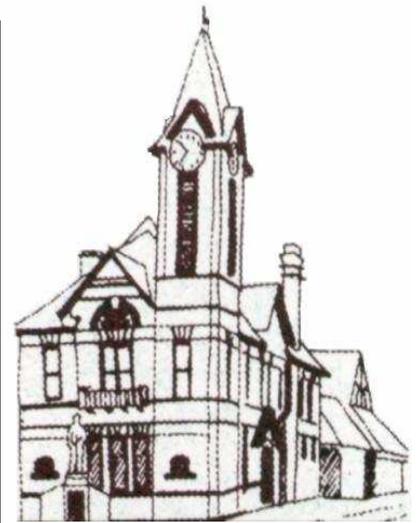


# THE OLD TOWN CLOCK



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It Takes A Library to Raise a Community



Une bibliothèque est requise pour hausser la communauté



## Spring Break Programs @ the Library

Pre-register now in person, in the  
Children's Library.

See page 2 and 3 for more information on  
these fun programs.

*New Library Bags for sale  
@ the Library*

\$3.00 each for a bag with this  
new brand

*"It Takes a Library to raise a  
Community."*

Come by to pick up yours.  
Supply is limited.

Wednesday  
March 17  
St. Patrick's Day  
is also green day  
at the library.  
Come and check  
out our materials  
for green  
Living.



## Writing Contest for Kids...

Coming in March a short story writing  
contest for kids at the library.  
Entries must be in by Friday March 19, 2010

If you know an aspiring author,  
please pass this challenge on to them.

More details on page 4.

*Note:  
The Library will be  
closed on March 22, 2010  
for a Staff Training Day.*

## Children's Department Winter Programs for Preschoolers.



### Musical Moments with Kathy Reid-Naiman.

Lots of toe tapping and knee slapping along with musical instruments, finger plays and songs old and new. This is a popular class and fills quickly.

- 8 classes for two age groups starting April 1st.
- 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. for 6 to 18 months.
- 11 to 11:30 a.m. for 19 to 36+ months.
- Cost: \$50.00/child with adult

### Time for 2's and 3's. with Cathy Reesor

Stories, games and craft activities for children two and three years old. The program is intended for children in this age group, accompanied by an adult. If possible, alternative arrangements for younger/older siblings seems to work best for everyone.

Classes to run 10-10:45 a.m. on alternate Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning on April 12 and 14. Four classes. Choose the day of the week that best suits your schedule.  
Cost: \$8.00 /child

These are not drop-in classes and **pre-registration** is required.

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**Winter Classes for  
Musical  
Moments and  
Time for 2's and 3's  
are FULL.**

**Pre-registration  
for Spring sessions opens on  
Tuesday March 9 for Township  
Residents & Tuesday March 16  
for Non Township Residents.**

## Spring Break 2010 Programs



### "The Magic of Reading"

**Monday March 15**  
Grades JK-2  
1:30—2:30 pm  
Cost \$4.00

A fantastic fun filled magic show to include lots of audience participation. This program is a super way to encourage students to read for pleasure and motivate them to use the library to find books, etc., that interest them. In other words to get kids to READ MORE!

Tickets first to children in this age group, with any remaining ones for sale on show day for parents/caregivers. Event presented by magician Ian Crawford and supervised by staff.



**Tuesday March 16**  
P.R.Y.D.E. and  
Stonemoor Day Cares

This day has been set aside for children and their leaders to attend either a morning or afternoon session of activities.

Programs will be conducted by staffers Corrinne Morrison and Pamela Noble.



## BABYSITTER'S TRAINING

**WEDNESDAY March 17**  
Grades 6—9  
9:30 am—4:30 pm  
Cost \$70.00

Course designed to increase confidence and provide the skills necessary for young people to be home alone or care for younger children in another home. Bring along a nut-free lunch, a life-sized doll or teddy bear for practice! Snacks, a handbook, completion wallet card & certificate, first aid kit and journal all included. Program provided by Kidproof Canada.

### "Boogie Boy Blues"



**Thursday March 18**  
Grades 3—6  
2-3:30 pm  
Cost \$4.00

Join Ron Beer, author and songwriter, for an entertaining show that combines a graphic novel, a music CD and the history of "The Blues". This unique performance is presented on screen as Ron narrates the story and sings along, with his guitar, to accompany it!

Tickets are for students first with any remaining on show day available for parents/caregivers. Staff supervised.

### "On Stage"

**Friday March 19**  
Grades 6—8  
10:30 am—12:00 noon (approx)  
Cost \$4.00

Kids looking for an opportunity to act in a non-musical venue are invited to sign up for this workshop. Plans include role playing, improv. and theatre tips. Corrinne Morrison along with drama students or local performers will guide students through various scenarios and monologues. Good fun for kids interested in acting that does not include singing. Snack provided.

## Adult Department



### Page Turners Reading Clubs

#### Uxbridge:

Saturday, March 13, 2010  
1:15—2:30 PM  
in the Lower Meeting Room  
**The Last Lecture**  
By Randy Pausch

#### Zephyr:

Tuesday, March 23, 2010  
2:15—3:30 pm  
**The Professor and the Madman**  
By Simon Winchester.

Everyone welcome.  
Refreshments provided.



### CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH

Weds. Mar. 24, 31, Apr. 7 & 21  
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$25.00/four classes

This spring the Uxbridge Library would like to offer a new program for anyone in the community interested in taking part in an informal group format for dialogue in french. Our leader will be Denise Richard, (a.k.a. Bellybutton the Clown) an Uxbridge resident, who grew up in a francophone home, and presently offers private tutoring. The classes are intended for those with some previous knowledge of the language, at least at high school level even if it was many years ago!

Hopefully this activity can fill a niche for various residents including parents wishing to gain a better comfort level with their children enrolled in French Immersion, those who desire more competency for

travel, francophones looking to converse with one another or anyone simply interested in 'brushing up' for their own interest. Denise will guide and direct the gathering according to the dynamics of the group (possibly a need to split once abilities of registrants is determined), with emphasis on relaxed learning and a light-hearted approach. The sessions will conclude with refreshments and a social time for participants to speak in french briefly, one on one with the leader if so desired, and with each other, in the language of choice! Pre-register in the adult department if this sounds like an outing for you. Payment is by cash or cheque.

### Coming in April.....



**'SO MUCH TO  
READ.....  
SO LITTLE TIME'**

#### Speed Reading Workshop

Sat. Apr. 24, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$15.00

Learn some simple techniques to easily DOUBLE your READING SPEED and still completely COMPREHEND what you have read! Join Michael Howell, author and teacher, as he leads his audience through the process of eliminating the reading barriers that slow us down, especially when we wish to cover certain material quickly. This class targets a wide range of participants including:

- often very overwhelmed students,
- busy working people stretched for time in their business and personal lives
- keen retired folks wishing to catch up on subjects of choice
- everyone who loves to read and wants to read so much more
- all of those looking to 'exercise' the brain!

Yummy snacks, hot/cold beverages included. If this program appeals to you please sign up soon, in person in the adult department. *Payment is by cash or cheque.*

### Uxbridge Genealogy Club

Lower Meeting Room  
7—9 pm Admission \$2.

Thurs. Mar. 18, 2010

#### Topic:

The Parish Chest

#### Speaker:

Dave Dobson



Everyone Welcome.  
For more information contact  
Eileen 905-852-6973

## "As We See It"

Have an afternoon out to relax and enjoy adult programs on various topics including: seasonal activities, special guest speakers, world-wide travelogues, and always delicious refreshments. Make new friends and learn something new!

**When:** 4th Wednesday  
1—2 PM approx  
**Where:** Library Lower  
Meeting Room.  
**Cost:** Toonie for Treats



### Wednesday, March 13 THE SPLENDOR OF SPAIN

Everyone welcome for a trek through Andalusia, the southern most province of this unique country. Anne Godbehere, who last year left us spellbound with her Darien jungle adventure, will be our guide. Highlights include the Costa Del Sol which averages 320 days of sun a year, a bullfighting arena in Seville, the allure of a Moorish Castle and a mountain wander on the winding streets of the Pueblos Blancos. Bring a friend along and enjoy Anne's wonderful pictures and commentary – a great way to lift your spirits in this so often 'soggy' season of the year! Pre-registration NOT required.

### Wednesday, April 24 MALAWI

In the spring of 2009, Chuck Taylor, a member of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge, participated in a Sweat Equity trip to Malawi in southern Africa. He will describe his adventures in the, "Warm Heart of Africa," and provide his perspectives on the value of humanitarian aid. Malawi is a beautiful country with beautiful people and Chuck will share his life changing experience with us.



## Meetings Coming Up @ the Library

*Writer's Circle— 7 - 8:30 pm  
March 9 and 23  
in the Meeting Room  
Call Bev Irwin for more  
information 852-9598*

*Library Board Meeting  
Tower Room  
March 18 @ 6:30 pm*

*Friends of the Library  
Tower Room  
March 11 @ 7 pm*

*Genealogy Club  
Meeting room  
March 18, 7 pm*



## SHARPEN THOSE PENCILS !! A Writing Contest @ the Library !!

The Uxbridge Public Library is excited to announce its first ever Short Story Contest! The short story must begin with the line: **“Maybe it was my imagination but yesterday I looked through the library window and I thought I saw ...”**

The contest is open to Uxbridge students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entry from each of the following categories:

- JK – SK
- Grades 1 – 3
- Grades 4 – 6
- Grades 7 – 8
- Grades 9 – 12

Winning entries will be published on our website ([www.uxlib.com](http://www.uxlib.com)) and be prominently featured in the library. The short story can be no more than two double spaced pages and must be accompanied by an entry form. Entry forms are available at both the Uxbridge and Zephyr branches or online.

**The Short Story Contest  
ends at 5:00 p.m. on  
Friday March 19, 2010.**

Entries may be dropped off at your local library branch beginning Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. Winners will be announced on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.

***What a great opportunity  
for young writers to use  
their imaginations and  
story-telling skills over the  
March Break!***



# LIBRARY HOURS

**UXBRIDGE  
BRANCH  
905-852-9747**

Monday  
Wednesday,  
Friday, Saturday  
9:30 a.m. - 5 pm

Tuesday, Thursday  
9:30 a.m. - 9 pm

Sundays between  
Mid October and  
Mid May  
1 pm - 5 pm

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**ZEPHYR  
BRANCH  
905-473-2375**

Tuesday, Thursday  
1:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday  
10 a.m.-1 pm