

# Up & Coming

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 [stouffvillefreepress@rogers.com](mailto:stouffvillefreepress@rogers.com) or call 905-640-3733. The deadline for the August issue is July 27.

- June 30:** 6 p.m. at Stouffville United Church. 20th annual Music Festival with Men of Note and soloist Susan Brown. Free-will offering. Donations to Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank appreciated.
- July 1:** Strawberry Festival Lawn Bowling Tournament in Memorial Park.
- July 1-3:** Strawberry Festival features three full days of downtown fun including games, contests, carnival rides, spectacular fireworks and a giant craft and collectibles sale on Main St. July 3.
- July 3:** 6-7:30 p.m. weekly at the outdoor pool. Public swim for all with the focus on youth aged 11 to 17.
- July 4:** 10:30 a.m. at Memorial Park marquee Ecumenical Church Service. Everyone welcome.
- July 4:** Noon 2 p.m. at Memorial Park marquee Strawberry Social. Everyone welcome.
- July 5:** 10 a.m.-noon at Goodwood Baptist Church. Daily Vacation Bible School for children aged 4 to 13 includes singing, crafts and games. For details call 905-649-5542.
- July 5:** 1-4 p.m. weekly at Rupert Park. Pick-up baseball for ages 11 to 17, followed by ice cream at a local store courtesy of town youth staff.
- July 6:** 10:15-10:45 a.m. weekly at the library. Preschool Craft.
- July 7:** 10:15-10:45 a.m. weekly at the library. Storytime.
- July 7:** 10:15-11:15 a.m. weekly at the library. Crafts for ages seven and up.
- July 7:** 6-9 p.m. weekly at Memorial Park pavilion. Games in the Park featuring Wii sports, board and/or card games for youth aged 11 to 17.
- July 7:** 8 p.m. at 19 on the Park. Tribe of One performance. For tickets, call 905-640-8954 or visit [www.latchamgallery.ca](http://www.latchamgallery.ca).
- July 8:** 1:230 p.m. at the library. OEYC. Fun with Numbers.
- July 10:** 10:15-10:45 a.m. weekly at the library. Storytime.
- July 10:** 10 a.m. in Memorial Park. Murray

- Redshaw Memorial Lawn Bowling Tournament sponsored by Schell Lumber.
- July 12:** Final day of Mary Anne Barkhouse Reins of Chaos at Latcham Gallery. For details visit [www.latchamgallery.ca](http://www.latchamgallery.ca) or call 905-640-8954.
- July 14:** 7 p.m. at 19 on the Park. Starlight Cinema presents *Cave Before Chanel*. Tickets are \$7.50 or \$5 for Starlight Cinema members.
- July 15:** 1:2-30 p.m. at the library. OEYC Family Fun. play to learn, learn to play.
- July 18:** 2:30-3:30 p.m. weekly at the library. Summer Chess Camp.
- July 19:** 8 p.m. at 19 on the Park. Stouffville Garden Club with special guest Frank Kershaw who will discuss critter control in the garden.
- July 19-23:** Vacation Bible School k-gr-8 at Vivian Baptist Church. For details call 905-473-3543.
- July 22:** 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library. OEYC. Games, Games, Games.
- July 22:** 8 p.m. at 19 on the Park. Summer Concert Series features singer/songwriter Alex J. Robinson. For tickets visit [www.nineteenonthePark.com](http://www.nineteenonthePark.com) or call 905-640-2322.
- July 23:** 7 p.m. in Memorial Park. Twilight Lawn Bowling Tournament.
- July 24:** 10 a.m. at Memorial Park. 'Tri-A-Tri' triathlon and family fun run/walk. For details visit [www.townofws.com](http://www.townofws.com).
- July 24:** 2-4 p.m. in Memorial Park. Party in the Park with swimming, games, entertainment and family art. Check [www.townofws.com](http://www.townofws.com) and click on community events, or call 905-642-7259 ext. 0 for details.
- July 24:** Latcham Gallery presents Doris McCarthy Celebrating Life, Nature and People, a look at the life and work of one of Canada's foremost artists.
- July 24:** 10 am in Memorial Park. F.L. Button Tournament.

Please note: All library programs except storytime require registration

## A World-class Welcome @ Your Library

By Carolyn Nordheimer James

Jiang Li and her two children approached the building with trepidation, not sure whether the library in their new community would have anything to offer them. As they entered, familiar sounds greeted them. Children were singing and clapping in Chinese! But why would children be singing in a library? Wasn't it supposed to be quiet and still?

Jiang Li was greeted with a welcoming smile and a friendly voice which said, "Good morning! May I help you?" When Jiang Li explained that she and her family were new to the community, the librarian's face lit up. "Let's take a tour around the library and you can ask questions as we go."

They stopped to look at the brightly coloured fish in the aquarium until little Lee's attention was diverted to the sand table where another boy was guiding vehicles across the table using a magnet. Lee quickly joined in the fun. The Chinese singing grew louder and the librarian told Jiang Li that Sing With Me in Chinese was a popular weekly drop in program. While this was the final program for the season, she said, the library was hoping to offer it again in the fall.

Three year-old Mei sat down at one of the early literacy stations. "These are computer stations with literacy and numeracy games designed for pre-schoolers," the librarian explained. While Mei was busy on the computer, Jiang Li investigated the collection of board books, easy readers, and parenting magazines and was very pleased to see the collection of Chinese children's books. "These have just arrived," said the librarian. "We hope to add more books to the collection. There are more in an adult collection on the far side of the library."

In the adult area, the librarian pointed out the audio book collection. Jiang Li said she liked to walk through the trail system near her new home and the librarian said that she would show her how to download audio books from her home computer so that she could listen while she walked. "We also have electronic books that you can read from a mobile device," she added. "I'll show you how to download those."

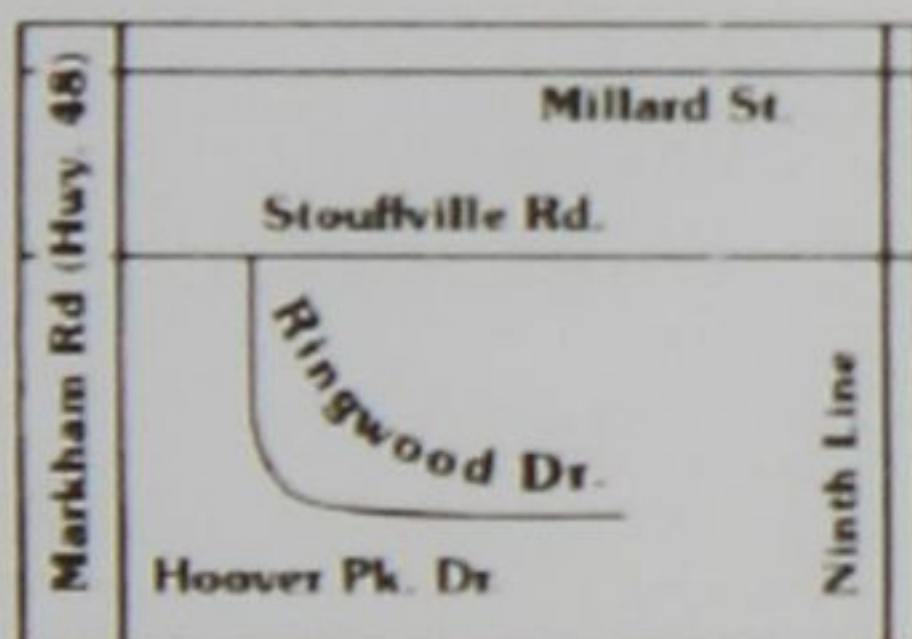
Jiang Li applied for a library membership at the front desk. The librarian explained that the library's website address was on the card. "You can check your account to review when items are due, renew them, and place requests on items that are on loan," she said.

"Keep an eye on the website for information on new services that the library will be offering soon such as Playaways which are self-contained audio books, great for listening to while jogging or working out. And watch for Mango, our new online language learning software that provides users with access to over 40 different languages, and English as a second language, from the comfort of their own home."

Jiang Li left knowing that she had found the perfect gateway into her new community of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Welcome! Bienvenu! Willkommen! Bienvenido! Karibu! Selamat Datang! Benvenuto! Maligayang Pagdating! Byenveni! Hosgeldin!

Visit [www.whitchurch-library.on.ca](http://www.whitchurch-library.on.ca) for more information on library programs and services.

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