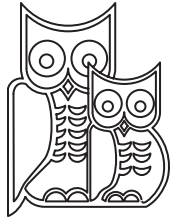


WHAT'S NEW @ St. Catharines Public Library

March/April 2016



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ST. CATHARINES PUBLIC LIBRARY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The St. Catharines Public Library Board is committed to providing all the citizens of St. Catharines with the highest level of library services, materials and facilities within the resources available to meet their informational, educational and recreational needs.



Owls in Niagara

Join Marcie Jacklin, locally recognized birder and leader of Niagara Nature Tours' Owl Prowl, for an introduction to owls in the Niagara region. Jacklin will discuss different species, behaviours and habits of owls, and share some photos of these elusive hunting birds.

- Tuesday, April 12 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

THE HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NATIONAL MONUMENT: THE MUSEUM'S DEVELOPMENT AND ITS DISPLAY OF TUBMAN IN CANADA

In 2017, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument (HTURNM) will open in Cambridge, Maryland. Dr. Dann J. Broyld, History professor at Central Connecticut State University, will highlight the local public work, annual commemorations, activities, and the broad-based mobilization that provoked the National Park Services and Maryland state parks to erect a Harriet Tubman Monument. He will discuss how grass-root actions can persuade power-holders to concede and pass legislation to ensure that important legacies are formally memorialized. Broyld will also describe how the HTURNM museum plans to exhibit Tubman's life in St. Catharines.

- Wednesday, March 23 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free



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For Children

STORY STAIRS

Meet on the stairs in the Boys and Girls area at the Central Library at 11:15 am every Saturday for 30 minutes of storytelling. Bring your favourite stuffed animal friend.

TEDDY TIME TALES

(Ages 5 and under & their families)

Meet in the Children's Area every Saturday for 30 minutes of storytelling. Bring along your teddy!

- Dr. Huq Family Branch at 10:15 am
 - Merritt Branch at 10:15 am
- Port Dalhousie Branch at 2:15 pm

Family Story Time

(Ages 5 and under and their families)

Creativity

Enjoy stories, songs and a craft all about creativity.

- Tuesday, March 8 • 6:30 - 7:15 pm
- Central, Story Hour Room • Free

April Showers

Celebrate Spring with stories, songs and a craft.

- Tuesday, April 12 • 6:30 - 7:15 pm
- Central, Story Hour Room • Free

REGISTRATION:

1. Children must meet the minimum age requirement at the start of the program.
2. Register in person at any Library location.
3. Fees must be paid when you register.
4. Programs may be cancelled due to insufficient interest.

Tell Tails: Therapy Tails Ontario

(Ages 6 - 12)

Reading should be fun! By reading to a furry friend, children can improve their reading skills, confidence, interest and enjoyment in reading. Every Therapy Tail dog is specially trained and certified to sit quietly and listen while your child reads aloud to it. Please register in advance.

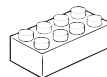
- Thursdays, March 10 and April 14
- 6:30 - 7:15 pm • Merritt Branch • Free
- or
- Saturdays, March 19 and April 16
- 2:15 - 3:00 pm • Dr. Huq Family Branch • Free
- or
- Wednesdays, March 23 and April 27
- 6:30 - 7:15 pm • Central, Story Hour Room • Free

Crafternoons

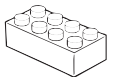
(Ages 10 and under)

Drop in for fun crafts and activities at your own pace. We provide the materials and you let your creativity run wild! Parents or older siblings may need to help younger children with activities.

- Saturdays, March 12, 26, April 9, 23
- 1:00 - 3:30 pm • Port Dalhousie Branch • Free



LEGO CLUB (AGES 7-12)



Calling all LEGO fans. Bring your own LEGOs and unleash your imagination in our spring LEGO Club. Try out new themes each week, and discover great LEGO related books and games! Please register in advance as space is limited.

- Wednesdays, March 23-April 13 • 4:00 - 4:45 pm
- Merritt Branch • Free

New sessions of 'Books & Babies' and 'Stories 'N More' will be starting in April. Check out the Story Time Brochure for the dates and times at the various Library locations.

**Remember TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE
for all programs.**

For Children

LET'S BUILD A FORT! (AGES 3-6)

Bring a blanket and help turn our program room into one big fort! We will enjoy snacks, stories and songs from inside our fort. Please register in advance.

- Saturday, April 2 • 2:30-3:30 pm
- Dr. Huq Family Branch • Free



Chess Club (Ages 6 - 13)

Children who already play chess are invited to sharpen their chess playing skills. Space is limited. Please register in advance.

- Tuesdays, April 5-May 10
- 4:00-5:30 pm (Ages 6-9)
- 6:00-7:30 pm (Ages 10-13)
- Merritt Branch • Free

Lemonade Club (Ages 6 - 11)

Ready for a break after school? In this weekly program you will enjoy a glass of lemonade as we read aloud from an exciting children's novel. Please bring your own glass.

- Thursdays, April 7-May 12 • 4:00-4:45 pm
- Dr. Huq Family Library Branch • Free
- Wednesdays, April 20-May 25 • 4:00-4:45 pm
- Merritt Branch • Free

EARTH DAY UPCYCLE! (AGES 10 AND UNDER)

Celebrate Earth Day by making pretty crafts with all recycled materials. No registration is necessary for this drop-in program.

- Friday, April 22 • 4:00-5:00 pm
- Dr. Huq Family Library Branch • Free

FLY INTO SPRING (AGES 3-6 & CAREGIVER)

Say hello to Spring and goodbye to Winter with your favourite feathered friends by reading stories and making a cool blue jay craft. Please register in advance.

- Saturday, April 23 • 10:30-11:15 am
- Merritt Branch • Fee: \$1.00 per child

Litterbugs (Ages 5-8)

Celebrate Earth Day! Join us for stories and make your own litterbug craft out of recycled materials.

- Saturday, April 23 • 2:30-3:30 pm
- Central, Story Hour Room • Fee: \$1.00 per child

Watercolour Silhouettes (Ages 8-12)

Learn watercolour painting techniques to create your own beautiful work of art. Please register in advance as space is limited.

- Friday, April 29 • 4:00-5:00 pm
- Merritt Branch • Fee: \$2.00



Mother's Day Tea (Ages 3 - 7 and caregiver)

Celebrate Mother's Day with your favourite lady. Join us for stories, treats and a special craft to make together. Please register in advance as space is limited.

- Saturday, May 7 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- Central, Story Hour Room • Fee: \$3.00 per child

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS will be offered from March 12-19, 2016.
Flyers are available at all Library locations or visit the Library's website.
Space is limited, so please register in advance.

For Tweens



Chess Club (Ages 6 - 13)

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- Tuesdays, April 5-May 10
- 4:00-5:30 pm (Ages 6-9)
- 6:00-7:30 pm (Ages 10-13)
- Merritt Branch • Free

MINECRAFT IN REAL LIFE CLUB (AGES 8-12)

Step out of the computer and into a real life Minecraft experience! No computer is necessary for the activities in store, just bring your love of the game and join us for Minecraft themed activities and snacks!

- Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20 • 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- Central, Story Hour Room • Fee: \$5.00 per session



LEVEL - UP! VIDEO GAME CLUB

(Ages 9 - 14)

If you love video games, this club is for you. Play just for fun, or enter a competition to win some great prizes! Drop in after school to relax and play games of all kinds.

- Thursday, April 7, 14, 21 • 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
- Central, Mills Room • Free

ORIGAMI CLUB (AGES 9-14)

Create amazing paper sculptures through the ancient art of origami. Experience not required.

- 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month
- 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Dr. Huq Family Branch • Free

Melted Crayon Art (Ages 9-14)

Experiment with the power of melting wax – we're making dripping, colourful abstract art with nothing but a little heat and your favourite shades of crayon. All materials will be provided.

- Saturday, April 16 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- Central, Story Hour Room • Fee: \$3.00

FREE Comic Book Day! (Ages 10 - 16)

The first Saturday in May is Free Comic Book Day worldwide! Bring your friends and celebrate at the Library. Join us for a craft, some video games, and of course—your free comic book! Costumes are encouraged, but not mandatory. Be sure to register in advance, as space and comic book quantities are limited. Comics are generously donated by Mostly Comics, 413 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines.

- Saturday, May 7, 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- Central, Rotary/Bankers Room • Free

Battle of the Books (Ages 9 - 18)

When you're at the Library during the month of April, check out our Red Maple and White Pine Battle of the Books contest! Tweens, vote for your favourite Red Maple nominated title. Teens, vote for your favourite White Pine nominated title. If your selection wins, you'll have a chance to win a prize! Contest closes April 30.

CLASS VISITS @

ST. CATHARINES PUBLIC LIBRARY

For Schools, Day Cares and Home School Families

Bring your students to the Library for a book browse or arrange for a tour or program. Class visits are offered year round at all Library locations.

To arrange a visit call 905-688-6103, ext. 252.

For Teens



Colour Your World Teen and Tween Photography Contest (Ages 9 - 18)

Get creative and use your camera to explore the world of colour. Photographs can focus on a subject of a single colour, or a spectrum of many colours! Submit your best colour photograph and you could win a fabulous prize!

Entries will be judged by members of the St. Catharines Photographic Club in two age categories: one for tweens (9-14) and one for teens (15-18).

For full contest details, pick up an entry form at any Branch of the St. Catharines Public Library or visit the Library website: <http://www.stcatharines.library.on.ca>

*For more information, please call
905-688-6103, ext. 227.*

Anime Club (Ages 12-18)

Do you like Japanese Anime? Bring your trading cards, share your drawings, and check out our manga and graphic novel collections. Join us the first Thursday of each month.

- Thursday March 3, and Thursday, April 7
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm • Central, Story Hour Room • Free

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The Write Stuff (Ages 11-16)

Join other poetry and short story writers and learn how to improve your writing skills. Dr. David Collins (PhD Comparative Literature) will help you take your creative writing to the next level.

- Thursday, March 10 and Thursday, April 21
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm • Central, Story Hour Room • Free

TEEN POETRY CHALLENGE (AGES 14-18)

April is National Poetry Month and to celebrate we will be hosting a teen poetry program. We will be doing a series of fun, poetry-based activities including black-out and book spine poetry. No experience is necessary! Please register in advance.

- Saturday, April 9 • 2:30-3:30 pm
- Central Library, Story Hour Room • Free

Teen Advisory Council (Ages 12 - 18)

Teen Advisory Council members!

TAC will be meeting in April to discuss ideas for Teen programs and services. If you are interested in becoming a member please call 905-688-6103 ext. 225 for more information.

- Thursday, April 14 • 7:00-8:30 pm
- Central, Story Hour Room • Free

Fresh Ink

16th Annual Creative Writing Competition for Teens

Teens, 12-18 years of age who live or study in the Niagara Region, are invited to submit original works of poetry and/or short stories. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners up in each category. Details and entry forms will be available in April at all Library locations and on the Library's website.

Deadline for Submissions is July 31, 2016.

Computer Programs A to Z at the Central Library

Recommended for ages 15 and above.

- You must register for all courses, with the exception of Tech Time. Sessions may be cancelled if courses are not filled.
- Handouts for the free classes are \$2.00
- For information or to register call 905-688-6103, ext 211.

BEGINNER'S COMPUTER COURSES

Computers 1 **Newly Updated

Learn about basic computer components including mouse and keyboarding skills and how to work with **Windows 10**. No experience necessary. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, March 2, April 6 • 6:30-8:00 pm
- Friday, March 11, April 22 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, March 4, April 15 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Computers 2 **Newly Updated

Explore the **Windows 10** operating system. Learn to manage/organize files and folders. Pre-requisite: *Computers 1* or basic mouse and keyboarding skills. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, March 9, April 13 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, March 18, April 29 • 10:00 -11:30 am
- Friday, March 11, April 22 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Internet 1

Learn to surf the Internet using web addresses and search engines. Pre-requisite: basic knowledge of computers. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, March 16, April 20 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, April 1 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, March 18, April 29 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Internet 2

Improve your Internet searching skills using subject directories and advanced search options in Google. Pre-requisite: *Internet 1* or basic knowledge of computers and the Internet. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, March 23, April 27 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, April 8 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, April 1 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

Internet 3

Focus your searches to find great websites. Learn to access the Library's collection of free databases and subscription-based websites. Pre-requisite: *Internet 2* or basic knowledge of computers and the Internet. Register for one of the dates below.

- Wednesday, March 30 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, April 15 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Friday, April 8 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FREE

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

Downloadable Books and Music (for Mobile Devices)

Learn how to download free e-books, audiobooks and music directly to your tablet or smartphone from **OverDrive** and **Freegal**. **Bring your mobile device and a valid St. Catharines Library card to the course.** Pre-registration is required.

- Wednesday, March 23 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm • FREE

Downloadable Magazines 101

Learn how to download free digital magazines to your computer, tablet, and/or smartphone from **Zinio**. **Participants must have a valid St. Catharines Library card and email address and may bring a mobile device to the program.** Pre-registration is required.

- Tuesday, March 15 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm • FREE

Digital Collections Clinic

Not sure how to download library e-books, audiobooks, music or magazines to your laptop, e-reader or tablet? Staff will provide one-on-one assistance to help you set up your device and access our wide variety of electronic collections, including **Overdrive, Freegal, Zinio, Hoopla** and more. **Please bring your tablet, e-reader and laptop and a valid St. Catharines Library card.** Pre-registration is required.

- Wednesday, April 13 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm • FREE

GENEALOGY

Ancestry Library Edition

Find the story of your ancestors by learning how to search Census Records, Wills, Passenger Lists, Birth, Marriage & Death Records on Ancestry.com. Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, March 31 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm • FREE

Genealogy on The Internet

Learn about and explore genealogical websites, and develop your research skills. Pre-requisite: *Internet 1* or basic knowledge of computers and the Internet. Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, April 7 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm • FREE

JOB SKILLS TRAINING

Job and Career Searching Online

Use national and local websites to find public and private job postings. Discover new career possibilities by using the Internet and our Career Cruising database. Pre-registration is required.

- Tuesday, April 12 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm • FREE

Microsoft Word Basics

Learn how to create stylish letters, professional looking reports and other useful documents in **Microsoft Word 2010**. Basic knowledge of computers required. Pre-registration is required.

- Tuesday, March 29 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FEE: \$5.00 + HST

Excel Basics

Learn the basics of creating professional spreadsheets with **Microsoft Excel 2010**. Prerequisite: Experience with Microsoft Word or *Microsoft Word Basics*. Pre-registration is required.

- Tuesday, April 5 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- FEE: \$10.00 + HST

SOCIAL NETWORKING

Facebook 1

Explore the world of social networking with Facebook. Create a profile, update your status and connect with friends. Basic knowledge of computers and the Internet are required. Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, March 10 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FEE: \$5.00 + HST

Facebook 2

Enhance your Facebook experience by experimenting with popular Facebook features. Learn how to upload pictures, connect with organizations, and master private messaging and chat. Pre-requisite: *Facebook 1* or limited Facebook experience. Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, March 17 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FEE: \$5.00 + HST

Twitter Basics

Instantly connect with friends, celebrities, experts and organizations with Twitter. Create a profile, learn to "tweet", send private messages, and manage your followers. Basic knowledge of computers and the Internet are required. Pre-registration is required.

- Thursday, March 24 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- FEE: \$5.00 + HST

Tech Time

Join us for a free, drop-in session where adults can receive one-on-one help with basic computer software issues, the Internet, gadgets and much more. Drop in at one of the following times.

- Central • Saturday, April 30
- 10:00 am - 12:00 noon • Free
- Dr. Huq Family Branch • Saturday, March 26
- 9:30 - 11:30 am • Free
- Merritt • Saturday, April 9
- 9:30 - 11:30 am • Free

Cookbook Club

Do you enjoy cooking and want to share your love of food? The Cookbook Clubs are looking for new members. Try out new recipes and share results, pick up cooking tips and discuss your food experiences with others. Come join our own "food network". Each club meets every second month.

• Vegetarian

- Saturday, March 5 • 11:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Merritt Branch

OR

• Lunches

- Saturday, April 23 • 11:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Dr. Huq Family Library Branch



For details or to register for one of the clubs, call the Merritt Branch at 905-688-6103, ext. 400 or the Dr. Huq Family Library Branch at 905-688-6103, ext.300.

ADULT CHESS INSTRUCTION

Are you interested in learning the game of chess or looking for an opportunity to improve your game? Come try your skills at this classic game of strategy.

- Fridays, April 1 to May 6 • 1:00-2:30 pm
- Merritt Branch • FREE

For further details or to register, please call the Merritt Branch at 905-688-6103, Ext. 400.

Buying and Selling a Home

Are you considering buying a new home? Are you thinking about downsizing or selling your current home? Join us and have your questions about buying and selling answered by an experienced team of real estate professionals. Mortgage specialist Irma Sebastiano will discuss how to protect your home equity, realtor Lily Ruggi will explain what buyers need to know and what sellers can do to prepare, and home stager Anna Topolinsky will discuss how to transform your house into a marketable home.

- Wednesday, March 16 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

Introduction to Craft Beer

Join Will Garrett, student in the Brewmaster and Brewery Operations Management program at Niagara College, and Justin Niece, Brewery Coordinator, for a lively and entertaining discussion about craft beer. They will discuss how beer is made, the different types of beer available for sale at the Teaching Brewery, and the innovative programs Niagara College is offering to meet the needs of this industry's rapid growth.

- Wednesday, March 30 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

Board on Fridays

Looking to get Monopoly, or test your Scrabble knowledge? Join us on Fridays to meet other adults to play traditional board games. Please register in advance.

- Fridays, April 1, 15, 29 and May 13, 27
- 2:00-3:30 pm
- Central Library, Rotary/Bankers Room • Free

Adult Colouring Extravaganza

Have you heard about Adult Colouring? During March and April, the Library is offering our adult patrons a chance to try this new trend that studies show can alleviate stress! Visit any Library location for a free colouring page and return it to be displayed with others!

Brock Talks



Please join us for another exciting series of talks with Brock University's Faculty of Humanities. Professors will speak about their fascinating areas of research from a wide range of disciplines!

A Monument to Suffering and Courage in Our Time: Svetlana Alexievich, Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature Dr. Robert Alexander

In October 2015, Svetlana Alexievich became the first writer known primarily for her work as a journalist to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. Although unfamiliar to many English-speaking readers, for almost forty years, Alexievich has been weaving the voices of ordinary people whose lives were profoundly affected by agonizing experiences in recent Russian times into haunting "emotional histories". Join Dr. Robert Alexander as he discusses a body of work the Nobel Committee called "a monument to suffering and courage in our time", as well as the importance of this recognition for contemporary literary nonfiction.

- Thursday, March 24 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

Afternoons for Adults

Nordic Pole Walking

Looking for a way to get active this spring? Have you tried Nordic Pole walking? Jan Murdoch will explain how Nordic Pole Walking is the most effective low-impact physical activity for everyone. It delivers superior wellness benefits since it uses 90% of body muscles versus 50% with regular walking. Join as we learn about this fun twist on walking!

- Tuesday, March 29 • 2:00 pm
- Central, Mills Room, 54 Church Street



Benefits of a Community Food Co-operative

Garden City Food Co-op is a dynamic grassroots organization whose purpose is to create a co-operative grocery store in the urban core of St. Catharines. Mark Shantz, President of the Co-op's Board of Directors will lead an informative and interactive discussion about food security, how food co-operatives differ from traditional grocery stores, and the development, goals, and future of the Garden City Food Co-op. Join us and learn how a food co-op can benefit consumers, the environment, and the community.

- Thursday, April 7 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

ADULT CRAFTING CIRCLE

Knitters, crocheters and needle-workers of all skill levels are invited to explore the Library's crafting collections and share current projects. Experienced crafters are invited to bring current projects, while new knitters and crocheters are asked to bring a ball of worsted weight yarn and 5mm knitting needles or crochet hook. Basic instruction will be provided for knitting and crocheting only. Please register in advance.

- Thursdays, April 14, 28 and May 12, 26
- 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Central Library, Story Hour Room • Free

KNITTING CIRCLE

Adult knitters of all skill levels, come join fellow knitters on the first and third Wednesday of each month to share projects, get help with tricky techniques and explore the library's knitting and crochet collections. Experienced knitters are invited to bring their current projects, while new knitters are asked to bring a ball of worsted weight yarn and 5mm knitting needles. Basic instruction will be provided for those that require it. Registration is required.

- First and third Wednesday of each month • 6:30 pm
- Dr. Huq Family Branch • Free

GREAT WAR CENTENARY SERIES

Canadian Expeditionary Force

Jim Doherty, president of the Niagara Military Museum, will explore the conflict of April 21, 1916 with regard to the local Welland Canal Field Force. Doherty will discuss local Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) recruitment and training, the CEF's role in France and Belgium, and will put names and faces to the fallen soldiers. He will also touch on conflict in other fronts around the globe on April 21, such as the Battle of Attrition at Verdun.

- Wednesday, April 20 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

ATTENTION TEACHERS Research Skills Development For Grade 8 Students

Prepare your students for high school by introducing them to research and information resources (print and electronic) available at the library. We are now booking for the period January 2016 to June 2016.

Call 905-688-6103, ext. 228
for further information or to book a visit.

CANADIAN AUTHORS IN ACTION An Evening of Poetry

Award winning Niagara poets will read selections from their published works. In addition, finalists from the Library's 2015 Fresh Ink Writing Competition for Teens will read their winning poems, as well as students from Brock University. Join us for an evening of literary entertainment and support both published and up-and-coming poets!

- Wednesday, April 6 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

Co-sponsored by the Canadian Authors Association
and the St. Catharines Public Library.

FREE CA TAX CLINICS FOR LOW INCOME EARNERS AND THE DISABLED

co-sponsored by

the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario

Chartered Accountants have volunteered their services to assist individuals with the preparation of personal income tax returns. **To be eligible**, total household income for earners without dependants must not exceed \$30,000 and total household income for those with dependants must not exceed \$40,000.

- Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening
- February 24 - March 31

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, Call 905-688-6103, ext. 211.
Central, Dr. Huq Family Branch and Merritt Branch.

VOLUNTEER TAX CLINICS

co-sponsored by Canada Revenue Agency

Volunteers, trained by Canada Revenue Agency, will be available at the Library to prepare personal income tax returns for low-income earners. **To be eligible**, income must be no more than \$30,000 per year for single individuals and no more than \$40,000 per year for couples. The income limit for a single parent with one child is \$35,000. The limit increases by \$2,500 for each additional dependant. Investment/interest income may not be greater than \$1,000. Appointments available:

- Central Library, Saturday March 12, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Central Library, Saturday April 2, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Call 905-688-6103, ext. 211
- Dr. Huq Family Branch, Saturday March 5, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Dr. Huq Family Branch, Saturday April 9, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Call 905-688-6103, ext 300
- Merritt Branch, Saturday, March 19, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Call 905-688-6103, ext 400

Saturday Morning Author Series

Co-Sponsored by the Canadian Authors Association, Niagara Branch

Sandra Orchard -

So You Want to be a Writer?

Join us for a workshop with Sandra Orchard, award-winning mystery and romantic suspense author of **Deadly Devotion** and **Emergency Reunion**. Orchard will walk you through a whirlwind tour of novel-writing and help you to unleash your own creative talents in this lively group collaboration.

- Saturday, March 19 • 10:00 am -12:30 pm
- Central Library, Rotary/Bankers Room • Free

John B. Lee - Poetry Workshop

John Busted Lee, award-winning Canadian author and Poet Laureate of Brantford, Ontario will give a poetry reading. After his reading, Lee will lead a workshop, giving direct feedback to participating poets. Each participant is asked to bring at least one piece of their writing.

- Saturday, April 23 • 10:00 am -12:30 pm
- Central Library, Rotary/Bankers Room • Free

**Please register in advance
as seating is limited.**

A Montage of Fashion and State: Fashioning Women during the Third Reich

Did fashioning women equate to fashioning the Third Reich? During this period, there was a dramatic shift of ideals and political agendas. As women entered the workforce they needed new attire that enabled them to transition to and from work. They were also earning a disposable income and were able to participate in the latest fashions. However, during the Third Reich, women were dressing for a different purpose—to serve the state. Alessia Barzetti, Art History Professor at Niagara University, will investigate this phenomenon using examples from historical imagery and examples of women's fashions constructed during this time.

- Wednesday, April 27 • 7:00 pm
- Central Library, Mills Room • Free

Online Nonfiction Book Club

The Library has taken the book club experience online and new members are always welcome. The selected titles are available in a variety of formats.

Here's what we're reading in March and April:

MARCH – A House in the Sky

By: Amanda Lindhout

As a child, Amanda Lindhout read *National Geographic* and dreamed of traveling to exotic destinations. As an adult, she backpacked through Latin America, India, and the Middle East. In 2008, after embarking on a career as a television reporter, she traveled to Somalia—"the most dangerous place on earth" and was abducted by masked men who held her hostage for 460 days. This riveting memoir is the intimate story of an intrepid young woman, her fight for survival, and her search for compassion in the face of unimaginable danger.

APRIL – Dead Wake:

The Last Crossing of the Lusitania

By: Erik Larson

On May 1, 1915, the Lusitania, a luxury ocean liner sailed out of New York bound for Liverpool. It was one of the era's great transatlantic "Greyhounds"—the fastest liner then in service. For several months prior to the Lusitania's voyage, German U-boats had brought terror to the North Atlantic, declaring the seas around Great Britain to be a war zone. As Walther Schwieger, the captain of Unterseeboot-20, and the Lusitania made their way toward Liverpool, an array of forces both grand and achingly small, all converged to produce one of the great disasters of history.

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