

# What's On

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*"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope."*

- Emily Brontë

Port Hope Public Library - Over 110 Years of Library Service

May 2024

## Library Hours

### Mary J. Benson Branch

#### Monday - Thursday

10 am - 8 pm

#### Friday

10 am - 5 pm

#### Saturday\*

10 am - 5 pm

#### Sunday\*

11 am - 2 pm

### The Port Hope

### Community Hub Branch

#### Monday

10 am - 1 pm

#### Tuesday

4 pm - 7 pm

#### Wednesday

1 pm - 4 pm

#### Saturday

10 am - 1 pm

### PLEASE NOTE

\***May 12** is the last Sunday until fall

\***June 1** is the start of Saturday summer hours: 10 am - 2 pm



## Seven Nights at Seth's Escape Room!

**May 1 - 7, open hours @ Town Park Recreation Centre**

To celebrate Youth Week, PHPL is partnering with Town Park Rec Centre on a drop in escape room! Bring your friends! Visit

[www.porthope.ca/en/things-to-do/youth-programs-and-activities.aspx](http://www.porthope.ca/en/things-to-do/youth-programs-and-activities.aspx) for more info.



## Learning, Laughter & Play - Drop-In

**Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:30 AM @ MJB Branch**

In partnership with Early On Northumberland. Stories & interactive play designed for children under 6. All children are welcome!



## Meditation & Mental Wellness with NHH Mental Health

**Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 1 PM @ MJB Branch**

Join us for guided meditations and short breathing exercises, followed by checking in & discussions. Please arrive on time. Bring a mat or blanket to lay on the ground; chairs will be provided to sit in.



## Scrabble Sundays at MJB!

**Sundays, May 5, 12, 11:30 - 1 PM @ MJB Branch**

Come out to play scrabble and meet up with friends old and new.



## Laughter Yoga

**Sunday, May 5, 11:15 - 12 PM @ MJB Branch**

Join our own Lisa O, certified Laughter Yoga instructor, to celebrate World Laughter Day with some laughter and joy! Pre-register at [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca).



## Baby Time at MJB!

**Mondays, May 6, 13, 27, 10:30 AM @ MJB Branch**

Drop in for a special baby time program of songs, stories & bubbles for babies ages 1 and under!



## Techno Buddies

**Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 4 - 5 PM @ MJB Branch**

Do you need technical help with your devices? TCS students are here to help. Drop-in.

**Please Note:** Both branches of the Library will be closed on Monday, May 20 for the Victoria Day holiday. Take advantage of our online resources like Libby, where you'll find audio and eBooks as well as over 3000 magazines! Visit [www.porthopepubliclibrary.ca](http://www.porthopepubliclibrary.ca) for even more digital options!

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# Events & Programs @ Your Library



## Growing From Seed Family Make & Take!

**Saturday, May 11, 10 AM - 12 PM @ The Hub**

Work with a gardening expert to start your vegetable and flower seeds in seedling trays and learn how to create the best garden bed!

In partnership with Port Hope Agricultural Society. Pre-register: [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca).



## Unfinished Stitchery

**Monday, May 6, 13, 27, 2 - 3:30 PM @ MJB Branch**

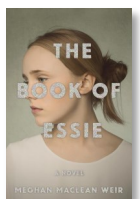
Bring your unfinished knitting, crocheting, rug hooking or any similar project and work among others for a fun and social gathering.



## Drop In Family Craft Night at The Hub!

**Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 - 7 PM @ The Hub**

Bring the family to The Hub Branch in Canton to make a fun spring craft! Drop in. No registration required.



## Library Book Club

**Wednesday, May 15, 7 PM @ MJB Branch**

This month's selection is *The Book of Essie*, by Meghan MacClean Weir. "Deeply sympathetic... well-paced... and [a] genuine emotional punch." - Kirkus. Everyone is welcome!



## Port Hope ACO Heritage Colouring Book

**Thursday, May 16, 6:30 PM @ MJB Branch**

It's the official launch of the Port Hope ACO 60th Anniversary Colouring Book! Browse through 40 historic drawings and colour in your choice. The book will be also be available with a

suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds are for ACO Heritage Conservation in our community.



## Family Bingo at The Hub!

**Tuesday, May 21, 6 PM @ The Hub Branch**

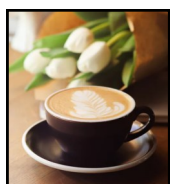
Come out for Family Bingo at the Hub Branch in Canton!



## Mystery Readers' Book Club

**Wednesday, May 22, 7 PM @ MJB Branch**

Join us to discuss the novel *The Guest List*, by Lucy Foley. "Lap up the luxe details, then hold your breath for dark twists." - People



## Death Café

**Thursday, May 23, 6:30 PM @ MJB Branch**

Join Death Doula Stephanie Byfield & Lisa O'Leary for a discussion about death and dying in a special *death café*. Death cafes are part of a global movement to bring awareness to our finite lives. Having a safe space to talk about death is important. Pre-register at [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca).



### PHPL Mission Statement

Port Hope Public Library delivers quality, community focused library services with a commitment to equitable and open access to all resources.

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## NEW!

Explore our display of items from Farley Mowat's office in honour of his birthday month.

And don't miss our monthly readers' display curated by PHPL staff. This month's display is by Cherie!

We're now on Spotify & Tik Tok!



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