

GUIDE

BURLINGTON LITERARY FESTIVAL

Our 5th annual celebration of creativity,
writing, storytelling & literature.

R In Conversation with Iona Whishaw

The bestselling author discusses her exciting new prequel.
Sun Nov 2 | 1-2pm | CENTRAL

R In Conversation with Alyson Richman

Alyson Richman talks about her haunting new novel.
Sun Nov 2 | 3-4pm | CENTRAL

R Master of Suspense Joy Fielding

An afternoon author talk for fans of psychological thrillers.
Tue Nov 4 | 2-3pm | CENTRAL

R Hybrid Self-Publishing - WORKSHOP

Get inspired by Christiane Banks' writing journey.
Sun Nov 9 | 11am-12:30pm | CENTRAL

R Parenthood & Disability

Jessica Slice, the author of *Unfit Parent*, shares her journey.
Sun Nov 9 | 2-3pm | VIRTUAL

R Robert J. Sawyer on Science Fiction

An introduction to why everyone should give sci-fi a try.
Mon Nov 10 | 7-8pm | CENTRAL

R Rick Westhead on Hockey Culture

We Breed Lions is a hard-hitting look at hockey culture.
Wed Nov 12 | 7-8pm | CENTRAL



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R From Horror Story to Horror Film

A behind-the-scenes look with writer Edo van Belkom.
Sat Nov 15 | 2-3:30pm | CENTRAL

R Celebrating Jane Austen's 250th

Catherine Little shares stories about the beloved author's life.
Sun Nov 16 | 2-3pm | CENTRAL

R In Conversation with Patty Krawec

Explore Indigenous voices rejecting the settler narrative.
Mon Nov 17 | 7-8pm | CENTRAL

R A Novel Approach to Children's Stories

With Lana Button, Jennifer Maruno, and Sylvia McNicoll.
Thu Nov 20 | 7-8pm | CENTRAL

R An Afternoon with Adnan Khan

His novel looks at faith, family, identity, and ambition.
Sat Nov 22 | 2-3pm | CENTRAL

R How to Beat Writer's Block - WORKSHOP

Anna Chatterton offers practical tips and strategies.
Sun Nov 23 | 11am-12:30pm | CENTRAL

R Writing A Children's Novel - WORKSHOP

Learn the essentials of crafting stories from Sylvia McNicoll.
Sun Nov 23 | 2-4pm | CENTRAL

R An Evening with Miriam Toews

One of Canada's most iconic writers tells her own story in a breathtaking new memoir, *A Truce That Is Not Peace*.
Mon Nov 24 | 7-8pm | PORT NELSON UNITED CHURCH
3132 South Dr, Burlington

R Meet Souvankham Thammavongsa

The author of *How to Pronounce Knife* discusses her latest book.
Thu Nov 27 | 7-8pm | CENTRAL

BurlLITFest Open Mic, November 30

It's our festival wrap-up event! Share your literary talent or just come watch.
Sun Nov 30 | 2-3:30pm | CENTRAL



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Arts & Literature

Afternoon at the Movies Tuesdays | 1:30-3:30pm | CENTRAL
Nov 4 - Death on the Nile | Nov 11 - Passchendaele
Nov 18 - The Banshees of Inisherin | Nov 25 - Murder on the Orient Express

R BPL Book Club - bpl.on.ca/bookclub

Tue Nov 18 | 2-3pm | ALDERSHOT
Wed Nov 19 | 11am-12pm | CENTRAL
Thu Nov 20 | 7-8pm | TANSLEY WOODS
Tue Nov 25 | 2-3pm | BRANT HILLS & NEW APPLEBY
Thu Nov 27 | 7-8pm | ALTON

R Inner Peace with Flute Music & Meditation

Relax and unwind with the soothing sounds of the Bansuri.
Tue Nov 18 | 7-8pm | CENTRAL

BPL Reading Challenge Meet-up

Connect with other readers! Our challenge this month is to read a **book chosen for its cover**. Learn more at bpl.on.ca/RC
Tue Nov 25 | 7-8pm | NEW APPLEBY

Lifestyle & Education

R Grief in Winter

Explore ways to cope with grief during this season.
Tue Nov 4 | 2-3pm | TANSLEY WOODS
Thu Nov 27 | 10:30-11:30am | ALDERSHOT

R Computer & Tech Classes

Intro to eBooks - Tue Nov 4 | 2-3pm | NEW APPLEBY
Intro to eResources - Tue Nov 4 | 2-3pm | BRANT HILLS
iPad Boot Camp - Thu Nov 6 & 13 | 2-3:30pm | ALDERSHOT
MS Word I - Wed Nov 12 | 6:30-8pm | CENTRAL
iPad Boot Camp - Wed Nov 19 & 26 | 2-3:30pm | CENTRAL
MS Word II - Wed Nov 19 | 6:30-8pm | CENTRAL
MS Word III - Wed Nov 26 | 6:30-8pm | CENTRAL
 Using Digital Wallets for Paying & Points
Mon Nov 24 | 2-3pm | VIRTUAL

R Just Walk

Get out, get active, and enjoy a healthy walk!
Wed Nov 5 | 10:30-11:30am | CENTRAL

R Better Living for Your Bones

Understand bone health and how to reduce risk of fractures.
Wednesdays, Nov 5-26 | 2-3pm | NEW APPLEBY

Just Breathe Drop-in

Let go of stress for a calming hour.
Thursdays, Nov 6-27 | 10:30am-12pm | CENTRAL

Newcomer Conversation Circle

Build speaking confidence and social connections.
Thursdays to Nov 27 | 2-3pm | ALTON
Mondays except Nov 3 | 6:30-7:30pm | ALTON

R Menopause Matters

Get expert advice to how to thrive through menopause.
Fri Nov 7 | 2-3pm | TANSLEY WOODS

R Sit to be Fit

Increase your strength, balance, flexibility and endurance.
Mondays, Nov 10-24 | 11:15am-12pm | TANSLEY WOODS

R Chair Yoga

Build strength and flexibility. No mat required. 18+
Tue Nov 11 | 2-3pm | ALDERSHOT
Sat Nov 15 | 2-3pm | NEW APPLEBY
Sat Nov 22 | 2-3pm | ALTON

R Maker Programs

Embroidery Machine 101 - Mon Nov 17 | 7-8:30pm | CENTRAL
3D Design with Tinkercad - Sat Nov 22 | 2:30-4pm | CENTRAL
Embroidery Design - Mon Nov 24 | 7-8:30pm | CENTRAL
Intro to Laser Cutting - Thu Nov 27 | 7-8:30pm | CENTRAL
Sewing Machine Basics - Fri Nov 28 | 2-3pm | ALTON

R Mindfulness in Grief

An experiential workshop exploring self-compassion.
Tue Nov 18 | 2-3pm | TANSLEY WOODS

R How to Keep a Healthy Brain

Learn what you can do to keep your brain healthy at any age.
Tue Nov 18 | 2-3pm | New Appleby

R Understanding Life Insurance & Living Benefits

Be prepared with essential risk management strategies.
Wed Nov 19 | 7-8pm | NEW APPLEBY

R Canadian Citizenship Test: Get Ready

Thu Nov 27 | 5:30-7:30pm | TANSLEY WOODS

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R Drawing Your Emotions

Join illustrator Jennifer Faria for a hands-on art workshop all about expressing emotions. Ages 9-13.
Sat Nov 8 | 2-3:30pm | TANSLEY WOODS

R Creative Collage

A fun and engaging hands-on workshop led by writer and artist Jessica Rose. Ages 5 to 12.
Wed Nov 26 | 6-7pm | NEW APPLEBY

Science & More

Tech Petting Zoo

Drop in to try our Snap Circuits, Little Bits, Cubelets and more. All ages welcome.
Sat Nov 1 & 15 | 2-4pm | CENTRAL

Family STEAM Time

Design, invent, and create, together as a family. All ages.
Saturdays | 2-4pm | BRANT HILLS
Sundays | 10:30-11:30am | TANSLEY WOODS
Sundays | 2-4pm | ALTON

R Find Your Vision

Create your own collage of images, words, and ideas that reflect your hopes for the future. Ages 9-13.
Sat Nov 1 | 2-3pm | ALDERSHOT

STEAM Time

Hands-on fun and exciting activities. Ages 6 to 9.
Tuesdays | 6:30-7:30pm | CENTRAL & TANSLEY WOODS
Thursdays | 6:30-7:30pm | ALDERSHOT & NEW APPLEBY
Mondays except Nov 3 | 6:30-7:30pm | BRANT HILLS

Board Game Drop-in

Hang out at the library and play board games.
Saturdays | 2-4pm | ALDERSHOT
Sundays | 2-4pm | ALTON

R Grade 4 to 6 Book Club

If you love to read, this club's for you! Books provided.
Tue Nov 11 | 6:30-7:30pm | BRANT HILLS
Wed Nov 12 | 6:30-7:30pm | ALDERSHOT

R Nintendo Switch Hangout

Show off your skills and cheer on your friends!
Wednesdays, Nov 12 & 19 | 6:30-7:30pm | ALTON

R Grade 7 & 8 Book Club

Share your thoughts with other readers. Books provided.
Thu Nov 13 | 6:30-7:30pm | TANSLEY WOODS
Thu Nov 20 | 6:30-7:30pm | ALTON
Thu Nov 20 | 6:30-7:30pm | CENTRAL

R Service Canada Youth Info Session

Hear about programs and services for youth (age 15-30).
Thu Nov 13 | 7-8pm | VIRTUAL

R Calm Kids, Bright Minds

Kids ages 5 to 10 learn techniques to reduce stress.
Sat Nov 15 | 2-3pm | TANSLEY WOODS

R Entrepreneurship for Teens

Are you a teen with big ideas and strong motivation?
Thu Nov 27 | 7-8pm | VIRTUAL

R Mad Science

An exciting and educational workshop for ages 6-12.
Fri Nov 28 | 2-3pm | BRANT HILLS & CENTRAL

R Gratitude, Meditation, Paint & Play

Slow down and connect through creativity. Ages 6 to 12.
Sat Nov 29 | 2-3pm | TANSLEY WOODS

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Weekly Drop-in Programs for Babies & Preschoolers

Mondays **all branches are closed on Nov 3*

Baby Rhyme Time Stay & Play 10:30am-12pm CENTRAL
Baby Rhyme Time Stay & Play 10:30am-12pm ALDERSHOT
Family Storytime 10:30-11am TANSLEY WOODS
Mini Playdate 10:30-11:30 NEW APPLEBY
Music & Rhythm Storytime 10:30-11am BRANT HILLS
Baby Rhyme Time Stay & Play 2-3:30pm NEW APPLEBY
Mother Goose & Baby Play and Chat 2-4pm ALTON
PJ Storytime 6:30-7pm ALDERSHOT
PJ Storytime 6:30-7pm TANSLEY WOODS

Tuesdays

Family Storytime 10:30-11am NEW APPLEBY
Family Storytime 10:30-11am ALDERSHOT
Mini Movement 10:30-11:30am TANSLEY WOODS
Baby Rhyme Time Stay & Play 10:30am-12pm ALTON
Mini Tinker Time 11am-12pm ALDERSHOT
Mother Goose 11:30am-12:30pm BRANT HILLS
PJ Storytime 6:30-7pm ALTON

Wednesdays

Family Storytime 10:30-11am BRANT HILLS
Music & Rhythm Storytime 10:30-11am ALDERSHOT
Music & Rhythm Storytime 10:30-11am TANSLEY WOODS
Tales for Toddlers 10:30-11am ALTON
Tales for Toddlers 10:30-11am CENTRAL
Tales for Toddlers 10:30-11am NEW APPLEBY
PJ Storytime 6:30-7pm BRANT HILLS

Thursdays

Baby Rhyme Time Stay & Play 10:30am-12pm BRANT HILLS
Baby Rhyme Time Stay & Play 10:30am-12pm TANSLEY WOODS
Family Storytime 10:30-11am CENTRAL
Family Storytime 10:30-11am ALTON
Music & Rhythm Storytime 10:30-11am NEW APPLEBY
Mother Goose & Baby Play and Chat 2-4pm NEW APPLEBY

Fridays

Family Storytime 10:30-11am TANSLEY WOODS
Music & Rhythm Storytime 10:30-11am CENTRAL
Tales for Toddlers 10:30-11am ALTON
Tales for Toddlers 10:30-11am ALDERSHOT
Tales for Toddlers 10:30-11am BRANT HILLS
Tales for Toddlers 10:30-11am NEW APPLEBY
Mini Tinker Time 11am-12pm ALDERSHOT

Saturdays

Family Storytime 10:30-11am ALTON
Family Storytime 10:30-11am BRANT HILLS
Family Storytime 10:30-11am CENTRAL
Family Storytime 10:30-11am NEW APPLEBY
Family Storytime 10:30-11am TANSLEY WOODS

Find program descriptions and resources for parents & caregivers at www.bpl.on.ca/parents

OPEN HOURS

ALDERSHOT, ALTON, BRANT HILLS & NEW APPLEBY
Mon - Thu | 9am - 9pm
Fri & Sat | 9am - 5pm
Sun | 12pm - 5pm

CENTRAL & TANSLEY WOODS
Mon - Thu | 9am - 9pm
Fri - Sun | 9am - 5pm

KILBRIDE
Tue & Thu | 5pm - 8pm
Sat | 9am - 2pm

All branches will be closed on **Monday, November 3** for Staff Development Day.

Program calendar and registration



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