

## **Saturday, March 1, 2025**

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### **Bangladeshi Heritage Month, Hellenic Heritage Month, Persian Heritage Month, Irish Heritage Month**

Date and Time: Saturday, March 1 12:00 am

## **Sunday, March 2, 2025**

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### **Sunday Scrabble @PHPL**

Date and Time: Sunday, March 2 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

Come out to play Scrabble at the Mary J. Benson Branch on Sundays and meet up with friends old and new!

## **Monday, March 3, 2025**

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### **Baby Time at PHPL!**

Date and Time: Monday, March 3 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 31 Queen Street, Port Hope

Drop in to the Mary J. Benson Branch for a special baby time program of songs, stories & bubbles for babies ages 1 and under!

### **Unfinished Stitchery @ PHPL**

Date and Time: Monday, March 3 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

Bring your unfinished knitting, crocheting, rug hooking or any similar project to the Mary J. Benson Branch and work among others for a fun and social gathering.

## **Drop-in Chess**

Date and Time: Monday, March 3 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope

Come down to the Mary J. Benson Branch for some Drop-in Chess on Monday evenings. Meet up with your friends or meet someone new. Chess boards are provided.

Intended for individuals familiar with the game of Chess and for children 11+ and adults.

## **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

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### **Carnival / Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 4 12:00 am

### **Special Council Meeting for the Purposes of Proceeding into a Closed Session**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 4 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

### **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 4 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

## **Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

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### **Ash Wednesday**

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 5 12:00 am

### **Powerful Tools for Caregivers**

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 5 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: Virtual Sessions

Feature Event: Yes

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better manage the stresses of family caregiving. Meet others who are in a similar situation and learn that you are not alone.

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This workshop is delivered by Zoom and requires you to have access to a microphone and camera to fully participate.

Space is limited - registration is required.

To register call us at: 1-877-971-5545 or follow the link provided.

All participants will be mailed a handout package that includes the "Caregiver Helpbook".

We look forward to meeting you!

## **Toddlers and Waddlers**

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 5 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 31 Queen Street, Port Hope

Join us at the Mary J. Benson Branch for stories, singing & interactive play designed for children under 6. All children are welcome!

## **Thursday, March 6, 2025**

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### **Civic Awards Nomination Deadline**

Date and Time: Thursday, March 6 12:00 am - 11:55 pm

Address: Port Hope

The deadline for all Civic Awards nominations is March 6, 2025 at 11:59pm.

To review eligibility and award criteria visit the [Civic Awards page](#).

The Port Hope Civic Awards program is designed to highlight a variety of elements that make up Port Hope's inspiring culture by acknowledging those who contribute time, talent, and resources towards improving the quality of life in the community.

Nine categories are open to receive submissions: Outstanding Citizen, Outstanding Youth, Agriculture, Arts & Culture, Athletics, Community Service, Inspiration, Philanthropy, and Environment.

### **Living a Healthy Life with Diabetes**

Date and Time: Thursday, March 6 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Address: Virtual Sessions

Join us for a FREE online 6-week workshop series where people learn skills and tools to better manage their diabetes and pre-diabetes. All participants will receive the "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions" resource book. Caregivers are welcome to register.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

You can register by calling: 1-877-971-5545 or following the link provided.

We look forward to meeting you!

## **Friday, March 7, 2025**

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### **Babysitting Course with React Right**

Date and Time: Friday, March 7 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope, ON

Port Hope Public Library is offering a babysitting course at the Mary J. Benson Branch on the Friday before March Break. This is being offered through React Right First Aid - Canadian Red Cross and is geared toward youth between the ages of 11 and 15.

In this full day course youth will learn about child caregiving, first aid, injury prevention and leadership skills.

There is a fee of \$60 (this is including tax). Space is limited. Email [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca) to register for this course. Once you are registered instructions will be provided on how to pay.

### **Kids Create Your Own Honey at The Bee Works**

Date and Time: Friday, March 7 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 5029 county rd 2, Port Hope, ON

Looking for something to do for PA days and March Break? Come join us for an hour as we create different flavours of honey! With various ingredients to choose from, the create your own label, and discussion of honey, your kids will be sure to enjoy this hands on activity and take home a little sweet treat.

### **Billboard: The Power of Women**

Date and Time: Friday, March 7 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Address: 20 Queen Street, port hope

## **Billboard: The Power of Women**

*The songs you know and love live on stage!*

Our signature remix of your favourite tunes returns in 2025 with a twist. Created by local and regional artists, these unique concerts celebrate the top billboard hits of a given year.

*The Power of Women* will feature hits by Jann Arden, Aretha Franklin, Carole King, Mariah Carey, Adele, Taylor Swift, Toni Braxton, and many more!

Recommended for **ALL AGES** Show Run Time: **120 minutes**

TICKETS **\$55**

UNDER 30 **\$45**

## **Saturday, March 8, 2025**

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### **International Women's Day**

Date and Time: Saturday, March 8 12:00 am

### **Author visit with Karin Wells**

Date and Time: Saturday, March 8 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope, ON

We are thrilled to have Karin Wells joining us on International Womens Day at the Mary J. Benson Branch for an intimate discussion about her new book called *Women Who Woke Up the Law*.

From the award-winning author of *The Abortion Caravan* and *More Than a Footnote*, Karin Wells once again pulls us into the lives—and this time, the legal trials—of a group of women integral to the advancement of women's rights in Canada.

In partnership with Furby House Books.

Seating is based on first come, first serve basis.

## **Sunday, March 9, 2025**

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### **Daylight Saving Time**

Date and Time: Sunday, March 9 2:00 am

### **Sunday Scrabble @PHPL**

Date and Time: Sunday, March 9 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

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## Billboard: The Power of Women

Date and Time: Sunday, March 9 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Address: 20 Queen Street, port hope

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TICKETS **\$55**

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## Monday, March 10, 2025

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### Baby Time at PHPL!

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### Unfinished Stitchery @ PHPL

Date and Time: Monday, March 10 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

Bring your unfinished knitting, crocheting, rug hooking or any similar project to the Mary J. Benson Branch and work among others for a fun and social gathering.

## **March Break Unfinished Stitchery**

Date and Time: Monday, March 10 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope, ON

A special Unfinished Stitchery for all ages because it is March Break!

Join in on a fun, social afternoon of knitting, crocheting, cross stitch or whatever project you have to start or continue working on at the Mary J. Benson Branch.

Meet others and show off or get help with your stitchery project.

## **Drop-in Chess**

Date and Time: Monday, March 10 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope

Come down to the Mary J. Benson Branch for some Drop-in Chess on Monday evenings. Meet up with your friends or meet someone new. Chess boards are provided.

Intended for individuals familiar with the game of Chess and for children 11+ and adults.

## **Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

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## **World Day of Muslim Culture, Peace, Dialogue and Film**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 12:00 am

## **Salad in a Jar**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 31 Queen St., port hope

Come to Port Hope Public Library at the Mary J. Benson Branch and make a salad in a jar! This is a DIY workshop where you will get to choose, chop and make your own salad in a jar to take home. Registered Dietician Juliana will be here to help and teach you all about the food that you are preparing to add to your jar.

This program is designed for children age 7 and up.

All supplies are provided.

There is limited space in this program so please pre-register by emailing [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca)

A BIG Thanks!!! to David's No Frills for donating the food for this program

## **Kids Create Your Own Honey at The Bee Works**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 5029 county rd 2, Port Hope, ON

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## **OPG Sponsored Skate**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: 60 Highland Drive, Port Hope, ON L1A4B3

Feature Event: Yes

Join Ontario Power Generation for family fun this March Break! On Tuesday, March 11, enjoy a FREE public skate between 1- 2:30 pm at the Jack Burger Sports Complex. Plus, meet with OPG team members to discuss the potential for new nuclear generation at the Wesleyville site.

## **March Break Portrait Workshop with Lee**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope, ON

Come to the Port Hope Public Library at the Mary J. Benson Branch and join Lee Higginson for a fun spin on self portraits!

This program is designed for 8 - 12 year olds.

There is limited space and we do ask that you pre-register for this program by emailing [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca)

## **Special Civic Awards Advisory Committee Meeting for the Purposes of Proceeding into Closed Session**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## **Kids Create Your Own Honey at The Bee Works**

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## Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 12 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: Virtual Sessions

Feature Event: Yes

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Space is limited - registration is required.

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All participants will be mailed a handout package that includes the "Caregiver Helpbook".

We look forward to meeting you!

## Toddlers and Waddlers

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 12 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 31 Queen Street, Port Hope

Join us at the Mary J. Benson Branch for stories, singing & interactive play designed for children under 6. All children are welcome!

## Family Bingo at the Hub

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 12 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 5325 County Rd 10, Port Hope, ON

Looking for something to do for the whole family during March Break? Join us up at the Hub for Family Bingo.

The Hub Branch is located at 5325 County Rd 10.

## Canadian Multiculturalism Day

Date and Time: Thursday, March 13 12:00 am

## March Break Mindfulness

Date and Time: Thursday, March 13 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope, ON

We will explore different mindfulness techniques geared towards children.

This program at the Mary J. Benson Branch is geared toward children ages 11 and up.

This is in partnership with Northumberland Hills Hospital Community Mental Health Services.

## Kids Create Your Own Honey at The Bee Works

Date and Time: Thursday, March 13 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 5029 county rd 2, Port Hope, ON

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## Home Alone Course

Date and Time: Thursday, March 13 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 31 Queen St, port hope

This FREE 2.5 hour course at the Mary J. Benson Branch will provide youth ages 10-14 with the skills and knowledge that will assist them in being confident about staying home alone.

Through interactive games and activities participants will learn about how to stay safe in various situations and what to do in case of an emergency.

Space is limited so please pre-register by emailing [registrations@phpl.ca](mailto:registrations@phpl.ca)

## Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date and Time: Thursday, March 13 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Date and Time: Thursday, March 13 5:00 pm

March 13 after sundown through March 14

## **Kids Create Your Own Honey at The Bee Works**

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## **Friday, March 14, 2025**

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### **Holi**

Date and Time: Friday, March 14 12:00 am

### **Let's Go Lego**

Date and Time: Friday, March 14 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope

Drop in at the Mary J. Benson Branch for some Lego fun!

We have buckets of lego for you to play with. Come meet up with some friends or meet some new ones!

## **Saturday, March 15, 2025**

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### **International Day to Combat Islamophobia**

Date and Time: Saturday, March 15 12:00 am

## **Sunday, March 16, 2025**

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### **Sunday Scrabble @PHPL**

Date and Time: Sunday, March 16 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

Come out to play Scrabble at the Mary J. Benson Branch on Sundays and meet up with friends old and new!

## **Monday, March 17, 2025**

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### **St. Patrick's Day / Irish Heritage Day**

Date and Time: Monday, March 17 12:00 am

### **Baby Time at PHPL!**

Date and Time: Monday, March 17 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 31 Queen Street, Port Hope

Drop in to the Mary J. Benson Branch for a special baby time program of songs, stories & bubbles for babies ages 1 and under!

### **Unfinished Stitchery @ PHPL**

Date and Time: Monday, March 17 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

Bring your unfinished knitting, crocheting, rug hooking or any similar project to the Mary J. Benson Branch and work among others for a fun and social gathering.

### **Heritage Port Hope Advisory Committee**

Date and Time: Monday, March 17 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

### **Drop-in Chess**

Date and Time: Monday, March 17 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope

Come down to the Mary J. Benson Branch for some Drop-in Chess on Monday evenings. Meet up with your friends or meet someone new. Chess boards are provided.

Intended for individuals familiar with the game of Chess and for children 11+ and adults.

## Tuesday, March 18, 2025

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### Lunch & Learn at PHPL

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 18 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

Bring your own lunch and an appetite for learning to Port Hope Public Library for lunch & learn in partnership with Port Hope & District Chamber of Commerce.

This month **The Feel Good Company** will be at the Mary J. Benson Branch to talk about movement and mental health and why they matter.

### Council Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 18 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

## Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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### Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 19 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: Virtual Sessions

Feature Event: Yes

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## Toddlers and Waddlers

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 19 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

Join us at the Mary J. Benson Branch for stories, singing & interactive play designed for children under 6. All children are welcome!

## Thursday, March 20, 2025

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### Nowruz

Date and Time: Thursday, March 20 12:00 am

### Spring Equinox

Date and Time: Thursday, March 20 12:00 am

### Spring Business Series Workshop: Business Planning

Date and Time: Thursday, March 20 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: Virtual

Feature Event: Yes

Join Julie Savard, Business Advisor, for a FREE online workshop discussing how to write a successful business plan. Writing your first business plan is a major step in putting your small business on the map. Most importantly, it helps articulate the concepts that inspired you to start your business as well as evaluate potential hurdles like competition, risk analysis, and funding issues.

Registration required at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/VmreYfkUT0yklPNwnaJ7Hw>

This workshop is the first of four in the **Spring Business Series** proudly offered in partnership by the [Business & Entrepreneurship Centre Northumberland \(BECN\)](#), the [Municipality of Port Hope](#), and the [Port Hope Chamber of Commerce](#). This **FREE workshop series** is designed to empower local entrepreneurs and business owners with the tools, strategies, and insights needed to scale up, boost skills, and continue thriving in today's evolving market.

Whether you're a start-up looking to solidify your business plan, an established business owner seeking new marketing strategies, or simply eager to future-proof your operations with cutting-edge tools like AI, this series offers something for every entrepreneur in Port Hope and across Northumberland County.

Learn more at: <https://www.northumberland.ca/en/becn/seminars-and-workshops.aspx>

## Environmental Advisory Committee

Date and Time: Thursday, March 20 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

## Committee of Adjustment

Date and Time: Thursday, March 20 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

## Friday, March 21, 2025

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### International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Date and Time: Friday, March 21 12:00 am

### Bibliotherapy

Date and Time: Friday, March 21 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., port hope

This group will read and process various works of literature. Groups topics will focus on resilience, coping skills, hope and wellness. All reading material will be provided and read out loud in the group. No preparation is needed from participants ahead of time. Participants do not need to read as the literature will be presented. Discussion on the literature will relate the stories read to our own lives and discuss ideas in the group.

This is not a therapy group, or a processing group. This group is a place for people to learn more about a new topic and relate to literature with other groups members.

This is a drop in program at the Mary J. Benson Branch and is in partnership with Northumberland Hills Hospital Community Mental Health Services.

### SONG's NextGen SoundStage

Date and Time: Friday, March 21 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: 20 Queen St, Port Hope, ON, L1A 2Y7

Feature Event: Yes

#### ***Perform Live on a Professional Stage!***

SONG is giving local youth (under 21) access to a professional stage. We provide the soundcheck, food and access to the green room! *You provide the talent!*

#### **Details:**

- **When:** Friday, Mar 21st.
- **Timing:** 4:30pm-6pm Soundcheck/Run with participants, 6pm-6:45 pizza dinner, **7pm-8pm performance**
- **Location:** Capitol Theatre (Sculthorpe Room), 20 Queen St, Port Hope, ON

- **Bring:** Any instrument you plan to use for your performance
- **Register:** on our [LinkTree](#)

Parents, guardians, friends, and family are welcome to attend! *SONG and the Capitol want all fans to be able to attend -- tickets are "pay-what-you-can", and suggest starting at \$10.*

## Saturday, March 22, 2025

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### Beyond Boundaries

Date and Time: Saturday, March 22 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Address: St. Paul's Presbyterian, 131 Walton Street, Port Hope

Join Oriana Singers for an amazing concert with special guests Autorickshaw Mar. 22 at St. Paul's Port Hope, exploring borders, boundaries and South Asian Music Traditions. Visit [www.orianasingers.com](http://www.orianasingers.com) for tickets.

## Sunday, March 23, 2025

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### Sunday Scrabble @PHPL

Date and Time: Sunday, March 23 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

Come out to play Scrabble at the Mary J. Benson Branch on Sundays and meet up with friends old and new!

## Monday, March 24, 2025

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### Baby Time at PHPL!

Date and Time: Monday, March 24 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 31 Queen Street, Port Hope

Drop in to the Mary J. Benson Branch for a special baby time program of songs, stories & bubbles for babies ages 1 and under!

### Unfinished Stitchery @ PHPL

Date and Time: Monday, March 24 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm



Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

Bring your unfinished knitting, crocheting, rug hooking or any similar project to the Mary J. Benson Branch and work among others for a fun and social gathering.

## Drop-in Chess

Date and Time: Monday, March 24 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope

Come down to the Mary J. Benson Branch for some Drop-in Chess on Monday evenings. Meet up with your friends or meet someone new. Chess boards are provided.

Intended for individuals familiar with the game of Chess and for children 11+ and adults.

## Tuesday, March 25, 2025

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### Walton Street Reconstruction Public Information Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 25 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 56 Queen Street, Port Hope, ON

A Public Information Centre (PIC) for Phase 3 of the Walton Street Reconstruction will be held on March 25, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, located at 56 Queen Street. Staff and the construction contractor will be available to provide information and address questions on project timelines, scope of work, and how to stay informed.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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### Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 26 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: Virtual Sessions

Feature Event: Yes

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## **Toddlers and Waddlers**

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 26 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 31 Queen Street, Port Hope

Join us at the Mary J. Benson Branch for stories, singing & interactive play designed for children under 6. All children are welcome!

## **Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee**

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 26 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

## **Heritage Business Improvement Area (HBIA) Board of Directors**

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 26 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

## **Thursday, March 27, 2025**

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### **Laylat al-Qadr**

Date and Time: Thursday, March 27 12:00 am

### **Port Hope Police Services Board**

Date and Time: Thursday, March 27 8:00 am - 10:00 am

## **Friday, March 28, 2025**

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## **Bibliotherapy**

Date and Time: Friday, March 28 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., port hope

This group will read and process various works of literature. Groups topics will focus on resilience, coping skills, hope and wellness. All reading material will be provided and read out loud in the group. No preparation is needed from participants ahead of time. Participants do not need to read as the literature will be presented. Discussion on the literature will relate the stories read to our own lives and discuss ideas in the group.

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This is a drop in program at the Mary J. Benson Branch and is in partnership with Northumberland Hills Hospital Community Mental Health Services.

## **Saturday, March 29, 2025**

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### **Drop In Mandarin Lessons**

Date and Time: Saturday, March 29 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope, ON

Join Margaret Ma from Globe Cambridge High School in the Program Room at the Mary J. Benson branch.

Learn basic Mandarin Vocabulary, Discover Chinese Characters, Daily Conversations, Traditional Culture and Festival Events.

This is a drop in program. For Adults and Teens 13+

### **Earth Hour**

Date and Time: Saturday, March 29 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

## **Sunday, March 30, 2025**

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### **Sunday Scrabble @PHPL**

Date and Time: Sunday, March 30 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

Come out to play Scrabble at the Mary J. Benson Branch on Sundays and meet up with friends old and new!

## **Eid ul Fitr (tentative date)**

Date and Time: Sunday, March 30 5:00 pm

Evening of March 30 through Mar 31, depending on the sighting of the moon.

## **Monday, March 31, 2025**

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### **International Transgender Day of Visibility**

Date and Time: Monday, March 31 12:00 am

### **Baby Time at PHPL!**

Date and Time: Monday, March 31 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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### **Unfinished Stitchery @ PHPL**

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## Civic Awards Advisory Committee

Date and Time: Monday, March 31 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

<https://calendar.porthope.ca>