

Halloween treats and bedtime tales at the Essa Public Library

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"Libraries - The World at your fingertips": Canada Library Month and Ontario Public Library Week (Oct. 15 to 20) celebrations are underway at the Essa Public Library branches in Angus and Thornton. We kicked off the fun with both branches participating in the Guinness World Record walk on Oct. 3 with a total of 64 people walking one kilometre. We'll let you know, at a later date,

if this attempt at the world record walk was successful!

Events at EPL are:

Book launch for new local author: Cindy Jost welcomes everyone to the Angus Branch as she presents her new book, "Will your wants" Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. FREE

Bedtime Tales: Children can bring their grownups and a stuffed toy to listen to bedtime stories read by guest storytellers. Thornton Branch - Oct. 17 and at

Angus Branch - Oct. 18 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. both branches. FREE, NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Family Games Night: Bring your family to play a board game in the Library! Thornton - Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Angus - Oct. 25 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Food For Fines - During Ontario Public Library Week, we ask that you pay overdue fines with non-perishable food items. All food

donated will be directed to the Angus Food Bank. (Note: only overdue fines - no other fees/charges are removed). Puppets fun presented by Briar Rose Puppetry: Mashenka and the Bear is marionette fun for children ages three and up on Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. in the Thornton Branch. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Angus Reads! Thornton Reads! Essa Reads! Shout

out that "ESSA READS"! Through October and November, for every book read, complete a 'book decal'. Return them to your Essa Library Branch and we'll display them on library windows and walls! Help us show how important reading is to you.

Fortieth Anniversary of EPL: Join the Essa Library Board on Oct. 22 at the Angus branch from 6 to 7 p.m., to celebrate 40 years of

community service by the library! Cake, refreshments and fun!

Ontario Early Years Storytime and Essa P.L. Storytime sessions are also back at both branches. Check in your branch for the upcoming session dates and for more information.

Also as part of the fun, we have prize draws! Free bookmarks! Library displays! And much more at the Essa Public Library!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A directory of what is happening in your community

The community event calendar is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce upcoming events. Deadlines are no later than Monday for that week's issue to

COMMUNITY EVENTS, P.O. Box 310, Beeton, Ontario L0G 1A0

Submissions by mail, fax or e-mail and will not be received by telephone.

ISSUES & INTERESTS

The York-Simcoe Naturalists is a young club looking for new members. Contact: Cathryn Rees at 905-775-7021, e-mail: wilcor@sympatico.ca.

South Simcoe Community Information Centre "CONTACT" at 146 Victoria St. W. Alliston. Call (705) 435-4900, Fax 705-435-1106. Website: www.csolve.net/-contact, or Email: contact@focuscdc.on.ca.

Be a face in the fight against cancer The Innisfil Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society needs volunteers. Their involvement enables the Canadian Cancer Society to fund cancer research, provide information, services and to support people living with cancer. Call: 436-1060 or 726-8032.

The Canadian Mental Health Association of Barrie-Simcoe supports the development and continuance of self-help groups as a viable community resource for individuals experiencing difficulties. Self-Help groups can provide; support and understanding through difficult times; an opportunity to meet with others who have experienced similar difficulties; information and education; a safe and comfortable environment; suggestions regarding coping strategies that help to get through difficult times.

For further information contact the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Branch at 705-726-5033 or 1-800-461-4319.

Donations are needed for Music Fun Night at the Gilford United Church. If you have any old or unused music instruments like tambourines, shakers, chimes, drums or other fun instruments, call Dawn at (705)

456-2555.

MONDAYS

Friends of the Innisfil Library, Stroud Branch, meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Gilford and District Horticultural Society meets second Monday of the month from March to November at Churchill Community Centre at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome. Call Judith Rogers at 431-9278 or Kathy Barraclough at (905)853-8785 for more info.

Al-Anon meetings take place every Monday at Innisfil Community Church at 8:00 p.m. If you have a problem with someone else's drink, come and join the discussion group.

Innisfil Pipes & Drums meet for practice at the Legion in Bell Ewart, 1017 Robinson St. at 7 p.m. Always looking for new members. Phone Ken at (705) 456-3717.

TUESDAYS

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Thornton Library 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897 for more information. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Cookstown Computer Club drop-in program for elementary students, 4 to 5 p.m. at the library.

T.O.P.S. (Take off Pounds Sensibly) from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Library, Robert St., Thornton. For information call (705) 424-9433 or (705) 458-0937.

Stroud Seniors invite persons 55 + to join them for an afternoon of bid and progressive euchre, refreshments and companionship. 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Painswick. Call 436-1628.

St Paul's Anglican Church, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm will be informal musical jamming sessions for anyone with a voice or instrument. If

you are learning to play an instrument or like to sing and would enjoy having some fun and social time with similar minded people, come and join us. For more information, please call (705) 722-7755

St. Paul's Church, Innisfil (corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street), Playgroup for tots, moms, dads, caregivers, and grandparents from 9:30-11:30 am. Come for a social time, friendship, play and snacks. For information, call (705) 431-1694.

The Beta Classes will be held at the Innisfil Community Church starting January 9th at 1pm. Beta is a life changing program and the twelve week course will enable you to live free from fear, stress anxiety and the pain of past hurts and traumas. This program is offered at the Church from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. For more information, call Sherri McLaughlin at (705) 436-1611.

WEDNESDAYS

Friends of the Innisfil Library, Lakeshore Branch, meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. New members are most welcome.

Euchre, bid euchre, Scrabble and cribbage is played at Alcona Seniors club every Wednesday at 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the ABC Hall on the 25th Sideroad below Innisfil Beach Rd. Refreshments and fun days. Bring a bag lunch. Euchre every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30, Newton Robinson United Church in aid of Gwen Taylor Library. Refreshments.

Weight Loss Group. The Alcona Chapter of TOPS meets at 7:15 at Goodfellow Public School. Call Joan Davies at 436-3197 after 6 and on weekends.

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance. On Wednesdays, the mornings are alternated between the Churchill and the Cookstown Libraries from 10:00 a.m. to noon., and every Wednesday afternoon at the Stroud Branch from 1:30 - 3:30. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team Please call marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Euchre at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Churchill is held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the parish hall. Please call Reg at 705-456-6801 for information.

The Cookstown Co-Operative Playgroup is at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown located on Hwy 89, east of Hwy 27. All pre-school children and their care-givers are welcome, as well as new members. The hours will be 9:30 to 12:00 every Wednesday & Thursday. Come out with your pre-school aged children (senior kindergarten and younger), have a snack, make a craft and meet some new friends. For more information please call Brian Haas at (705) 458-8468. See you there!!

THURSDAYS

Euchre - Progressive and Bid, every Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion - 1017 Robinson, Bell Ewart 705-436-1144, Betty.

Register for Book Book a six week afterschool program for ages 6 and up from 5-6 p.m. Call Innisfil Public Library, Cookstown Branch at 458-1273.

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Barrie Chapter of Schizophrenia Society of Ontario family support group meets the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Building, 39 High St., Barrie. For info contact 726-5033.

Painswick Horticultural Society meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. New members welcome. For info call Linda Lewer at 436-3908.

The Parish of Churchill and Cookstown youth group meets every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Youth between the ages of 9-12 years are welcome to attend regardless of denomination. Please call Pam Gervais for information at (705) 735-

3484.

St Paul's Anglican Church, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm we are beginning a study comparing the gospels and learning how and why they developed. For more information, call (705) 722-7755.

SATURDAYS

Barrie Farmers' Market, outside and inside Barrie City Hall. From 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fresh produce and fruit in season. For info please call 739-4204.

SUNDAYS

Overeaters Anonymoyus meets at the Mapleview Community Church at 7pm. Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? It's not what you eat, it's what's eating you! For more information, call Anne at (705) 436-7921.

The Teen Youth Group of the Parish of Churchill and Cookstown meet at St. John's Anglican Church every other Sunday in the parish hall from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. All teens aged between 13-18 years are welcome to join regardless of denomination. Please call Pam at (705) 735-3484 for information.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

The Innisfil Lions will be holding an open house to start a new Leo Club in the community. Have fun, meet new friends, and help your community. If you are interested and between the ages of 12 - 18, please visit the Lions Hall, 982 Innisfil Beach Road. For more information, call (705) 431-6168 or (705) 431-6231.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

The Friends of the Innisfil Public Library will be holding their 4th Annual Crafters Sale at the Stroud Community Complex. Venders are needed. Table rentals are available by calling (705) 436-2185. All proceeds go towards library programs.

St. Paul's Anglican Church will be holding their Harvest Bazaar at 11:30. There will be a bake table, craft table and lunch for \$5.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 16

The Alzheimer Society of

Greater Simcoe County will host a monthly caregiver support group meeting at its office at 12 Fairview Road, Unit 103, in Barrie, between 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Caregivers can discuss issues and successes in a confidential and supportive environment. Evening visitors are asked to use the south door entrance. For more information, call the society at 722-1066.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18

The Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet at the Canadian Cancer Society office, located at 64 Cedar Point Drive, unit 1406, in Barrie at 7:30 p.m. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month. Women are welcome and will meet separately. For more information, call 726-8032.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 23

The Bond Head Olde Tyme Fiddle Club invites all musicians, dancers and listeners to their monthly fiddle dance and jam session. The event will take place at the Bond Head Community Hall at the Highway 27 and 88 intersection, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$4. For more information, call 705-835-3159 or 905-941-2134.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3

Stroud Presbyterian Church will host an annual roast beef dinner. All are welcome. Dinner includes a main entree, salad, dessert, tea, coffee and juice. Three sittings are available, at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. respectively. Adult admission is \$13, while children eight years old and up can dine for \$6. The church is located at 2180 Victoria Street. For more information, call 436-7939 or 436-3107.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7

Gilford United Church will host a roast beef supper. Homemade pies are available. Sittings will take place at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Adult admission is \$13, children under 12 can eat for \$5. For tickets, call 456-2006.