nov 3 | 6:15-7:45pm

Adults | Registered | $56+tax

Relax and build your skills, or finally tackle that neglected stitching project! Learn how to knit from an expert in this eight-week workshop series, and get social with a group of like-minded crafters. Presented with Gwen Bevan.

Learn to Crochet

Courtice | Wed, Oct 7 - Nov 25 | 6:15-7:45pm

Adults | Registered | $56+tax

Learn basic crochet stitches, how to combine them, and how to work flat and in the round in this eight-week workshop series. Projects include a dishcloth, a granny square, and a rose. Presented with Gwen Bevan.

Mindful Doodling

Newcastle | Tue, Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 | 6-7:30pm

Adults | Registered

Slow down, breathe, and let your pen wander as we explore floral patterns and nature-inspired designs through this restorative, creative break. All materials provided.

LEGO & Lagers

Chronicle Brewing (422 Lake Rd, Bowmanville)

Wed, Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 25 | 6-7:30pm

Adults | Drop in

Kick back and relax with a drink, some friends, and of course, LEGO! Drop by for a casual evening of socialization and construction. Presented with Chronicle Brewing.

Book Club

Newcastle | Tue, Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24 | 6-7pm

Bowmanville | Wed, Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 25 | 12-1pm

Adults | Registered

Enjoy conversation with fellow readers at our monthly book clubs! Titles will be posted on our website, and available for pick-up at your preferred library location.

Youth

Engineering Outreach Workshops

Boost your child's STEM skills with Ontario Tech University's Engineering Outreach!

STEM

Courtice | Sat, Oct 10 | 2-3:30pm
Grades 1-4 | Registered

Learn the fundamentals of the engineering design process and tackle design challenges, exploring how engineering can solve diverse and real-world issues.

Coding

Newcastle | Sat, Nov 14 | 2-3:30pm
Grades 5-8 | Registered

Learn coding fundamentals and concepts such as inputs, outputs, if statements, loops, variables, and operators through hands-on activities.

Babysitting Course

Newcastle | Sat, Sep 26 | 10:15am-4:45pm
Courtice | Sat, Nov 21 | 10:15am-4:45pm
Grades 6-10 | Registered | $66+tax

Learn the fundamental skills you need to start your own babysitting service with a Red Cross certified instructor. Presented with React Right Safety Services.

At Home on My Own

Courtice | Sat, Oct 24 | 10:30am-2:30pm
Grades 5-7 | Registered | $66+tax

Gain the tools and information you need to stay at home alone for short periods of time with a Red Cross certified instructor in this Canadian Safety Council course. Presented with React Right Safety Services.

Teen K-pop Night

Bowmanville | Wed, Nov 4 | 6-7:30pm
Grades 7-12 | Registered

Hang out with fellow K-pop fans while enjoying music videos, crafts, and activities inspired by your favourite K-pop groups! Whether you're a longtime fan or just curious about K-pop culture, this welcoming space is a chance to connect, create, and celebrate music together.

D&D League

Courtice | Mon, Sep 21 - Oct 26 (exc. Oct 12) | 4-5:30pm
Grades 8-12 | Registered

Join a quest and explore the world of Dungeons & Dragons, no previous gaming experience required! Presented with volunteer Dungeon Master Adam Vollering.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Bowmanville | Wed, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13 | 3:30-4:30pm
Courtice | Thu, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 10, Jan 21 | 3:30-4:30pm
Grades 7-12 | Registered
Apply to participate by Fri, Sep 18

Make an impact in your community! Throughout the first semester of the school year, participants will help prepare and support events and programs, build leadership skills, connect with peers, and earn community volunteer hours.

Maker's Space

3D Modelling

Desk Pets

Courtice | Wed, Oct 14 | 5-7pm
Adults, Grades 9+ | Registered | $5+tax

Bring your imagination to life by designing your own Desk Pet in Blender! Learn the fundamentals of 3D modeling while creating a fun character that's perfect for sitting on a desk, shelf, or keyboard. Whether it's a tiny monster, robot, alien, or animal, you'll leave with your own unique 3D model ready to be printed in the Maker's Space.

This is an intermediate level 3D modelling program.

Cricut Corner

Stick It! Custom Sticker Workshop

Courtice | Wed, Sep 23 | 5-7pm
Families | Registered | $3+tax

Design it, print it, stick it! Learn how to create your own custom stickers using Cricut. You'll leave with a personalized sticker sheet that's perfect for decorating laptops, water bottles, notebooks, and more. No experience necessary! One sheet per registered group.

Mouth Mugs

Courtice | Wed, Oct 28 | 5-7pm
Families | Registered | $12+tax

Create your own mouth bottom mug using our new sublimation printer! Choose your favourite character or a personal photo and turn it into a fun, custom mug. All supplies are included. One mug per registered group. Families are welcome to design together.

LEGO SPIKE

Courtice | Wed, Sep 16 | 4:30-6:30pm
Grades 4-8 | Registered | $5+tax

Bring creativity and STEM together with LEGO SPIKE! Learn coding-based robotics while completing hands-on coding and building challenges with LEGO SPIKE Prime building kits.

Game Makers Club

Courtice | Wed, Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5-6:30pm
Adults, Grades 9+ | Registered | $3+tax

Learn how to design and build your own browser-based video game! Over four weeks, participants will create characters, add obstacles, build scoring systems, and finish with a playable game to share during a mini-showcase. No coding experience needed.

Donations accepted at all locations
September 21-28

HARVEST FESTIVAL
BOOK SALE

Saturday, October 3 | 9am-4pm
Newcastle Library Grounds

Fill a CLMA bag for $10!

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Bowmanville Library
163 Church St | 905-623-7322

Courtice Library
2950 Courtice Rd | 905-404-0707

Newcastle Library
150 King Ave E | 905-987-4844

Orono Library
127 Church St | 905-983-5507

Sarah Jane Williams Museum
62 Temperance St | 905-623-2734

Waverley Place Museum
37 Silver St | 905-623-2734

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Donations to CLMA help us to provide valued programs, services, and resources to all Clarington community members

	Bowmanville	Courtice	Newcastle	Orono	Sarah Jane
Mon	9:30am - 8pm	10am - 8pm	10am - 8pm	3pm - 7:30pm	-
Tue	9:30am - 8pm	10am - 8pm	10am - 8pm	10am - 2:30pm	10am - 4pm
Wed	9:30am - 8pm	10am - 8pm	10am - 8pm	3pm - 7:30pm	10am - 4pm
Thu	9:30am - 8pm	10am - 8pm	10am - 8pm	10am - 2:30pm	10am - 8pm
Fri	9:30am - 6pm	10am - 6pm	10am - 6pm	10am - 2:30pm	-
Sat	9:30am - 5pm	10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm	10am - 2:30pm	10am - 4pm
Sun	12:30pm - 5pm	12:30pm - 5pm	12:30pm - 5pm	-	-

All Locations Closed:

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- **Labour Day** (Mon, Sep 7)
- **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation** (Wed, Sep 30)
- **Thanksgiving** (Mon, Oct 12)
- **Staff Professional Development Day** (Thu, Nov 12)

Maker's Space Hours (Courtice):

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- **Tue:** 12-8pm
- **Wed:** 12-4pm | 5-8pm
- **Thu:** 12-8pm
- **Fri:** 10am-6pm
- **Sat:** 10am-12pm | 1-5pm
- **Sun, Mon:** Closed