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WINTER 2026

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



Registration

Register online as of **10 a.m. Sunday, January 11** through the library's website: ville.ddo.qc.ca/en/



- ! **IMPORTANT : Registration must be made in the participant's name.**
- ! **Visit the library or our website to access the step-by-step registration guides.**

- ! **IMPORTANT: If you miss 2 activities without notifying the library at least 48 hours in advance, your registration for all other activities will be cancelled and any reservations for upcoming events will be forfeited.**



priority to members



registration required



offered in French



offered in English



offered in French and English

Activities for adults

Book Clubs

We gather once a month to dive into a new book together. Books are handed out ahead of time so you can read at your own pace. We meet to share thoughts and opinions, and, of course, enjoy a cup of coffee! Whether you're a book lover or just looking for a friendly conversation, all are welcome to join.



● **LES RENDEZ-VOUS LITTÉRAIRES**

With Amélie Boivin-Handfield.

Mondays, February 23, March 30, April 27 and May 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

● **LITERARY RENDEZ-VOUS**

Presented by Stacey Monk.

Thursdays, February 26, March 26, April 30 and May 28
Group 1: from 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Group 2: from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

● **CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP**

With Trudy Kerman.

Learn how to express yourself through writing.

Tuesdays, March 10 to May 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

● **CREATIVE JOURNALING**

With Hélène Brunet.

Express yourself through writing, collage, and mixed media. Enjoy a relaxed, creative space where you can reflect, create and have fun. No experience required.

Tuesdays, March 10 to April 28, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

● **LET'S SPEAK FRENCH!**

With Marie-France Giron.

Join our new French conversation group. Improve your speaking skills, meet new people and enjoy lively discussions. All levels welcome.

Group 1: Mondays, March 16 and 30, and April 13 and 27, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Group 2: Mondays, March 9 and 23, and April 6 and 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.



Nouveau!

Workshops and Conferences



EXPLORING CHATGPT II

With Dr. Hassan Fatemi.

Join Dr. Fatemi as he dives into the many ways AI is reshaping our world, from senior living and home life to education and libraries.

Wednesday, March 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

DIY 101

With Coopérative Incita, zero waste experts at your service.

Interested in making your own cosmetics and household products? Learn the basics of DIY and discover ten essential ingredients and how to use them.

Wednesday, March 25, from 7 to 8 p.m.



DESIGN IT BEFORE YOU REGRET IT

With life coach, Tania Epremian.

Break free from autopilot and live with purpose. Shift from hustle to aligned action, gain fulfillment and leave with actionable strategies to confidently steer your life.

Monday, April 13, from 7 to 8 p.m.

JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP

With artisanal jeweller, Dominique Boucher.

Discover the art of jewelry-making and craft a personalized piece, perfect for yourself or a special someone.

Wednesday, April 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



GENEALOGY: DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY TREE

Presented by Nathalie Robillard.

Learn how to use the genealogy software available at the library to trace your ancestors. A beginner-friendly, step-by-step workshop.

Wednesday, April 22

Group 1: from 1 to 3:30 p.m.  Group 2: from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Technology Made Simple

Présenté par Véronique Lavoie

TECHNO ASSIST

Each session includes a 45-minute presentation followed by 15 minutes for questions and discussion.

How to surf the internet : Discover tips and tricks for better Internet browsing.

Wednesday, April 15, from 2 to 3 p.m.



TECHNO À LA CARTE

Book a 30-minute appointment with Véronique Lavoie for personalized tech support. Whether you need guidance with your device, apps, or online services, she can help.

Tuesdays, February 10, March 10, April 7, and May 5, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Cultural Fridays

A cultural event not to be missed!



Source : Jules Minville

AUBE/NOCTURNE
SOLARIUM
JANUARY 23 AT 7 P.M.

Aube/Nocturne is an anthology of daring, eclectic pieces, oscillating between moments of high-level improvisation and skillfully performed passages. The musicians move from the fervor of swing to the lyricism of melodies influenced by the contemporary and traditional songs of Quebec.



Source : Camille Gladu-Drouin

LE CINÉSTHÉCIRQUE
ALEX LEBLANC ET SON ORCHESTRE
FEBRUARY 20 AT 7 P.M.

Le CinésthéCrique is a multidisciplinary concert that mixes playful jazz with visual projections. Brass, electric guitar, televisions and images from another dimension will be on the menu. Will you be there?



Source : Danylo_Bobyk

SOUS LES EAUX
LA NEF

MARCH 6 AT 1:30 P.M.
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Afternoon
presentation!

La Nef presents Sous les eaux, a musical tale for youth with undersea video. Jules, a dreamy young boy living on an island, explores the undersea world and encounters enigmatic, unforgettable beings.

CORDES PRINTANIÈRES
TEMPS FORT
MAY 8 AT 7 P.M.

Cordes printanières is a peaceful and refreshing concert celebrating the end of winter and the arrival of a new season. Under the musical direction of Pascal Germain-Berardi, the Temps Fort string orchestra offers a moment of reflection and renewal through hidden gems by rarely performed composers.



Source : Voltaïc

Venue: Banquet Hall

Reservation: Through the library's website
Presented as part of CAM en tournée



Montréal



PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP AND EXHIBITION

For 15- to 29-year-olds.
With Joannie Lafrenière.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE EVERYDAY

Explore daily life with a fresh perspective: this workshop series invites you to discover the beauty of the ordinary through photography, guided by a spirit of exchange, curiosity, and intuition. The program includes discussions, viewings, and hands-on exercises across five sessions, each lasting two hours.

No experience required. All you need is your cell phone.



**Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27
and June 3, from 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Public exhibition of the artworks on
Sunday, June 14 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**



WHO IS JOANNIE LAFRENIÈRE?

Trained in journalism and photography, Joannie has spent the past 15 years developing a practice that blends photography, documentary film, relational art, and visual arts — all guided by human connection. As a photographer, her work has been featured in

museums, galleries, and renowned publications. As a filmmaker, her previous films including *Gabor* (2021) and *King Lajoie* (2019) have been broadcast on television, screened in cinemas, and showcased at various Canadian and international festivals.

Learn more about Joannie's work by visiting her website: jlafreniere.ca



Photography Exhibition: Shedding Light on the Everyday

Open to all!

Rediscover your community through the eyes of our young photographers. Join us to admire the works created during our photography workshops. Meet the artists and engage in conversation with them. Light refreshments will be served during the event.

An event not to be missed!
Sunday, June 14, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.



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Activities for teens - For 13- to 17-year-olds.

● SPRING READING CHALLENGE

Read and win prizes! We'll post exciting themes and challenges on our library website to inspire your reading. Track your progress online and submit your readings. The winners will be announced on Wednesday, April 29.

All registered readers will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win gift cards!

From April 1 to April 24



● CV WRITING AND REVISION

Presented by Christina Papagiannis.
Bring your CV for revision or learn how to write a professional CV and cover letter.
Monday, April 20, from 5 to 6 p.m.

● INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON PROGRAMMING

Presented by Véronique Lavoie.
Dive into the world of Python and learn how to write your first lines of code.
Wednesday, April 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

● WHAT ABOUT A HEALTHCARE PROFESSION

With Little Medical School.
Advanced crash course: Learn about the human heart, skin, blood, digestion, disease, surgery techniques, how to read an EKG, and more.
Friday, April 24, from 5 to 6 p.m.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

For 13-years-old and up.
Presented by Veronica Letourneau.
D&D is back. Fantasy, intrigue, and popcorn! Test your survival skills in role-playing games. Beginners welcome.

Saturday, May 2, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Teen volunteers needed

Registration deadline: February 6

Want to earn volunteer hours? Here's your chance to help! Open to all West Island high school students, with priority given to DDO residents.

IMPORTANT: Volunteer hours will only be granted at the end of the season if you complete your full commitment.

● HOMEWORK HELPERS **Prerequisites: speak and write in French**

Help elementary school students with their math and French homework.

○ Tuesdays, February 10 to May 12, from 5 to 6 p.m. (except March 3) (13 volunteer hours total).

○ Wednesdays, February 11 to May 13, from 5 to 6 p.m. (except March 4) (13 volunteer hours total).

● MY READING BUDDY

Read with elementary school students.

Fridays, February 13 and 27, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, and May 8, from 5 to 6 p.m.
Total: 7 volunteer hours.

● CODING CLUB

Assist the instructor and support elementary school students as they learn basic coding with Scratch and MakeCode. No coding experience required.

BEGINNER: Thursdays, March 12 to May 14 (except March 26 & April 30)

○ Group 1: from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (8 volunteer hours total).

○ Group 2: from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. (8 volunteer hours total).

Fridays, March 6 to April 17 (except April 3).

○ **INTERMEDIATE:** from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (6 volunteer hours total).

○ **ADVANCED:** from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. (6 volunteer hours total).

Contact Christina Papagiannis at cpapagiannis@ddo.qc.ca for all questions about volunteering.

Activities for the little ones

Stacey's Story Times!

Stories, songs, and crafts to introduce children to the magic of words and reading.

Weekly Thursdays, February 5 to May 14 (except March 5).



BABY RHYMES

For 0- to 36-month-olds.
Accompanied by an adult.
From 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

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Weekends Les samedis 31 janvier, 28 février, 28 mars et 25 avril.



TINY TALES

For 2- to 3-year-olds.
Accompanied by an adult.
From 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.



STORY TIME

For 3- to 5-year-olds.
From 11 to 11:45 a.m.



ONCE UPON A TIME

For 5- to 8-year-olds
(5-year-olds registered in kindergarten).
From 1 to 2 p.m.



GO GO STOP - MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

For 0- to 36-months.
With Shawny Kids Music.
A high-energy activity for toddlers and parents with interactive music, where little ones can move, dance and enjoy the excitement of live performances.
Sunday, February 22, from 10:15 to 11 a.m.

PAJAMA STORY TIME

For 3- to 7-year-olds.
Animated by Stacey Monk.
Come listen to stories in your pajamas!
Wednesday, April 29, from 6:45 to 7:30 pm.

BABY MUSICIAN

For 0- to 24-month-olds.
With les Petits Ménestrels.
Lulled by gentle melodies, both children and parents will experience a moment of relaxation, discovery and sharing. Expect to be enchanted!
Sunday, March 22, from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.



Parents must remain in the library during all activities.

Winter Activities for children



For students and readers!

These extra-curricular programs are aimed at elementary students from grades 1 to 6 who may need extra help or wish to enrich their competencies with help from volunteer high school students.

● HOMEWORK HELPERS

A weekly extra-curricular program to help you with your homework.

Group 1: Tuesdays, February 10 to May 12, from 5 to 6 p.m. (except March 3).

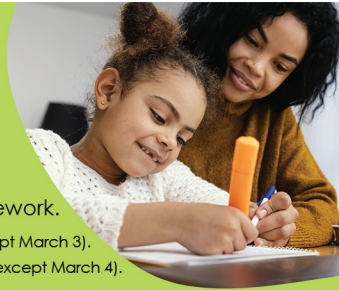
Group 2: Wednesdays, February 11 to May 13, from 5 to 6 p.m. (except March 4).

 **New! A second group to better serve you!**

● MY READING BUDDY

Meet every two weeks to read with a high school volunteer. Perfect if you need help with reading or are a book lover seeking a reading buddy.

Fridays, February 13 and 27, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, and May 8, from 5 to 6 p.m.



CROCHET CLUB

For 9- to 12-year-olds.

With Yara Elsayed.

Learn crochet basics: yarn, hooks, patterns, and stitches.

Create a personalized handmade project.

All levels welcome.

Every Fridays, January 30 to February 20, from 5 to 6 p.m.

NEW CLUB!



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

For 8- to 12-year-olds.

Animated by Veronica Letourneau.

Calling all adventurers and dragon slayers! D&D is back. Join Veronica's campaigns to explore new worlds, battle wild creature and live epic adventures. Beginners welcome.

Saturday, February 7 and March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m.

VALENTINE'S DAY TIC TAC TOE

For 6- to 12-year-olds.

Animated by Stacey Monk.

Create a Valentine's themed Tic Tac Toe game using a canvas bag and wooden pieces. Combining creativity and fun for a festive, hands-on activity.

Saturday, February 14, from 1 to 2:15 p.m.



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March Break

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LEARN TO PLAY: POKÉMON TRADING CARD GAME

For 6- to 12-year-olds.

With Ludopolis.

Explore the world of Pokémon cards. Learn the rules, strategies, and different card types with our expert guides.

Monday, March 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



LITTLE VETERINARIAN SCHOOL: CAT CARE

For 8- to 12-year-olds.

With the Little Medical School.

Aspiring veterinarian, explore feline care, conduct exams, learn cat nutrition, practice basic surgery, and study common conditions, vaccinations, and vital organ functions.

Monday, March 2, from 2 to 3 p.m.



Chess Tournament

For 6- to 12-year-olds.

With the Chess and Math Association. Calling all chess players! Test your skills against each other in our library chess tournament.

Monday, March 2, from 5 to 8 p.m.



LITTLE DENTAL SCHOOL

For 8- to 12-year-olds.

With the Little Medical School

Future dentist, explore mouth structure, tooth anatomy, and oral hygiene. Gain hands-on experience with dental instruments and common procedures.

Tuesday, March 3, from 2 to 3 p.m.



SEWING WORKSHOP

For 8- to 12-year-olds.

With ArtisCréatifs.

Create a colourful project using cool sewing stitches.

Wednesday, March 4, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

March Break

BIL



As Part of the Month of La Francophonie

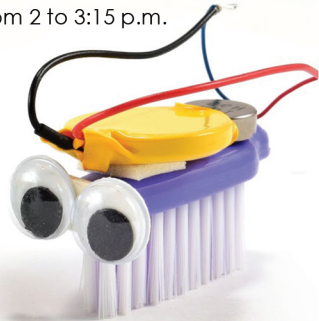
LIFE OF AN ARTIST – JEAN-PAUL RIOPELLE

For 6- to 12-year-olds.

With Nous les arts.

Journey into the world of Jean-Paul Riopelle. Learn his techniques and become inspired to create your own original painting.

Wednesday, March 4, from 2 to 3:15 p.m.



BRISTLE BOT WORKSHOP

For 8- to 12-year-olds.

Animated by Véronique Lavoie.

Build your own miniature robot and race it while learning about diverse types of electronic systems and friction. With a Bristle Bot kit, design and build your robot to take part in a drag race.

Thursday, March 5, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ANIMALS IN THE SKY

For 6- to 12-year-olds.

With Plateau Astro.

You will use your favourite animals to learn the basics of constellations in the night sky.

Thursday, March 5

Group 1: from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Group 2: from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.



EARTH-MOON SCALE MODEL

For 6- to 12-year-olds.

With Plateau Astro.

Build and paint scale models of the Earth and Moon to explore the Moon's size, distance from Earth, and travel time.

Thursday, March 5, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

SHOW: SOUS LES EAUX FR

With La Nef.

MARCH 6 AT 1:30 P.M.
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Afternoon
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La Nef presents Sous les eaux, a musical tale for youth with undersea video. Jules, a dreamy young boy living on an island, explores the undersea world and encounters enigmatic, unforgettable beings.

Spring activities for children



CODING CLUB

For elementary students from **grades 3 to 6**.

Learn to program and create games and animations using Scratch and MakeCode.

Offered in collaboration with Code Club Canada.



BEGINNER

Animated by Stacey Monk.

Thursdays, March 12 to May 14 (except March 26 and April 30)

Projects differ each season: you can register year-round!

Group 1: from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Group 2: from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

INTERMÉDIAIRE

Animated by Véronique Lavoie.

Fridays, March 6 to April 17

(except April 3), from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: must have completed the previous level

ADVANCED

Animated by Véronique Lavoie.

Fridays, March 6 to April 17

(except April 3), from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.



DUCK DECORATING CONTEST!

Animated by Stacey Monk.

Grab a plastic duck and let your creativity soar! With all the fun materials provided, decorate your duck any way you like. It will be showcased in the children's section.

Saturday, March 14, from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

From March 14 to 27, library visitors will vote for their favorite duck, and the one with the most votes will win a prize! The winner will be announced on Wednesday, April 1.

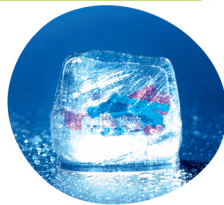
STEM LEGO EXCAVATION

From 6- to 12-year-olds.

Animated by Stacey Monk.

Dig into adventure! Excavate frozen Lego bricks from ice using hot water, salt, or tools, then build your creation.

Saturday, April 11, from 1 to 2:15 p.m.



RECYCLED MOBILE

For 6- to 12-year-olds.

With Nous les arts.

Create a beautiful hanging mobile made from recycled bottle caps. A lovely way to give objects a second life while beautifying the outdoors!

Sunday, April 19, from 1 to 2 p.m.

As Part of Earth Day

ROBOTICS: SPHERO BOLT

For 8- to 12-year-olds.

Animated by Véronique Lavoie.

Program a Sphero robot and learn to make it move, play sounds, and change colours using block coding.

Friday, May 1

Group 1: from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Group 2: from 6 to 7 p.m.

VIDEO GAME NIGHT

For 8- to 12-year-olds.

Animated by Véronique Lavoie.

Come have fun with friends and try various games available at the library. A selection of games will be available for PS4, PS5, Switch, Xbox, and PC.

Friday, May 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

STEM PARACHUTE CHALLENGE

From 6- to 12-year-olds.

Animation by Stacey Monk.

Build a parachute with minimal supplies, applying your knowledge of gravity to ensure your Lego floats down softly and lands safely on the ground.

Saturday, May 9, from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

Services offered

Discover our new services!



● MEMORY LOSS KITS

A service tailored for people with cognitive impairment and their caregivers is offered in the form of kits that can be borrowed for three weeks with a membership card. These kits provide caregivers with tools and materials to engage with their loved ones while stimulating them. The materials and resources in these kits help stimulate creativity, physical movement, sensory systems, memories, cognition, and social contact in loved ones.



● BOARD GAME

Educational and fun board games for children and adults. Borrow, play together, and share unique family moments.



● DISCOVERY BOXES

For ages 6 to 12. Four discovery boxes to borrow, each dedicated to a fascinating topic. Each box contains fun books, a board game, and a scientific experiment. The themes include space, architecture, dinosaurs and weather. It's an original way to learn while having fun, alone or with family.



● HOME DELIVERY

Winter weather making it hard to get to the library? Don't miss out on reading! The library offers a delivery service to members who meet certain eligibility criteria. These deliveries are made by our wonderful volunteers.

● GROUP VISITS

Introduce your young ones to the pleasures of reading by participating in a library tour followed by an activity. Special invitation to the local community groups, daycares and elementary schools.

Our activities are free of charge thanks to funding from:



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Opening hours

Monday to Friday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Library closures

CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday, December 24
CHRISTMAS - Thursday, December 25
BOXING DAY - Friday, December 26
NEW YEAR'S EVE - Wednesday, December 31
NEW YEAR'S DAY - Thursday, January 1
DAY AFTER NEW YEAR'S - Friday, January 2
GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 3
EASTER - Sunday, April 5
NATIONAL PATRIOT'S DAY - Monday, May 18

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