

5 ACTIVITIES TO TRY OUT AT THE LIBRARY

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The Halton Hills Public Library offers a range of activities for all ages. F

or more than a century, the library has worked to engage area residents in exploring ideas, expressing creativity and making connections.

Here are five fun activities to try:

1. The library's Research Family History program allows individuals to trace their ancestral roots through six resources available to explore. Individuals can access information such as census data and records pertaining to birth, death, marriage, im-

migration and military service from Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. The library has a free database with family history information in addition to holding documents regarding where past residents may have lived or worked. Tools to research online database and newspapers are also available.

2. Explore the origins and cultures of Indigenous people with an educational series of programs that promote cross-cultural dialogue and shared experiences. The Exploring Indigenous Roots program engages community members in conversations around respect, reciproci-

ty, and reconciliation. Past programs include film screenings, discussions, guest speakers, workshops and storytelling among others.

3. The Halton Hills Lecture Series invites individuals to exercise their knowledge, challenge their opinions, discover new ideas and explore current events. Every month, an expert in their respective field speaks on topics relating to current issues that affect the community and the world. Discussions around the Turkish Helm, the Mississaugas of the Credit and Native Flutes are scheduled for upcoming events.

4. The library caters

over half a dozen programs for children. Using special equipment, the Science and Technology Programs offer children a hands-on learning experience in science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Robotics, python coding and scientific stories and music have been part of past programming, which often run in eight-week sessions, four times a year.

5. Halton Hills teens can have a say in what happens at the library, become involved with the community and meet new friends through the Teen Advisory Council (TAC).

TAC is made up of individuals from ages 12 to 18 who earn volunteer hours for attending the meetings. Members suggest ways the library can better serve teens, test new technology, provide feedback around library initiatives for teens and help manage the library's teen Instagram account.

For more information, visit www.hhpl.on.ca.

WHAT'S ON

HOLIDAY SHOW AND SALE RETURNS TO CULTURAL CENTRE

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A variety of local artists are featured in The Annual Holiday Show and Sale.

The exhibition of local art will be in the Sisnett Lobby of the Town of Halton Hills Cultural Centre until Feb. 26. Visitors can view the work of artists and artisans in a variety of media and purchase their favourite pieces.

"The cultural centre is a fantastic venue for artists to show their work and connect with the public," said Mayor Ann Lawlor. "I hope people will find time over the holiday season to view the current exhibi-



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The cultural centre is located at 9 Church St. in Halton Hills.

Wishing everyone the *Happiest of Holidays!*

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