

Up And 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 withwrinkles@hotmail.com or drop off at 6111 Main St. The deadline for the September Issue is Aug. 26.

Aug. 2: Al Humphrey's Memorial Ride for charity at Al's Tack Shop, 4812 Vandorf Sideroad. For details visit www.alumphreymemorialride.com or call 905-640-2011.
Aug. 4: 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library: Storytime for ages 3 to 6. Free.
Aug. 4: 10:15-11:15 a.m. at the library: Crafts for ages 7 and up. \$2.
Aug. 5: 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library: Crafts for ages 3 to 6. \$2.
Aug. 5: 1-5 p.m. at the library: Twilight 'til Dawn with a Side Order of Cheeseburger, subversive writing workshop for ages 14 to 17 led by Charlene Jones. Cost is \$20.
Aug. 5: 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion: Horseshoes. Everyone welcome.
Aug. 6: 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library: Crafts for ages 3 to 6. \$2.
Aug. 6: 1-2:30 p.m. at the library: OEYC Kids in the Kitchen.
Aug. 6: 6 p.m. at Stouffville United Church: Worship Feast and summer celebration includes gathering time, dinner and worship for adults and children. Everyone welcome. Free will offering. For details call 905-640-1163.
Aug. 6: 7 p.m. at Timber Creek, Ninth Line north: Royal Canadian Legion invites everyone to join them for mini-put.
Aug. 6: 7 p.m. at Latcham Gallery: Threads exhibition opening. Everyone welcome.
Aug. 7: 10:15-10:45 at the library: Baby Goose for infants up to 18 months.
Aug. 9: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the museum: Antique & Classic Car Show includes exhibitors from across southern Ontario, refreshments, children's activities and live entertainment. Admission is \$6 (children under 7 free) or \$15 for a family of up to four people. Rain date is Aug. 16.
Aug. 9: 1-2 p.m. at the library: Chess Camp.
Aug. 10: Session six of Latcham Gallery art camp begins. Call 905-640-8954 for details.

Aug. 10: 1:30 p.m. at the library: Movie.
Aug. 11: 10:15-10:45 a.m. At the library: Storytime for ages 3 to 6. Free.
Aug. 11: 10:15-11:15 a.m. at the library: Crafts for ages 7 and up. \$2.
Aug. 11: 7 p.m. at 19 on the Park: Marvel night at the movies featuring Spider-man. \$5.
Aug. 12: 10:15-10:45 a.m. At the library: Crafts for ages 3 to 6. \$2.
Aug. 12: 1 to 3 p.m. at the library: Writers' Open Mic offers a forum for local scribes to read excerpts from their own fiction, memoir or non-fiction works. Writing instructor Charlene Jones will provide feedback. Admission is by donation.
Aug. 12: 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion: Horseshoes. Everyone welcome.
Aug. 12: 7 p.m. at 19 on the Park: Movie night: Young @ Heart. \$5.
Aug. 12: 9 p.m. at 19 on the Park: Movie night: The Soloist. \$5.
Aug. 13: 10:15-10:45 a.m. At the library: Crafts for ages 3 to 6. \$2.
Aug. 13: 1-2:30 p.m. at the library: Let's get fit.
Aug. 13: 7 p.m. at Timber Creek, Ninth Line north: Royal Canadian Legion invites everyone to join them for mini-put.
Aug. 13: 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the library: Why Math is Important to your Child's Future. Eddie Ng, B. math from the University of Waterloo with over eight years experience in private tutoring, will illustrate how math strengths build life strengths. Free admission.
Aug. 14: 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library: Baby Goose for infants up to 18 months.
Aug. 16: 1-2 p.m. at the library: Chess Camp.
Aug. 17: Session seven of Latcham Gallery art camp begins. Call 905-640-8954 for details.
Aug. 17: 1:30 p.m. at the library: Movie.
Aug. 17: 8 p.m. at the United Church: Stouffville Horticultural Society flower show. Cary Carlson will give a talk on lovely day lilies.
Aug. 18: 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library: Storytime for ages 3 to 6. Free.
Aug. 18: 10:15-11:15 a.m. at the library: Crafts for ages 7 and up. \$2.
Aug. 19: 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library: Crafts for ages 3 to 6. \$2.

Aug. 19: 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion: horseshoes. Everyone welcome.
Aug. 20: 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library: Crafts for ages 3 to 6. \$2.
Aug. 20: 7 p.m. at Timber Creek, Ninth Line north: Royal Canadian Legion invites everyone to join them for mini-put.
Aug. 21: 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library: Baby Goose for infants up to 18 months.
Aug. 23: 11 a.m. At Goodwood Baptist Church: Special guest evangelist Larry Johnson with music by the Johnsons. All welcome.
Aug. 23: 1-2 p.m. at the library: Chess Camp.
Aug. 24: 1:30 p.m. at the library: Movie.
Aug. 25: 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library: Storytime for ages 3 to 6. Free.
Aug. 25: 10:15-11:15 a.m. at the library: Crafts for ages 7 and up. \$2.
Aug. 26: 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the library: Crafts for ages 3 to 6. \$2.
Aug. 26: 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion: Horseshoes. Everyone welcome.
Aug. 27: 7 p.m. at Timber Creek, Ninth Line north: Royal Canadian Legion invites everyone to join them for mini-put.
Aug. 29: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the library: Super Saturday.
Aug. 29: 1 p.m. at Foxbridge Golf Course: Royal Canadian Legion Fall Golf Tournament includes 18 holes, golf cart, windbreaker, prizes and dinner. Cost is \$90 each. Call 905-640-1714 for details and to register.

Please note: All library programs except storytime require registration.

It's All In The Timing

By Catherine Sword

They say all the stories have been written.

The challenge for writers is in how to write the story and Audrey Niffenegger has written a very creative novel. Don't be afraid of this recommendation. I know there are some people who connect me with science fiction and other weird stuff, but this is different. *The Time Traveler's Wife* does sound like science fiction, but it's about the relationship between Henry and Clare. In fact, part-way through the book I realized I was reading a mystery and a romance, of sorts.

The trick, and I'm not giving away a lot here, is that Henry travels through time, but not by choice. His slipping out of time is spontaneously triggered at the oddest moments. Mostly, he can only travel backwards within his own personal history and on one of those trips, he meets five-year-

old Clare. Their relationship begins, yet it isn't chronological. Unravelling the story like a mystery, yet not difficult to follow, Niffenegger draws you in so that you just have to find out what's next. And when is next?

Since the movie *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, audiences seem more comfortable with creative licence applied to time, and on Aug. 14 they will have an opportunity to see *The Time Traveler's Wife* on screen. Ontario's own Rachel McAdams will play Clare opposite Australia's Eric Bana. Now he's going to make one hot librarian.

Did I mention that Henry grows up to be a librarian? Did I mention that when he flips through time he can't take anything but himself? I'm sure the movie will deal with this tastefully and, I hope, as humorously as the author does.

So reserve the book at our library and remember, it also makes a great book club selection. Don't forget to check the

library's database *NovelList*, which includes a book discussion guide, where you'll learn that the author was inspired by the marriage of her own grandparents. One of the questions posed is, how do Henry's and Clare's relationships with their mothers reflect the larger themes of the book? Interesting.

I'm sure many of you will like this story and if so, let me tell you about a Canadian novel, Andrew Davidson's *The Gargoyle*. Again, kinda like a mystery. This time the woman has "travelled through time" through re-incarnation.

Part-way through I realized I was reading another romance. Dang! This is really going to blow my image as the librarian who reads weird stuff.

Catherine Sword is adult services librarian at *Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library*



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