

# What's On



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Port Hope Public Library - Over 110 Years of Library Service

March 2025

*"March was an unpredictable month, when it was never clear what might happen. Warm days raised hopes until ice and grey skies shut over the town again."*

— Tracy Chevalier

## 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



## Scrabble Sundays at MJB!

**Sundays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 11:30 - 1 PM @ MJB Branch**

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



## Baby Time at MJB!

**Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10:30 AM @ MJB Branch**

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



## Unfinished Stitchery

**Monday, March 3, 10 (all ages), 17, 24, 31 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 Chess Club

**Monday, March 3, 10, 24, 31 6 - 8 PM @ MJB Branch**

We're hosting a chess club for experienced players. Drop in with a friend or meet an opponent here! For adults and kids 11+.



## Homeschool Group

**Tuesday, March 4, 1 PM @ MJB**

If you're a homeschooling family don't miss our monthly events! This month we'll meet PHPL's in-house author, Ed Greenwood.



## Toddlers & Waddlers - Drop In

**Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 10:30 AM @ MJB Branch**

Stories, singing & interactive play designed for children under 6. All children are welcome!



## Red Cross Babysitting Course

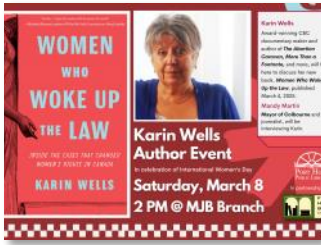
**Friday, March 7, 9AM - 4 PM @ MJB Branch**

Earn a Red Cross Certificate for ages 11 - 16. Pre-register at [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca). Offered by React Right Safety Services, with a fee of \$60 including taxes. Learn the skills to look after babies, toddlers and small children, as well as how to react in an emergency. Spots are limited.

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# Events & Programs @ Your Library



## Karin Wells Author Event!

**Saturday, March 8 2 PM @ MJB Branch (2nd Floor)**

Don't miss award-winning CBC documentary maker and author Karin Wells' visit to PHPL! She'll be interviewed by Mandy Martin, journalist and Mayor of Colborne about her new book, **Women Who Woke Up the Law**, in celebration of International Women's Day.



## Salad in a Jar!

**Tuesday, March 11, 10:30 AM @ MJB Branch**

Join Registered Dietician Juliana Crimi and make your own salad in a jar to take home. Kids ages 8+ get to cut and choose what goes in their jar! Thanks to David's No Frills in Cobourg for the salad ingredients. Pre-register at [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca).



## Self-Portrait Art Workshop

**Tuesday, March 11, 2 PM @ MJB Branch**

Learn to create your self-portrait with artist Lee Higginson! Ages 7+. Pre-register at [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca).



## Drop In Family Craft Night at The Hub!

**Tuesday, March 11, 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.



## Family Bingo at The Hub!

**Wednesday, March 12, 2-3 PM @ The Hub Branch**

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



## Tween/Teen Mindfulness

**Thursday, March 13, 10:30 AM @ MJB Branch**

Explore a variety of mindfulness techniques to unwind and de-stress, in partnership with NHH Community Mental Health Services. Drop in for ages 11+.



## Home Alone

**Thursday, March 13, 1 - 3:30 PM @ MJB Branch**

Pre-register at [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca) for a free workshop for ages 10 - 14! Learn the skills and knowledge to confidently stay safe at home alone in various situations. Learn what to do in case of an emergency. Offered through Community Health Centres of Northumberland.



## Let's Go Lego! Drop In

**Friday, March 14, 10 AM - 4 PM @ MJB Branch**

Finish off March Break with LEGO! Come join your friends and create something epic with our extensive LEGO collection!



## Lunch and Learn at PHPL!

**Tuesdays, March 18, (and April 8, May 13, June 10), 11:30 AM @ MJB Branch**

Bring your lunch and an appetite for learning to PHPL for Lunch & Learn! This month **The Feel Good Company** will be here to talk about movement and mental health and why they matter.



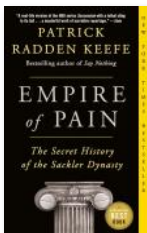
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## Hub Club for Adults!

**Tuesday, March 18, 6 - 7 PM @ The Hub Branch**

Join Hub staff for a get-together with a variety of options to decide on each month! It might be a game, a craft or a book discussion. You decide! Pre-register at [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca).



## Library Book Club

**Wednesday, March 19, 7 PM @ MJB Branch**

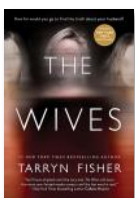
This month's selection is New York Times Bestseller, *Empire of Pain*, by Patrick Radden Keefe. "A fascinating and infuriating firecracker of a story about greed, privilege, hypocrisy and the corruption of the American dream." —TIME Magazine



## Bibliotherapy with NHH Mental Health

**Fridays, March 21, 28, April 4 & 11, 11 AM @ MJB Branch**

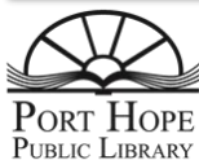
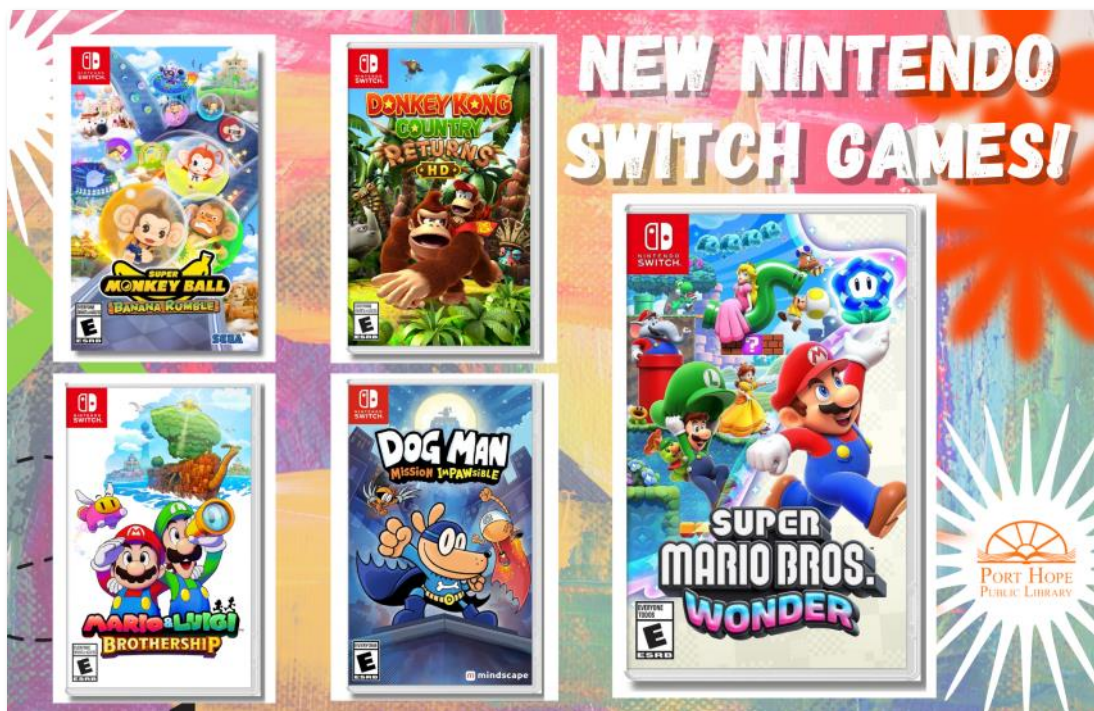
Join us weekly to explore a new theme through literature. We'll discuss topics like resilience, hope, wellness, and courage, and connect with others on a shared journey of growth and reflection.



## Mystery Readers' Book Club

**Wednesday, March 26, 7 PM @ MJB Branch**

Join us to discuss the novel *The Wives* by Tarryn Fisher. "An intriguing plot takes some sharp twists in the search for the elusive truth in this fast-reading domestic thriller."--Booklist



### 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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## Contact Us

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## Artists on View:

Drop into the Mary J. Benson Branch to view the artwork of Port Hope High School students through April.

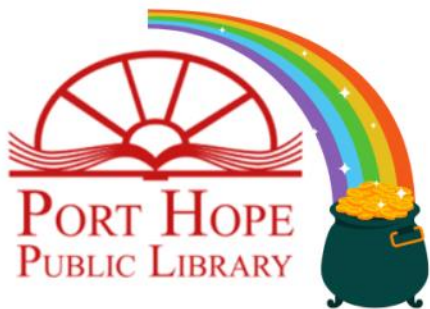
We're now on Spotify & Tik Tok!

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# March

Family

Children

Teen

Adult

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	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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