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A list of programs, activities and events at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

### Focus on Digital Content

As the temperature drops and the snow starts to fall, we want to focus on our fantastic digital content. We have eBooks, digital magazines and many more electronic resources all accessible from home with your library card. You don't even have to leave your house! We have added tons of new eBooks to our 3M Cloud Library and have a very large list of older titles on OverDrive. You can also download the latest magazine issues through Zinio or stream independent films through Indieflix. We offer a drop-in tech help on Wednesday afternoons from 2-5 pm and Thursday evening 5-9 pm to help get you set up, solve tech problems or just give a demonstration of all the great digital content available through the library.

### Schedule of Events for December at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Library

- Dec. 2: 7:30-9:30 pm.: French Conversation Club - Wednesday December 2nd. at 7:30-9:30 pm. Also Dec. 16
- Dec. 3: 1-2:30 p.m.: OEYC Sing & Sign for babies to 12 months.
- Dec. 3: 4-5 p.m.: Math for Kindergarten.
- Dec. 3: 4-5 p.m. weekly. Free tech help. Bring your own device.

- Dec. 3: 7-8:30 p.m.: Library Board Meeting.
- Dec. 4: 10:30 a.m.-noon weekly: ESL Book Club.
- Dec. 5: 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m.: Red Cross Babysitting Course for ages 11 to 15.
- Dec. 5: 1:30-4:30 p.m. weekly: Reading Buddies for kids who want to practise reading with a teen volunteer.
- Dec. 7: 4-5 p.m.: After School Chess Club.
- Dec. 7: 4-5 p.m. weekly: Jolly Phonics for ages 5 and 6.
- Dec. 8: 4-5 p.m. weekly: Jolly Phonics for 4-year-olds.
- Dec. 8: 4-5 p.m. weekly at Parkview Village Cafe: Loops - knit, crochet, sew. All ages and skill levels.
- Dec. 8: 7-8:30 p.m.: Entrepreneurs in Residence bi-monthly speaker series.
- Dec. 9: 10 a.m.-noon: Seniors' Christmas Party
- Dec. 9: 10:30 a.m.-noon weekly: ESL Conversation Circle.
- Dec. 9: 2-5 p.m. weekly: Free tech help. Bring your own device.
- Dec. 9: 4-5 p.m. weekly: Jolly Phonics for ages 5 and 6.
- Dec. 9: 5-8 p.m. weekly: Reading Buddies for kids who want to practise reading with a teen volunteer. (Also Dec. 16)
- Dec. 9: 7:30-9:30 p.m. weekly: French Conversation Circle.
- Dec. 10: 10-11:30 a.m.: Book Club.
- Dec. 10: 11:15-11:45 a.m.: Preschool Crafts for ages 2 to 6.
- Dec. 10: 4-6 p.m.: Teen Christmas Party
- Dec. 10: 7-8:30 p.m.: Book Club
- Dec. 12: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.: OEYC Holiday Make & Take
- Dec. 13: 1:30-3:30 p.m.: Writing Practice with Vicki Pinkerton.
- Dec. 14: 10:15-noon: Book Club.
- Dec. 16: 10:30-11 a.m.: Preschool Crafts for ages 2 to 6.
- Dec. 18: 4-5 p.m. Rapunzel's Book Club for Girls aged 9 to 12.

Visit [www.wsplibrary.ca](http://www.wsplibrary.ca) or call us at (905) 642-READ (7323) for more details about costs and registration.

### Library Staff Picks for a Winter's Evening

"The weather outside is frightful but the fire is so delightful."

What better way to spend a cold, wintry evening than curled up with a good read. Listed below are some recommendations from the staff of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library.

Crystal's choice is *Still Missing* by Chevy Stevens. Chevy is a Canadian author from BC who writes stories that will have you glued to the pages. Listen to a recent interview with the author on the Library's Shelf Life radio show on the Whistle Radio website!

Vicki recommends *House Rules*, a novel by Jodi Picoult about a boy with Asperger's syndrome. The novel illustrates the struggle between the boy and his family, the law, and his own disability.

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: *The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing* by Marie Kondo is Marcia's pick for this year. The author has practical tips you can use right away if you are serious about getting things in order.

Gabrielle's suggestion is *Circling the Sun* by Paula McClain. The book is a work of historical fiction that transports the reader to the Kenya of the 1920s and the life and times of pioneering aviator and horse racer Beryl Markham.

Janet's choice is *Mrs. Lincoln's Rival* by Jennifer Chiaverini. The story chronicles the life of Kate Sprague in Civil War Era Washington. Kate stepped into the role of establishing her father Salmon P. Chase in Washington society as the appointed Secretary of the Treasury in Abraham Lincoln's cabinet and as a future presidential candidate.

MJ recommends *These is my Words* by Sarah Pine. Inspired by the author's own family memoirs, this is the fictionalized

diary of a courageous woman's struggle to endure in the wild-west, gun-toting Arizona Territory of the late 1800s.

Kathy's selection is *Mad River Road* by Joy Fielding. This is a suspenseful tale of a man's attempt to find his former wife after spending a year in prison. The twists and turns of the plot will keep readers riveted until the end.

*Snakes! Guillotines! Electric Chairs!* *My Life in the Alice Cooper Group* by Dennis Dunaway is Brian's pick this year. Dunaway was the bassist in the original Alice Cooper Group. He relives some of the most notorious stories of the band's rise from an Arizona garage band to chart topping success in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Barb suggests *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. Exemplified in this novel are bravery, courage, and love in a time of war. The novel is set in a time and place that was filled with atrocities, but also with humanity and strength.

Kim recommends *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. This is a remarkable novel written in 2014 about a blind French girl and a German boy during World War II. Both are trying to survive extremely difficult, even tragic circumstances throughout the war years. The book is highly acclaimed and won the Pulitzer Prize in 2015.

Faith's choice is *Road Trip Rwanda* by Will Ferguson. Will Ferguson, winner of the Giller Prize and the Leacock Medal, travels across Rwanda with one of his Calgary neighbours who escaped from Rwanda just before the spring of 1994. With insight and humour, both heartbreaking and heart-warming, Ferguson offers a nuanced perspective on Rwanda's complex recovery.

All these selections and many more are in the library's collection. Visit the Library on December 28, 29, and 30 and enjoy a hot beverage and some holiday goodies! Season's Greetings from the staff, management, and board of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library!

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