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Adults

Craving Change

Discover why you eat the way you do and find out some tricks to change your thinking and your eating. In partnership with the Halifax Peninsula Community Health Team.

Tuesday, May 1

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

RBC Learning Centre

Registration is required. To register, call the Community Health Team at (902) 487-0272.

Getting Started with Ancestry.com

Need help with your family tree or genealogy research? Join us for an overview of Ancestry.com and learn some tips and tricks on how to get started.

Tuesday, May 1

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Room 301

Registration is required. To register call us at (902) 490-5706.

3D Designing using Tinkercad - Advanced

Now that you've learned the basics of 3D Designing in Tinkercad it's time to apply your knowledge and create your own design. Attendance of our April 24 program or previous experience with Tinkercad is required.

Tuesday, May 1

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

BMO Community Room

Registration is required. To register, call us at (902) 490-5706.

Greta Gerwig Film Series:

Lady Bird

Rated 14A | 2017 | 1h 35min. Featuring an introduction by Tara Thorne, an arts and entertainment journalist with The Coast and the CBC. Christine "Lady Bird" McPherson (Saoirse Ronan) fights against but is exactly like her wildly loving and strong-willed Mom (Laurie Metcalf). Director Greta Gerwig's love letter to Sacramento, Lady Bird is an affecting look at the relationships that shape us, the beliefs that define us, and the unmatched beauty of a place called home. Lady Bird was nominated for 5 Academy Awards, including Best Director and Best Picture. Series dates: May 1: Lady Bird; May 8: Mistress America; May 23: Frances Ha; May 29: Maggie's Plan; June 13: Hannah Takes the Stairs; and June 24: The House of the Devil.

Tuesday, May 1

6:30 PM - 8:15 PM

Paul O'Regan Hall

RPG Club: Hench-Kin's Guild of Halifax

Ages 14 - Adult. The Hench-Kin's Guild of Halifax is a club dedicated to tabletop roleplaying games (RPGs), including Dungeons and Dragons, Call of Cthulhu, and many more. These games are fun, social events, and no prior experience is necessary. Everyone 14+ welcome. In partnership with Hench-Kin's Guild of Halifax.

Wednesday, May 2

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

BMO Community Room

Atlantic Book Awards: Creative Nonfiction Author Panel

We may be surrounded by fake news, but true stories are more popular than ever. As nonfiction books top bestseller lists, readers are gobbling up memoirs, historical narratives, investigative journalism, and more. Join Dean Jobb, author of Empire of Deception, as he speaks with Atlantic Book Awards nominees. Nominees include: Memoirist, Pauline Dakin - Run, Hide, Repeat; Investigative journalist, Joan Baxter - The Mill Historian, Karolyn Smardz Frost - Steal Away Home; and Journalist, John DeMont - The Long Way Home. In partnership with the Atlantic Book Awards and the University of King's College Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction.

Wednesday, May 2

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Inside The Music:

Music Production A to Z

A question period about music production. Everything you ever wanted to know about music production and distribution but were afraid to ask. Hosted by Halifax-based Jason Mingo (producer/engineer) and Josh Lake (musician/producer).

Wednesday, May 2

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Creative Lab

Book Launch: The Year of No Summer by Rachel Lebowitz

When Indonesia's Mount Tambora erupted in 1815, the resulting build-up of ash in the stratosphere led to a year without summer. This linked essay collection charts the events and effects of that apocalyptic year. Weaving together history, mythology, and memoir, *The Year of No Summer* ruminates on weather, war, and our search for God and meaning in times of disaster. Rachel will be joined by author Amanda Jernigan.

Thursday, May 3

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

BMO Community Room

Movie: Some Like It Hot

Rated 14A | 1959 | 2h 2min. Billy Wilder's comic take on the 1928 St. Valentine's Day Massacre finds Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis as musicians who witness a gangland killing in Chicago and need to get out of town fast. Disguised as women, they join an all-girl band headed for Miami. Also starring Marilyn Monroe, *Some Like It Hot* is considered the funniest movie of all time.

Friday, May 4

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Paul O'Regan Hall

Acoustic Song Circle

Budding and experienced musicians, you are invited to join our monthly musical gathering. We welcome all types of acoustic instruments and invite people with all skill levels to share their music with others. Bring copies of songs, including guitar chords, if possible, so that other participants can join in the song. Please bring your own instrument, your singing voice, or just your admiration for good music.

Saturday, May 5

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Room 301

Yoga Flow

Connect to your breath, play with balance, build strength, and increase flexibility. This session is suitable for all levels and great for beginners. Please bring a mat.

Sunday, May 6

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

BMO Community Room

Book Club: Do Not Say We Have Nothing by Madeleine Thien

For Asian Heritage Month master storyteller Madeleine Thien takes us inside an extended family in China, showing us the lives of two successive generations—those who lived through Mao's Cultural Revolution and their children, who became the students protesting in Tiananmen Square. *Do Not Say We Have Nothing* was the 2016 winner of the Scotiabank Giller Prize and the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction.

Sunday, May 6

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

RBC Learning Centre

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Genealogy / Sloinntearachd with Vince MacNeil

A Gaelic Nova Scotia Month Event

Discover where to look and gain insight into the Gaelic language and culture as you research your family history and Scottish ancestry. Gaelic Nova Scotia Month: Our Story to Tell / Mios nan Gàidheal: Ar Sgeul ri Innse. May is Gaelic Nova Scotia Month. In the old Gaelic calendar, the first day of May marks the beginning of summer. Gaels are a Nova Scotia people with a rich culture expressed through poetry, song, music, dance, stories, foodways, lineages, spirituality, and custom. Many Nova Scotians have connections to Gaelic heritage. In partnership with HRM Gaelic community members and the Gaelic Affairs Division of the Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage.

Monday, May 7

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Room 301

Growth & Expansion: How to Best Grow your Business

Learn about the financial implications of growth on a business and how to analyze and plan for it. In partnership with Chartered Professional Accountants Canada.

Tuesday, May 8

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

RBC Room, 3rd floor

Ask a Bookkeeper

Sign up for a free 30-minute session at the Library and get answers to questions like these: When is the optimal time to register my business for HST? What kind of software should I use for my business finances? Is separate software necessary? Will changing from an unregistered sole proprietor to a registered sole proprietor change how I handle my financials? I have an accountant but do I need a separate bookkeeper? What's the difference? In partnership with Clearview Business Services Corp.

Tuesday, May 8

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The Windsor Foundation Room
Registration is required. To register, please call 902-490-5706.

Advanced Camera Functions

Join us as we explore the fundamentals of shooting professional looking images with a digital SLR. We'll show you how to manipulate shutter speed, aperture, and ISO settings and explain how these three functions work simultaneously to properly expose an image.

Tuesday, May 8

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

RBC Learning Centre
Registration is required. To register call us at (902) 490-5706.

Greta Gerwig Film Series:

Mistress America

Rated 14A | 2015 | 1h 24min. Featuring an introduction by Zack Miller, a Film Programmer with Carbon Arc Cinema. Greta Gerwig co-wrote and starred in this film as Brooke, a proud resident of Times Square and adventurous gal about town, who rescues her soon-to-be stepsister Tracy from her lonely, unexciting college life. This modern screwball comedy is about dream-chasing, score-settling, and make-shift families. *Mistress America* was directed and co-written by Noah Baumbach. In partnership with Carbon Arc Cinema. Series dates: May 1: *Lady Bird*; May 8: *Mistress America*; May 23: *Frances Ha*; May 29: *Maggie's Plan*; June 13: *Hannah Takes the Stairs*; June 24: *The House of the Devil*.

Tuesday, May 8

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Paul O'Regan Hall

Drop-In: IT Help

Do you need some help with technology basics? Want to learn how to borrow an e-book or post a photo to Facebook? Drop by the Creative Lab to chat with one of our staff members and get the IT help you need.

Wednesday, May 9

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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Canadian Music Centre

Presents: A Little Night Music

The Canadian Music Centre's Atlantic Regional Office presents pianists Simon Docking, Janet Hammock, Jennifer King and Barbara Pritchard in an evening of solo nocturnes by some of Canada's finest composers. Join us for some soothing music to end your day! A great friend of music and philanthropist in the arts, Peggy Corkum is special to Halifax Public Libraries. Her donation of a grand piano for Paul O'Regan Hall has allowed us to present many memorable performances. In partnership with Canadian Music Centre, Atlantic Regional Office.

Wednesday, May 9

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Paul O'Regan Hall

Deep Cuts Vinyl Music Club:

Dolly Parton Double Feature

A genre defying listening party! Dolly Parton shows us why she is the true Queen of Country with two classic albums: 1971's "Coat of Many Colors" which is filled with classic tracks and is #301 on Rolling Stones' Greatest Albums of All Time list, followed by the multiple Grammy winning album, "Trio" along with Emmylou Harris and Linda Ronstadt. In partnership with Tax Records.

Wednesday, May 9

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

BMO Community Room

Mini Con: Nerdy Trivia

Ages 12+. Are you a trivia master or a connoisseur of all things nerdy and fandoms? Come test your knowledge for the chance to win sweet prizes. Hosted by our Teen Advisory and Action Council volunteers Halifax Central Library's 4th Annual Mini Con is a full day all ages celebration of all things geek. Come dressed in your favourite cosplay and nerd out with us as we take over the library for the day.

Saturday, May 12

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Mini Con: Injustice 2 Video Game Tournament

Ages 13+. Think you can conquer the DC Universe? Show us your skills for a chance to win sweet prizes or come cheer on your friends. To compete, arrive at 1:00 PM. Halifax Central Library's 4th Annual Mini Con is a full day all ages celebration of all things geek. Come dressed in your favourite cosplay and nerd out with us as we take over the library for the day.

Saturday, May 12

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Teen Space, 2nd floor

Memory Boot Camp with Dr. Gail Eskes

Memory is like a muscle-it can work better with training and practice. If you would like to improve your memory, join the memory boot camp for 3 one-hour sessions of education, workouts, and challenges. Dr. Gail Eskes is from the Brain Repair Centre at Dalhousie University.

Monday, May 14

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Registration is required. To register, call us at (902) 490-5706.

Small Business Café

Meet, learn, and share your experiences and issues with other small business owners like yourself. Bring your business cards and get ready to connect. Our guest speaker, Alex Meade is a freelance music producer, audio engineer, musician, and the lead mixing engineer at Moustache Music. Alex will talk about the importance of networking in person and online as a means to grow your business. The Small Business Cafe is a monthly networking for small business start-ups and owners.

Monday, May 14

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Strengthen Your Health Workshops: Concussion Management

People are becoming increasingly aware of the impact of concussions. Concussions are not limited to young people in sports. Many people experience issues related to falls, motor vehicle accidents, or even old injuries. Physiotherapist Jamie Turnbull will explore what can be done to help prevent and properly manage symptoms. Strengthen Your Health Workshops are interactive exercises and talks to help you move beyond pain and improve the quality of your movement and your life. In partnership with One to One Wellness Centre.

Monday, May 14

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Getting Money: What Lenders & Investors Want

Find out what financial and non-financial information is used to evaluate a loan request and the steps to prepare for a presentation to lenders. In partnership with Chartered Professional Accountants Canada.

Tuesday, May 15

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

RBC Learning Centre

Excel Spreadsheet: Beyond Basics

Learn how to analyze data in Excel and create charts and tables with visual impact in this hands-on session. Some prior knowledge of Excel is required.

Tuesday, May 15

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

RBC Learning Centre

Registration is required. To register call us at (902) 490-5706.

Halifax Independent Filmmakers Festival: Launch & Shorts Screening

Join us for a free screening of locally made short films from the Halifax Independent Filmmakers Festival, plus an announcement of this year's festival programming. In partnership with the Halifax Independent Filmmakers Festival.

Tuesday, May 15

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Paul O'Regan Hall

Optimizing Your Health Post Cancer

Dr. Megan Bernard, ND, shares strategies to enhance your health after cancer treatment. Megan will be answering your questions and discussing post cancer care using naturopathic medicine. Presented in partnership with the Nova Scotia Association of Naturopathic Doctors.

Wednesday, May 16

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Room 301

Business Planning & Financing Resources with Canada Business NS & CEED

Join Canada Business Nova Scotia and CEED (Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development) for a discussion on resources available for your small business, from workshops to financing options to government assistance. In partnership with Canada Business NS and CEED.

Thursday, May 17

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Room 301

Writers' Circle

Join this writers' circle for the opportunity to write and share with other aspiring writers. We will engage in focused writing activities and share our writing projects. We will learn how to give, receive, and use feedback to keep that "next great" story moving.

Thursday, May 17

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

BMO Community Room

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Thursday, May 17
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Room 302

Registration is required. To register, please call 902-490-5706.

Movie: Darkest Hour

Rated PG | 2017 | 2h 5min. Darkest Hour takes us to the early days of World War II, where the fate of Western Europe hangs on the newly-appointed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Adolf Hitler, or fight on against incredible odds. Starring Lily James and Gary Oldman.

Friday, May 18
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Paul O'Regan Hall

Reading & Discussion Series:

Getting Started in Self-publishing

Award-winning author Nicola R. White will join us to talk about getting started in the world of self publishing. Local writers can submit pieces up to 1,500 words to be selected to share their work with the audience. For more information, visit the Hal-Con website. Reading & Discussion is a series of events where local storytellers can come together to share their work, learn new skills, and expand their local writing community. In partnership with Hal-Con.

Saturday, May 19
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Room 301

Registration is required.

Coding Learn Along: CSS

Are you looking for a coding meetup in Halifax? Every month we'll pick a programming language, watch an instructional video from Lynda.com, and learn some new skills together. In this month's Coding Learn Along we will learn about CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) and how it makes the web pretty. Basic computer and HTML skills required; some coding experience an asset.

Sunday, May 20
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

BMO Community Room

Marketing is Dead

Organizations worldwide are undergoing a change in customer experience. SimplyCast's Saeed El-Darahali will discuss the fact that he believes 'marketing is dead' and communication is the new way of the future. Companies now face a huge challenge on how to manage communication flows over multiple touch points. Those organizations that thrive will be those who engage continuously, personally, and in real-time. In partnership with SimplyCast.

Tuesday, May 22
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Room 301

Welcome To Airbnb

Are you interested in finding alternative accommodations to hotels for your next big trip? Or maybe you have a spare room in your home that you'd like to rent out to travelers from all over the world? Then join us as we explore the wonderful world of Airbnb. Basic computer skills and familiarity with web browsers required.

Tuesday, May 22
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
RBC Learning Centre

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Drop-In: IT Help

Do you need some help with technology basics? Want to learn how to borrow an e-book or post a photo to Facebook? Drop by the Creative Lab to chat with one of our staff members and get the IT help you need.

Wednesday, May 23

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Creative Lab

Workshop: Latin American Cooking

Learn how to make some delicious Peruvian food. Peru has been named the best gastronomic destination in the world (according to the World Travel Awards) and has been named the World's Leading Culinary Destination annually since 2012. Find out why at the Library. In partnership with Latispanica Cultural Association.

Wednesday, May 23

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Creative Lab

Registration is required. To register, call us at (902) 490-5706

Greta Gerwig Film Series:

Frances Ha

Rated 14A | 2012 | 1h 26min. Featuring an introduction by Chris Campbell, blogger and member of NSCC Screen Arts faculty. Greta Gerwig co-wrote and starred in this film as Frances, a charming 27-year-old New Yorker who wants so much more than she has, but lives her life with unaccountable joy and lightness. Gerwig received a Golden Globe nomination for her role in this film. Frances Ha was directed and co-written by Noah Baumbach. Series dates: May 1: Lady Bird; May 8: Mistress America; May 23: Frances Ha; May 29: Maggie's Plan; June 13: Hannah Takes the Stairs; and June 24: The House of the Devil.

Wednesday, May 23

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Paul O'Regan Hall

OBEY Convention XI: Keynote Concert

OBEY Convention XI, the 11th annual festival of curious sound and music, kicks off with performances by New Brunswick Mi'kmaw drum group Sacred Wolf Singers and a special commission by Juno-nominated violinist Gina Burgess (Gypsophilia/The Jerry Cans). In partnership with OBEY Convention.

Thursday, May 24

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Paul O'Regan Hall

RPG Club: Hench-Kin's Guild of Halifax

Ages 14 - Adult. The Hench-Kin's Guild of Halifax is a club dedicated to tabletop roleplaying games (RPGs), including Dungeons and Dragons, Call of Cthulhu, and many more. These games are fun, social events, and no prior experience is necessary. Everyone 14+ welcome. In partnership with Hench-Kin's Guild of Halifax.

Saturday, May 26

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Room 301

Feminist Philosophy & the Health of Canadians

This public panel presentation and discussion will feature 4 prominent Dalhousie scholars explaining how feminist bioethicists are helping to create better health care and a fairer society for Canadians. This panel is presented in honour of Dr. Susan Sherwin, a Member of the Order of Canada and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Saturday, May 26

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

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OBEY Convention XI: Healing Concert

Join us for an afternoon of soothing music. This matinee performance features Toronto new-jazz composer Joseph Shabason and Mi'kmaw flutists Melissa Labrador and Corbin Hart. Both acts offer unique styles of gentle instrumental music - Shabason is focused on calming the heart and mind and Labrador and Hart provide healing music aimed at harmonizing with Mother Earth. In partnership with OBEY Convention.

Sunday, May 27
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Paul O'Regan Hall

Movie: I, Tonya

Rated 14A | 2017 | 2h 00min. In *I, Tonya* (DVD), Competitive ice skater Tonya Harding rises amongst the ranks at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, but her future in the activity is thrown into doubt when her ex-husband intervenes. Starring Margot Robbie and Sebastian Stan.

Monday, May 28
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Paul O'Regan Hall

Songwriters & the Law

Join us for a presentation by Halifax-based lawyer and musician, Matthew Gorman. He will discuss the must-know legal issues, concepts, and rights that pertain to all songwriters and music creators.

Monday, May 28
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
BMO Community Room

Hello, iPad

Learn how to use an iPad. We will help you to learn some basic functions and features. You can bring your own iPad or use one of ours. No experience is required.

Tuesday, May 29
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Room 301
Registration is required. To register call us at (902) 490-5706.

Greta Gerwig Film Series:

Maggie's Plan

Rated 14A | 2015 | 1h 39min. Featuring an introduction by Tara Thorne, an arts and entertainment journalist with The Coast and the CBC. Greta Gerwig stars as Maggie, who wants to have a baby to raise on her own. When Maggie gets romantically involved with John, a married man, things get complicated and all the balance of Maggie's plans may collapse. Directed by Rebecca Miller, *Maggie's Plan* is a sweet, sophisticated and funny exploration of the unexpected complexities of modern romance. Series dates: May 1: *Lady Bird*; May 8: *Mistress America*; May 23: *Frances Ha*; May 29: *Maggie's Plan*; June 13: *Hannah Takes the Stairs*; and June 24: *The House of the Devil*.

Tuesday, May 29
6:30 PM - 8:15 PM
Paul O'Regan Hall

Seven Deadly Sins: Sloth

A contemporary understanding of Sloth may include disengagement from politics, community, or even vigilance in scrutinizing information we use to make decisions. How does Sloth effect your ethical life in the 21st Century? *Seven Deadly Sins* is a seven-part series exploring the personal and collective consequences of our thoughts and actions as we continue to grapple with age old temptations. In partnership with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs.

Wednesday, May 30
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
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Hour of Bass

Join veteran funk bass player, Jeff Alexander and Halifax-based musician/producer, Josh Lake for an in-depth discussion on all things bass guitar - from early innovators to modern masters.

Wednesday, May 30

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

BMO Community Room

Author Reading: Our Maud: The Life, Art and Legacy of Maud Lewis by Ray Cronin

A guided talk through Ray Cronin's newest book about Nova Scotia folk artist, Maud Lewis. Her life, art and legacy come to life on the pages and in person as Ray reads excerpts from the book and delights the audience with his own stories of how her work came to the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, what he found out through his research, and personal tales of how Maud's work has influenced the lives of so many. A book sale and signing will follow.

Thursday, May 31

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

The Spirit of Annie Mae: Film Screening & Discussion with Director Catherine Anne Martin

A Indigenous History Month Event
Not Rated | 2002 | 1hr 13min. In 1975, Annie Mae Pictou Aquash, a 30-year-old Nova Scotia-born Mi'kmaw, was murdered execution-style in South Dakota. She had become highly placed in the American Indian Movement (AIM), a radical First Nations organization that took up arms in the 1970s to fight for the rights of their people. Annie Mae's death was shrouded in mystery, and her killers remained unknown for 3 decades until multiple former AIM members were indicted, charged, and convicted in the 2000s. The Spirit of Annie Mae is a moving tribute by those who were closest to her, including her daughters Denise and Deborah.

Thursday, May 31

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Paul O'Regan Hall

The Art of Belonging for Newcomers

Newcomers, join us in this workshop to explore your creative side. Together we will create a sense of belonging through art. The Art of Belonging is a free program taking place Tuesday mornings every week for 10 weeks.

Tuesdays

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Creative Lab

Registration is required. To register, call us at (902) 490-5706.

1-on-1 Job Search Services with YMCA

You don't have to do it alone. YMCA has services that can help you, such as Job Search Assistance and Resume/Cover Letter (Creation or Critique). Let us show you the details of what we offer in this orientation session. Services are offered in English and French. In partnership with YMCA and Nova Scotia Works Centre.

Wednesdays

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Registration is required. To register, contact Isaac at 902-425-3464 or isaac_skeete@ymca.ca, or drop-in during the program times.

SCANS Presents: Halifax Harbour with Mac Mackay

Mac Mackay, CBC's Harbour Watcher, will present a course on the history, geography, and geology of Halifax Harbour, including the harbour's shipping history and governance. Topics include the evolution of ships and shipping in Halifax; fish and other resources related to the harbour; and the container revolution. In partnership with the Seniors' College of Nova Scotia.

Wednesdays

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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All Ages

Musical Show & Tell

Join the French musical group Ensemble Zellig as they improvise on a special combination of instruments: low pitched flutes, contrabass clarinet, and viola da gamba (an ancient kind of cello). Instrument designer Mathieu Chamagne will talk about his inventive Concepter, a suspended frame which allows gestures of the face or arms to manipulate sound. In partnership with Vocalypse Productions.

Friday, May 4

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Art Day with Ross Creek Centre for the Arts

All ages. Drop in to make awesome art. We encourage whole families to come be inspired, and then take home your own masterpieces. Please note that children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Teens and adults are welcome. Presented in partnership with Ross Creek Centre for the Arts.

Saturday, May 5

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Symphony 101: Brass with Adrian Hoffman and Curtis Dietz

Curtis Dietz, trumpet player with Symphony Nova Scotia, joins host Adrian Hoffman as they talk about the flash and dash of the brass section of a symphony orchestra, how these instruments were developed, and what they add to an orchestral sound. In partnership with Symphony Nova Scotia.

Sunday, May 6

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Paul O'Regan Hall

Central Library's 4th Annual Mini Con

Halifax Central Library's 4th Annual Mini Con is a full-day all-ages celebration of all things geek. Come dressed in your favourite cosplay, check out some great programs, and nerd out with us as we take over the library for the day.

Saturday, May 12 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Out-of-this-

World Morning Cartoons from Halifax, Paul O'Regan Hall

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Button-Making, Teen Area, 2nd floor

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Green Screen Photo Booth, Teen Area, 2nd floor

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | Manga Café, Creative Lab

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Special Effects Makeup, Teen Area, 2nd floor

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | The Inner Workings of Pinball, BMO Community Room

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Hensch-Kin's Guild of Halifax RPG & Board Game Room, Room 301

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | Comics with Cal Johnston, BMO Community Room

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Battle of the Fandoms, Lindsay Children's Room, 2nd floor

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM | Blast a Stormtrooper, Paul O'Regan Hall, ground floor

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM | Cosplay with Wuckajuce, BMO Community Room

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Fantasy Escape Room, Lindsay Children's Room

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Candy Sushi Workshop, Creative Lab, 2nd floor

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Cosplay Competition, Paul O'Regan Hall, ground floor

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Mother's Day Concert with Holly Arsenault

In a career that spans over 30 years, jazz pianist Holly Arsenault has earned acclaim as a leader, soloist, and side-person. Her original compositions have been lauded nationally and abroad. Join Holly as she graces the beautiful grand piano of Paul O'Regan Hall for an afternoon of classics from the Great American Songbook and more. In partnership with TD Halifax Jazz Festival JAZZLABS.

Sunday, May 13
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Paul O'Regan Hall

Céilidh with Celtic Harp: A' Chlàrsach Cheilteach

A Gaelic Nova Scotia Month Event
Experience a traditional céilidh - Gaelic for "visit". Your host will bring you songs, stories, tea, and oatcakes, and a special performance by Alys Howe on the Celtic Harp. May is Gaelic Nova Scotia Month. In the old Gaelic calendar, the first day of May marks the beginning of summer. Gaels are a Nova Scotia people with a rich culture expressed through poetry, song, music, dance, stories, foodways, lineages, spirituality, and custom. Many Nova Scotians have connections to Gaelic heritage. In partnership with HRM Gaelic community members and the Gaelic Affairs Division of the Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage.

Thursday, May 17
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Paul O'Regan Hall

Book Launch: Favourite Perennials for Atlantic Canada

Calling all garden lovers! Join Newfoundland author and research horticulturalist Todd Boland for this informative and entertaining launch of his sixth book, *Favourite Perennials of Atlantic Canada*. Todd will also share ideas about which perennials are best for various garden situations: wet areas, dry areas and coastal. In addition, you'll learn about the best perennials for pollinators.

Friday, May 18
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Lindsay Children's Room

National Fiddling Day Jam

May 19 is Canada's National Fiddling Day! The Farm Team musical group will host an old-time downeast fiddle jam. All fiddlers are invited to come and play a pre-arranged program of tunes. Everyone is invited to come dance or simply enjoy the performance. Fiddlers can email Don Clark at to obtain the song list in advance.

Saturday, May 19
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Paul O'Regan Hall

Where's Gesualdo?

The composer Don Carlo Gesualdo died in 1763, but he was a composer far ahead of his time. He may not have been a nice human being, but his modern-sounding music inspired many composers, including Igor Stravinsky. The Gatto Dolce Duo take a fanciful look at all the places and pieces that show an influence from the late Don Carlo with music by Hindemith, Bach, Wagner, Beethoven, Satie, Neher, and Bartok. The Gatto Dolce Duo are Colin Matthews (cello) and Max Kasper (bass). In partnership with Symphony Nova Scotia (Sponsored by Wilson Fuels Co.).

Tuesday, May 22
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Paul O'Regan Hall

Spring Concert with the Wyndrock Quintet

The popular Wyndrock Quintet will be returning with a colourful variety of concert selections and special guest pianist, Louise Grinstead. The Wyndrock Quintet are: Susan Kulik (flute); Nina Woulff (oboe); Andrey Smirnov (clarinet); Kristin Domm (bassoon); and Michael Chisholm (horn).

Tuesday, May 22
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Paul O'Regan Hall

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BreakSpace

Ages 8 to adults. Join the Library in helping grow Dance Nova Scotia's BreakSpace. This Breaking ("Breakdance") workshop is open and free to all. Participants are welcome to drop in or stay for the whole session. Supported by the Cultural and Youth Activities program of Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage, and presented in partnership with Dance Nova Scotia.

Tuesdays

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Kids

The Hangout: Weird Wooden Creations

Ages 8-12 . We've got tons of little wooden pieces that we don't know what to do with. So let's make stuff. Paint your favourite book cover on a tiny wooden book or make a wooden robot. There will be video games, craft supplies, and snacks.

Thursday, May 3

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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Puppet Show: Ask Mr. Bear

All ages. Watch as your favourite story comes to life. Tickets will be given out 30 minutes before start time.

Saturday, May 5

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Lindsay Children's Room

Family Coding Hour

Make a game or animation as a team with your family. Come join us for this 2-hour session where we will work on a coding project and learn how to be a programmer.

Sunday, May 6

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Creative Lab

Crafts for Mom

Ages 3+. Just in time for Mother's Day. Spend an afternoon at the library creating a special craft for Mom, Auntie, Grandma, or that special person in your life. All materials provided.

Sunday, May 6

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

The Hangout: Whatever Floats Your Boat

Ages 8-12. Come make a delicious ice cream float, chill with friends, and enjoy some cool music. Plus, there will be video games, craft supplies, and snacks.

Thursday, May 10

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Bricks & Blocks

Ages 3+. Come play with the Library's colossal collection of wooden blocks. Kids can build, explore, and create together.

Sunday, May 13

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

The Hangout: DIY Temporary Tattoos

Ages 8-12. Give yourself a wild new look, by drawing or colouring your own water-transfer temporary tattoos. Be as creative as you want. Plus, there will be video games, craft supplies, and snacks.

Thursday, May 17

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Puppet Show:

The Smartie Garden

All ages. Watch as your favourite story comes to life. Tickets will be given out 30 minutes before start time.

Saturday, May 19

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Lindsay Children's Room

Family Crafternoon

All ages. Drop in for some simple crafts and activities. Often silly and always fun.

Saturday, May 19

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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Seed Bombs

Ages 4+. Seed bombs are a quick and easy way to beautify a neighborhood, park, or wilderness area. They are made by compressing clay, soil, and native wildflower seeds into a small ball, allowing them to air dry, and planting them wherever flowers or greenery are welcome. All materials provided.

Sunday, May 20

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

The Hangout: Blanket Forts

Ages 8-12. Join us after school to build an epic blanket fort. Then get cozy inside and watch a movie or enjoy a good book. Materials provided, but feel free to bring your own clearly labeled blankets to add to the fun.

Thursday, May 24

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Puppet Show: The Wee Trow

All ages. Watch as your favourite story comes to life. Tickets will be given out 30 minutes before start time.

Saturday, May 26

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Lindsay Children's Room

Family Crafternoon

All ages. Drop in for some simple crafts and activities. Often silly and always fun.

Saturday, May 26

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Family Movie: Paddington 2

Rated PG | 2017 | 1h 44min. When Paddington notices a book in an antique store, he decides that it will be the perfect gift for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday. Paddington works a variety of jobs in order to afford the book but, unfortunately, the book is stolen and he must recover it.

Sunday, May 27

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Seed Bombs

Put your green thumb to work. Drop in and learn how to make seed bombs from the Halifax Makerspace: flower seeds, soil and fertilizer in a compact, toss-able, biodegradable package. Lob them into empty lots, neglected flowerbeds, and roadsides where they will sprout when it rains. In partnership with Halifax Makerspace.

Sunday, May 27

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Creative Lab

The Hangout: Quiver Me Timbers

Ages 8-12. Join us as we augment reality with our Quiver Coloring App. Put your art skills to the test and then watch them jump off the page and come to life. Plus, there will be video games, and snacks.

Thursday, May 31

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Preschoolers

Baby & Tot Drop-in

Ages 0-2. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and playtime for little ones and their caregivers. Tickets will be given out 30 minutes before start time.

Monday, May 7

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Lindsay Children's Room

Storytime

Ages 3-5. Storytime features great picture books, felt stories and rhymes, songs, and more. This program fosters independence as children attend without caregivers or work towards that goal.

Tuesdays

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

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Registration is required. To register, call us at (902) 590-5700.

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Shake, Rattle & Read for Daycare Groups

This active musical storytime incorporates singing, movement, and instruments to help children develop pre-literacy skills through song, rhyme, and stories. Content is geared towards ages 2-5 with adult participation. Everyone is invited to put their listening ears, singing voices, and dancing feet to good use. This program repeats at 10:45 AM for families.

Wednesdays

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Lindsay Children's Room

Registration is required. Pre-registration for daycare groups is required. Call us at (902) 490-5706.

Shake, Rattle & Read for Families

Ages 0-5. This active musical storytime incorporates singing, movement, and instruments to help children develop pre-literacy skills through song, rhyme, and stories. Parents and caregivers participate with children, so that everyone learns new songs and music ideas to do at home. Tickets will be given out 30 minutes before start time.

Wednesdays

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM

Lindsay Children's Room

Registration is required. Pre-registration for daycare groups is required. Call us at (902) 490-5706.

Baby's First Books

Ages 0-18 months. In this program babies hear stories, songs, and rhymes and interact with other babies. Parents and caregivers learn new songs and fun things to do with baby, plus have some social time with other grown-ups.

Wednesdays

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

BMO Community Room

Registration is required. To register, call us at (902) 490-5706.

Tales for Tots

Ages 19-35 months. Stories, songs, rhymes, toys and more, specially chosen to engage and delight toddlers. Parents and caregivers learn fun new things to do with their tots, but also have time to socialize with the other grown-ups.

Thursdays

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

BMO Community Room

Registration is required. To register, call us at (902) 490-5706.

Family Drop-in

Ages 0-5. The whole family can enjoy a variety of activities including stories, songs, crafts, and playtime. Tickets will be given out 30 minutes before start time.

Fridays

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Lindsay Children's Room

Teens

Teen Night: Blanket Fort Night

Ages 12-18. Come relive your childhood and make blanket forts! We'll provide everything you need. Teen Night is a weekly drop-in program where teens can try something new, play board games or video games, have snacks, be creative, do homework, or just hang out with friends.

Thursday, May 3

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room

Anime Club: Papers, please

Ages 12-18. Learn how to make origami from a pro, then enjoy an episode screening and some snacks.

Wednesday, May 9

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

BMO Community Room

Teen Night: Nerdy Trivia

Ages 12-18. Come compete and test your nerdy trivia skills against the librarians for a chance at a sweet prize. From fandoms, to science, to obscure facts about all things nerdy - start studying! Teen Night is a weekly drop-in program where teens can try something new, play board games or video games, have snacks, be creative, do homework, or just hang out with friends.

Thursday, May 10

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Teen Night: Mario Kart Tournament

Ages 12-18. We are breaking out the Super Nintendo for a throwback classic video game tournament. Come compete for bragging rights or cheer on your friends. Teen Night is a weekly drop-in program where teens can try something new, play board games or video games, have snacks, be creative, do homework, or just hang out with friends.

Thursday, May 17

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Anime Club: Capture

Ages 12-18. Use the green screen to take fantastic pictures of yourself in anime settings. Snap a selfie in Koro-Sensei's classroom, become a shoujo heroine surrounded by flowers and bubbles, or take a photo of a showdown between you and Beerus. Afterwards, enjoy an episode screening and snacks.

Wednesday, May 23

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

BMO Community Room

Teen Night: Cook-Off

Ages 12-18. Come compete and enjoy a night of friendly competition. Teams will have 90 minutes to cook a meal with the mystery ingredients provided and impress the teen judges with your culinary creativity. Teen Night is a weekly drop-in program where teens can try something new, play board games or video games, have snacks, be creative, do homework, or just hang out with friends.

Thursday, May 24

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Creative Lab

Teen Night Throwback: Giant Board Games

Ages 12-18. Come play the board games of your childhood - except bigger. Play life-size Hungry Hungry Hippos, 3D Twister, giant Jenga, or Connect Four. Teen Night is a weekly drop-in program where teens can try something new, play board games or video games, have snacks, be creative, do homework, or just hang out with friends.

Thursday, May 31

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Lindsay Children's Room, 2nd Floor