

Up and Coming in Whitchurch-Stouffville

The Stouffville Free Press welcomes community event listings from non-profit groups and organizations. Please send a brief synopsis of upcoming events by email to withwrinkles@hotmail.com, fax to 905-640-FREE or drop off at 6111 Main St. The deadline for the May issue is April 25.

Apr. 3:
11:10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the arena: Shiny for ages 14 and up. Call 905-642-PLAY for details.

Apr. 3:
7-9:30 p.m. Crazy Ladies Quilt & Craft Club: quilting, knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking and more. For details contact Cindy at crazy_ladies_club@hotmail.com

Apr. 4:
10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library: Preschool craft for ages 3 to 6. Cost \$2 per child.

Apr. 4:
Noon-1 p.m. at the arena: Stick 'n' Puck.

Apr. 4:
7-8:30 p.m. at the library: Book discussion group. Free.

Apr. 5:
1-2:30 p.m. at the library: School readiness book club for ages 2 1/2 to 6. Free.

Apr. 5:
1:10-2 p.m. at the arena: Adult free skate.

Apr. 7:
9:35 a.m.-4:45 p.m. at the library: St. John Ambulance Babysitting Course. For details call 905-642-READ.

Apr. 9:
7 p.m. at SDSS: Toastmasters meeting. For information, call 905-642-4898.

Apr. 12:
1-2:30 p.m. at the library: School readiness book club for ages 2 1/2 to 6. Free.

Apr. 12:
7 p.m. at Sleepy Hollow Country Club: Rotary Club's Night of a Thousand Dinners presents Kathleen Kenna speaking on her experiences as a foreign correspondent in Afghanistan. For tickets and information call Ken Prentice at 905-642-9507.

Apr. 12:
7:30-8:30 p.m. at the library: Maud Lewis performance with Lois Hayes and Janice Turner. Free.

Apr. 14:
8:30 a.m. at Christ Church: Parish breakfast with guest speaker Kathleen Kenna whose topic will be Afghanistan: my experience. Tickets are \$20 with net proceeds to church outreach programs. For details call

905-640-1461.

Apr. 14:
1:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall: 60th anniversary celebration. Ceremony, open house and community barbecue with cake. Dance with DJ starting at 8 p.m.

Apr. 14:
1-3 p.m. at Latcham Gallery: Annual Juried Exhibition opening reception.

Apr. 15:
10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Latcham Gallery: Painted furniture workshop with Amanda Britten. For details and registration call 905-640-8954.

Apr. 15:
11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the museum: Pancake brunch hosted by the Friends of the Museum. Adults \$6, children \$2, everyone welcome.

Apr. 15:
6:45 p.m. at Stouffville United Church in the Friendship Room: Bedtime Bible story program. Snacks served and pajamas welcome.

Apr. 16:
7 p.m. at SDSS: Toastmasters meeting. For information, call 905-642-4898.

Apr. 17:
1:30 p.m. at the library: Afternoon book club. Free admission.

Apr. 17:
7-9:30 p.m. Crazy Ladies Quilt & Craft Club: quilting, knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking and more. For details contact Cindy at crazy_ladies_club@hotmail.com

Apr. 18:
7-8:30 p.m. at the library: Book discussion group. Free.

Apr. 19:
1-2:30 p.m. at the library: School readiness book club for ages 2 1/2 to 6. Free.

Apr. 19:
5 p.m. at Goodwood Hall: Hot ham and maple syrup dinner sponsored by Goodwood United Church. Adults \$12, youth \$6, children under 12 free.

Apr. 19:
7 p.m. at the library: Free movie: Wal Mart: the High Cost of Low Price.

Apr. 19:
7:30 p.m. at Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club: Annual Chamber Business Awards. Reservations required. For information call 905-642-4228.

Apr. 20-21:
The Foresters BIG Swim for Arthritis takes place at the Lebovic Leisure Centre. For information visit www.bigswim.ca or call 1-877-BIG SWIM.

Apr. 22:
1-4:30 p.m. at Latcham

Gallery: A Little Magic - mixed media workshop with Valerie Kent. For details and registration call 905-640-8954.

Apr. 23:
7 p.m. at SDSS: Toastmasters meeting. For information, call 905-642-4898.

Apr. 24:
7-9:30 p.m. at Latcham Gallery: Weekly adult life drawing classes begin. For details call 905-640-8954.

Apr. 24:
8 a.m. at Edward Jones, 6212 Main St. WS Chamber of Commerce Breakfast. Reservations required. Call 905-642-4229.

Apr. 26:
11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Goodwood United Church: Homemade soup, breads and refreshments for just a toonie. Conversation is free. All welcome.

Apr. 26:
1-2:30 p.m. at the library: School readiness book club for ages 2 1/2 to 6. Free.

Apr. 26:
7:30-9 p.m. at the library: Spring cleansing with pharmacist Farid Wassef. Free.

Apr. 27:
6 p.m. at EastRidge Missionary Church: Celebration of Spring reception and dinner in support of Parkview Services for Seniors, with silent and live auctions and musical entertainment by Bach to Blues. For tickets and information call 905-640-0714 or visit www.parkviewhome.ca.

Apr. 27:
7 p.m. at the library: Free family movie Dreamgirls.

Apr. 27:
7:30 p.m. at Vivian Baptist Church, 16690 Hwy 48 at Vivian Rd.: The "C" Notes Gospel and Worship Band.

Apr. 28:
10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the museum: Hands-On History Saturday. Experience life as it was more than 100 years ago. Help make butter and prepare baked treats on the woodstove; add to Victorian needlework projects and go back to school in the 19th century classroom. Admission free, donations gratefully accepted.

Apr. 29:
7:30 p.m. at Stouffville United Church: Music evening with a brass quintet from U of T, Bloor Street Brass, performing a program called Bach to the Future.

Apr. 30:
7 p.m. at SDSS: Toastmasters meeting. For information, call 905-642-4898.

RESTORING THE JOY OF THE WRITTEN WORD

By Kate Gilderdale
Stouffville Free Press

Can you imagine how it would feel to lose the ability to read a good book?

This year, it's estimated that 78,000 Canadians will be diagnosed with macular degeneration, the leading cause of vision loss and blindness in seniors aged 65 and older. Over one third of Canadians between the ages of 55 and 74 develop age-related macular degeneration.

The demand for print disabled services is growing at an astounding rate. The Talking Book Library was developed over 20 years ago by Christian Blind Mission International in Stouffville to serve the needs of people with visual disabilities.

TBL provides free audio books to those who have difficulty with printed books as a result of visual impairment, or because of physical and/or intellectual disability. The library includes CDs in DAISY format, which offer superior sound quality and allow readers to go to specific chapters or pages.

For those who are legally blind, Canada

Post ships TBL audio books postage free across Canada. TBL users can choose from over 200 new recorded titles, which complement the library's 2,000 unabridged book titles. Thirty volunteer narrators, including retired broadcasters such as Carl Banas, Henry Shannon, Donald Lawrie and Bob Willson, read in the studios of CBMI's headquarters in Stouffville.

The organization currently needs help with production. Each book occupies one CD, and volunteers are being sought to assist in the technical operations required to produce these CDs. If you are comfortable working with personal computers and are familiar with various Microsoft programs, this opportunity may be for you.

Do you know of someone in your community that could benefit from CBMI's services? For more information, or to find out how more about how to volunteer your services in production, visit www.cbmicanada.org or call 905-640-6464.



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