

What's On



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Port Hope Public Library - Over 110 Years of Library Service

July 2025

Summer Library Party!

Saturday, July 12, 10 AM - 1 PM @ MJB Branch Parking Lot & Rotary Park



Join us for a fabulous outdoor party to celebrate a summer of fun at PHPL! We'll have exciting activities including a bouncy castle, face painting, touch a truck with Henderson Group & more! In partnership with Port Hope Police Service and the Municipality of Port Hope.

HENDERSON GROUP

TD Summer Reading Club! All Summer @ PHPL

This summer read library books & be entered to win a Grand Prize! Pick up your summer reading kit (look for the mini prize inside) & READ READ READ your way to victory. This year's theme is Going Around the World. PHPL thanks TD Financial for its generous support of this Canada-wide library program.



Toddlers & Waddlers

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 AM @ MJB Branch

Stories & interactive play designed for children under 6. Small snack provided. All children are welcome!



Ukrainian Drop In

Wednesday, July 2, 5:30 PM @ MJB Branch

The 1st Wednesday of each month we welcome Ukrainian families to connect, socialize, and practice Ukrainian in a casual and welcoming environment. Enjoy chess, board games, and more.



Story Time in the Park

Fridays, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 AM @ Memorial Park

Join Lisa & Julia under a tree in Memorial Park for family & kids' story time!



Movement & Mood with NHH Mental Health

Fridays, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2-3 PM @ MJB Branch

This yoga-inspired class offers an inclusive environment to support mental and physical health. Learn stretches to promote rest and relaxation. Bring a mat or opt to use our chairs.



Baby Time at MJB!

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 AM @ MJB Branch

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



"In the summer, the days were long, stretching into each other. Out of school, everything was on pause and yet happening at the same time, this collection of weeks when anything was possible."
- Sarah Dessen

Library Hours

Mary J. Benson Branch

Monday - Thursday

10 am - 8 pm

Friday

10 am - 5 pm

Saturday

10 am - 2 pm

Sunday

Closed until fall

The Port Hope Community Hub Branch

Monday

10 am - 1 pm

Tuesday

4 pm - 7 pm

Wednesday

1 pm - 4 pm

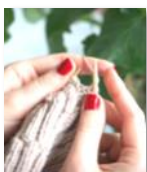
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Events & Programs @ Your Library



Unfinished Stitchery

Monday, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2 - 3:30 PM @ MJB Branch - all ages!

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



Drop In Chess Club

Monday, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 6 - 7:30 PM @ MJB Branch

Drop in with a friend for Chess Club! All ages are welcome from June to August! Children under 11 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



French Story Time

Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 AM @ MJB Branch

Enhance French skills with a fun picture-book story time for kids, with local French Immersion high school volunteers.



Crafternoon Drop In!

Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2-3 PM @ MJB Branch

Family craft time! Come out for a different craft each week. Families and children 4+.



Red Cross Babysitting Course

Wednesday, July 9, 9AM - 4:00 PM @ The Hub Branch

Offered by React Right Safety Services. Learn basic skills to look after babies, toddlers & small children, as well as how to react in an emergency. Earn a Red Cross Certificate. \$60 including taxes. Pre-register at registrations@phpl.ca. For ages 11 - 16.



Mini Art Make & Take

Thursday, July 10, 2 PM @ MJB Branch

Drop in to create mini art to take home, and to stock our Mini Art Gallery outside the Mary J. Benson Branch! In partnership with the Art Gallery of Northumberland. Ages 7+.



Craft Night for Adults at The Hub!

Tuesday, July 15, 5:30 - 6:45 PM @ The Hub Branch

Join Hub staff for an adults-only craft night. Each month will be a different craft. This month it's diamond dots. Pre-register at registrations@phpl.ca.



Let's Go Lego!

Wednesday, July 16, 2 PM @ The Hub Branch

We have lots of Lego! Bring your friends and join us at The Hub to build something epic!



Fire Truck Story Time

Thursday, July 17, 10:30 AM @ Rotary Park

Join Port Hope Emergency Services for a fun story time about fire trucks! Have a chance to ask a real fire fighter some questions and then explore the fire truck! Everyone's invited.



The Battle of the Chocolate Bars

Thursday, July 17, 2 PM @ MJB Branch

Help settle the debate: What's the best chocolate bar? Let's taste test to decide. Pre-register registrations@phpl.ca. Ages 13+.

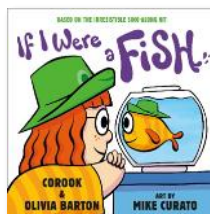
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Comic Shift Workshop!

Wednesday, July 23, 2 - 3:30 PM @ MJB Branch

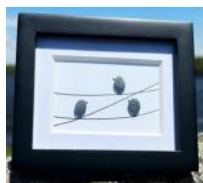
Local author Ted Staunton will introduce his new novel *Comic Shift*, about 2 kids trying to create comics who meet someone with a superpower they're trying to lose. Participants will learn the basics of comics, and tips on how to start creating their own comic. **Each participant will receive a copy of Comic Shift to take home with them!** Pre-register at registrations@phpl.ca. For ages 9 - 12.



Reading & Sing Along in the Park

Thursday, July 24, 10:30 AM @ Memorial Park

Join us for a reading of Corook's book *If I Were a Fish*, written after their viral song of the same name, sung around the world by adults and children alike! We'll also sing the song together!



Rock Art Workshop

Thursday, July 24, 2 PM @ MJB Branch

Drop in for an afternoon of art using small rocks & markers for a unique 3D project! Pre-register at registrations@phpl.ca Teens & Tweens.



Becoming a Book

July 26 - August 9 @ MJB Branch

Drop in and take a picture with a book from our **Becoming a Book** shelf and enter the Library category of the photography exhibit at the fall fair! In partnership with the Port Hope Agricultural Society and Port Hope Fair. All ages.



Junk Journal Bookmark Workshop

Wednesday, July 30, 2 PM @ MJB Branch

Drop in for an afternoon of mixed media art using supplied materials to make your own laminated bookmark! Teens & Tweens.



Candy Sushi Making!

Thursday, July 31, 10:30 - 11:30 AM @ MJB Branch

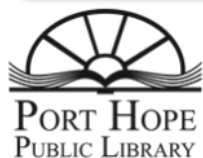
Do you love sushi? Do you love candy? Then you'll love making sushi candy rolls! We provide the candy, you provide the imagination. Pre-register at registrations@phpl.ca. Ages 8 - 12.



Video Game Afternoon!

Thursday, July 31, 2 - 4 PM @ MJB Branch

Join us for a fun afternoon of video games. We'll have the PS4 set up as well as the Nintendo switch and snacks! Teens 13+



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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Visit us on the web at
www.porthopepubliclibrary.ca

Teen Summer Volunteer Read & Video!

Read a book & make a 1 minute book review video. Receive 1 volunteer hour for every video you make, up to a max of 10! You'll also be entered for a prize at the end of the summer for each submission! Ages 13 - 18. Pre-register at registrations@phpl.ca.

We're now on Spotify & Tik Tok!



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PHPL Reading Music:
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Teen

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