

Sunday, March 2, 2025

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

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

ends or meet someone new. Chess boards are provided.

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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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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Provided in collaboration with the Community Health Centres of Northumberland.

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

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

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 to register for this course. Once you are registered instructions will be provided on how to pay.

Saturday, March 8, 2025

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 a n intimate discusson 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 p ulls us into the lives—and this time, the legal trials—of a group of women integral to the advancement of wom en’s rights in Canada.

In partnership with Furby House Books.

Seating is based on first come, first serve basis.

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Sunday Scrabble @PHPL

Date and Time: Sunday, March 9 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 10, 2025

Baby Time at PHPL!

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

Address: 31 Queen Street, Port Hope

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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

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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

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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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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.

Thursday, March 13, 2025

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.

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

Friday, March 14, 2025

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!

Sunday, March 16, 2025

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

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

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Drop-in Chess

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

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

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.

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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

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Thursday, March 20, 2025

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/VmreYfkUT0ykIPNwnaJ7Hw>

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>

Friday, March 21, 2025

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

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, e

xploring borders, boundaries and South Asian Music Traditions. Visit www.orianasingers.com for tickets.

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Sunday Scrabble @PHPL

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

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

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Monday, March 24, 2025

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

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

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

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

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Friday, March 28, 2025

Bibliotherapy

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

Address: 31 Queen St., port hope

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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

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+

Sunday, March 30, 2025

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!

Monday, March 31, 2025

Baby Time at PHPL!

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

Address: 31 Queen Street, Port Hope

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Unfinished Stitchery @ PHPL

Date and Time: Monday, March 31 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 31 Queen Street, port hope

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Drop-in Chess

Date and Time: Monday, March 31 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 31 Queen St., Port Hope

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<https://calendar.porthope.ca>