

Blackburn Area News and Reports

# BANAR

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## Hockey Day in the Hamlet February 9th

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# President's message

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The **BCA Board of Directors** would like to wish a Happy New Year to all residents of Blackburn Hamlet and their families. What a year it's been! Not only did the BCA go through a transition with several new members in key positions on the Board of Directors but that they did an amazing job picking up where the last board left off, a municipal election took place in the Fall and the ward's residents elected our very own Laura Dudas as city councilor! We are very happy to have someone from the Hamlet representing the Ward at City Hall. The Board of Directors is super excited to work with Laura on our local issues and ideas.

The BCA hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for an amazing group of volunteers on Saturday January 12th. The dinner was organized to thank the volunteers in the Hamlet that took time out of their busy lives. There are always a few individuals that go above and beyond. It was the BCA's honour to highlight the amazing contributions of the following individuals: Ian Chamberland, Jean Clark, Sarah White-Morgan, Kendra Brett, Lee Stach, Bernard Charlebois and Marc Charlebois. *See photo on page 5*

On January 17th the BCA closed the 2018 year and held elections to select the 2019 Executive and Board of Directors. It is my pleasure and honour to present this year's Board of Directors and Sub-Committee Chairs.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: Ali Yassine  
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## SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

FunFair: Brent Lawrie  
Seniors Action Committee: Beverly McGrath  
Cancer Chase: Lee Stach  
Community Hall bookings: Auramarina Sawyer  
BANAR Editor: Evelyn Budd

If you are interested in volunteering with the BCA, feel free to contact any of us at any time. I am looking forward to see you at our events.

*Ali Yassine*



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### **BCA Meeting Feb. 21th**

SPECIAL NOTE: The 2019 Budget will be finalized and presented at the next meeting of the Blackburn Community Association on Thursday February 21ST, 7:30 pm–9 pm at the Blackburn Community Hall. The budget will throw a spotlight on the work that the BCA volunteers do for our community. It will be transparency on the association's funding sources and planned funding allocation for the year. Agendas will be available in the week leading up to the meeting on the BCA website and minutes will be posted shortly thereafter on the BCA website at [blackburnhamlet.ca/minutes](http://blackburnhamlet.ca/minutes).

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[www.BlackburnFunFair.ca](http://www.BlackburnFunFair.ca)

[www.Banar.ca](http://www.Banar.ca)

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Feb BANAR: Deadline January 16 / by February 5

April BANAR: Deadline March 13 / by April 1

June BANAR: Deadline May 8 / May 24–26

Sept BANAR: Deadline August 14 / by Sept 2

Nov BANAR: Deadline October 16 / by Nov 4

Past issues and more information at [banar.ca](http://banar.ca)

# 2018 Blackburn Volunteer Awards



President Ali Yassine and Vice-President Chelsey Wynne presented the BCA Volunteer Appreciation awards to: (left to right) Kendra Brett, Ian Chamberland, Bernard Charlebois and Marc Charlebois at the Blackburn Hamlet Community Association's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Jean Clark, Sarah White-Morgan and Lee Stach who were not able to attend have since had their plaques presented to them.



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# Neighbourhood Watch program coming this year

by Don Kelly

As the newly elected Community Safety director, I am putting together a team to help spread Neighbourhood Watch in our community. This proven program has information and tools to protect people and homes.

We have established contact with the Neighborhood Contacts at the Ottawa Police. Once we have a group that is interested in moving forward with Neighbourhood Watch we will have someone from the Ottawa Police visit our group and give us a detailed briefing on the program.



We have also been in contact with other Neighborhood Watch groups and learned what works and what does not.

More information is available at:  
•<https://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/safety-and-crime-prevention/Neighbourhood-Watch.asp>

•<https://onwec.com/start-a-watch>  
If you have any questions or you are interested in making our community safer please contact us at [safety@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:safety@blackburnhamlet.ca).

Flashback: Membership in the "Blackburn Community Club" was 150 families in November 1967

## Time to get your 2019 BCA Membership!

*Blackburn Hamlet is known for being a friendly, active and progressive community. A BCA membership is only \$10 for a family and runs from January to the end of the year. Your contribution helps pay for the BANAR, a multitude of events and projects as well as physical representation at various levels of government, neighbouring communities and organizations.*

*Easiest way is to do an e-transfer for \$10 to [treasurer@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:treasurer@blackburnhamlet.ca). Put your name and membership renewal in the notes field. It's auto deposited into the BCA account and you'll receive an automated message from your bank saying it's been deposited. Forward that message to me and I'll update your expiry date. The other option is to MAIL a cheque made payable to **BCA, P.O. Box 47062, Ottawa K1B 5B0***

*\*\*Please include your name, address, email address and phone number or better still go to <https://goo.gl/forms/OPfraZMc28JiUhJt2> and fill out the form.*

*There are also opportunities for businesses to get listed on the BCA website's Member Benefits page by offering discounts to families that have their 2019 BCA membership card with them.*

*P.S. Only members can vote at BCA meetings.*

*Please email [membership@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:membership@blackburnhamlet.ca) for more information.*



# Scouts tour City Hall with Councillor Laura Dudas

by Joanne Laskoski, 1st Blackburn Scouts

It was fitting that Councillor Laura Dudas gave her first City Hall tour to Scouts from 1st Blackburn. Before being elected last October, Councillor Dudas was President of the Blackburn Community Association, the sole sponsor of the 1st Blackburn Scouting Group.

On January 14, a small group of eight Scouts and five Scouters were led by Dudas on an enthusiastic and informative tour of City Hall. Beginning in the offices of Innes Ward, overlooking the Sens Rink of Dreams, the youth were introduced to the many roles and responsibilities of our municipal government. Discussion revolved around key services provided by the City, government structure, the City's budget, and how to get involved in the decision-making process. Dudas was genuine in telling the Scouts to "have a voice" and make her aware of any changes they wished to see in the community. The tour continued from the modern wing on Laurier Avenue, including public spaces and art galleries, to the connected Heritage Building on Elgin Street, containing the offices of the Mayor, committee rooms, and the Ottawa Sport Hall of Fame. Along the way, the Scouts were encouraged to become informed and civically engaged citizens, and to continue to create change in



After the tour, Councillor Dudas and her daughter skated with the Scouts on the Sens Rink of Dreams for some "Active and Healthy Living" — another program area of the Canadian Path!

the community. It was an ideal outing for the Scouts as one of Scout Canada's six program areas of the Canadian Path promotes "Citizenship."

**The Canadian Path program** ([canadianpath.ca](http://canadianpath.ca)) was developed by Scouts Canada and offers youth aged 5 to 26 an opportunity to experience new things, have more adventures and develop into confident and capable individuals, better prepared for success in the world. From Beavers to Rovers, youth take the lead in deciding what program areas they will pursue. Taking charge, the youth organize ways to achieve these goals, and collectively reflect on their experience after the goal is met. With support from adult Scouters, this "Plan-Do-Review" method is one of the many ways

the Canadian Path can help youth develop into critical thinkers, extend their personal progression, and encourage active participation in an inclusive team dynamic.

For more information on how you can join 1st Blackburn on our many adventures—as a participant or as a volunteer Scouter—please contact Group Commissioner, Joanne Ingram, at [gc@blackburnscouting.com](mailto:gc@blackburnscouting.com).

*Special "Thanks" to Councillor Laura Dudas for the continuous Facebook gas outage updates to residents on Orient Park and surrounding area that took place Friday 18th, January 2019.*

*Millie Taylor*

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# 2018 FunFair Honorarium Recipients

by Brent Lawrie, Blackburn FUNFAIR Chair

Thanks to everyone for last years excellent FUNFAIR 2018, and because of the great participation and sponsorship support, we raised \$13 416, which has been put directly back into our Blackburn community. Fantastic! Please see the Honorariums distribution listed below.

Don't forget this years FUNFAIR is May 31st to

June 2nd, 2019. Planning has already started and we are once again looking towards another great year. Every year, we have a great team of volunteers, to help organize the FUNFAIR and we always need more. Please consider giving some of your time to help us keep this annual tradition a great success, you won't regret it. Send me an email at funfairchair@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer with our excellent team.

Sincerely Brent Lawrie

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Ottawa Public Library (Robots)	\$750.00	Ladies Grads BAA	\$500.00
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Earth Path	\$166.65	Scouts Canada-1st Blackburn Scout Group	\$250.00
Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre	\$500.00	The Dapo Agoro Foundation for Peace	750.00
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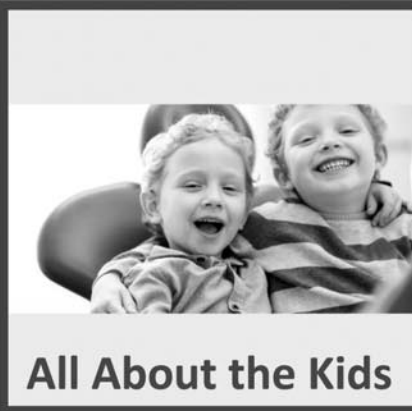


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# Councillor's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new Blackburn Community Association Board, which was elected at their annual general meeting last month. I have always admired the strong community spirit in Blackburn Hamlet, and would like to say thank you to those who have so generously stepped forward to volunteer their time for the betterment of our community. I look forward to working with all of you throughout this coming year.

In addition, I want to thank everyone who took the time to attend my public consultation on January 19 to share their priorities for Ottawa's 2019 city budget. The draft budget will be tabled at City Council on February 6. If you missed the Innes Ward townhall,

but still want to share your ideas and thoughts with me, send me an email at [Laura.Dudas@ottawa.ca](mailto:Laura.Dudas@ottawa.ca).

As part of this upcoming budget, I look forward to our Ward receiving much-needed investments in our roadway infrastructures, including the resurfacing of Anderson Road and St. Joseph Boulevard, as well as improvements and repairs throughout Innes Ward. As the budget becomes finalized, and we receive more detailed updates, my office will share them with residents.

It is an honour to work for this community and represent you at City Hall. I have set an ambitious agenda for 2019, one of advocating and campaigning for Blackburn Hamlet and all Innes Ward residents at Council; ensuring that

our priorities are heard this year, and beyond.

Being accessible to you is important to me. That is why my Ward office, located at the Blackburn Arena, will have regular office hours during which you can meet with myself and my team.

Additionally, I will be hosting pop-up office hours throughout the Ward and will be launching a website in the near future.

It is a pleasure and an honour to serve this wonderful community. Know that you can always reach out and I will be happy to help you in any way I can.

*Sincerely, Laura*

*Councillor, Innes Ward*

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# Laura Dudas

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The key for weight loss is to know what is the ideal weight your cat or dog should be and then feed him the appropriate amount of calories for that goal weight. A weight loss program should be closely monitor to achieve a weight loss of 1-2% per week. The goal is steady slow weight loss to insure it stays off.

Once you know the amount of calories your pet needs daily, do the exercise of calculating how many calories/cup are in their regular diet. There is a wide difference in calories/cup in between each pet food, even from the same company so get your calculator out!

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# Outdoor Rink Volunteers

by Mark Lister, BCA rink director

The BCA would like to thank our community of rink volunteers for all the hard work, long hours and freezing evenings and mornings they have put in to provide the Hamlet with amazing rinks for the community. These volunteers are a dedicated group who, like the rest of us have full time jobs or attend classes and in some cases volunteer in the community in other capacities. It can take over 35 hours to pack snow and perform the multiple flooding's required to create skateable ice surface, not to mention the regular time required throughout the season to maintain the ice with multiple floods a week and regular shoveling of snow.

The BCA would like to therefore thank these volunteers for all their hard work, and we would invite our community, that should you use the rinks to help, grab a shovel and clear the snow if you can. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the rinks, please contact [mark.lister9@gmail.com](mailto:mark.lister9@gmail.com)



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# Spring is coming..... and so is planting season

by Evelyn Budd

Get a jump on spring by starting now to plan your vegetable, flower or better still, a mixed garden. It's fascinating for all ages to watch the transformation from seed to a beautiful plant and/or a tasty treat.

Here are some simple tips that can help you grow sturdy starter plants for the plants that need a head start such as tomatoes and peppers. If you have a sunny southern window on a window sill, you are in luck as seedlings need 14 to 18 hours of light a day. Put individual planting containers (foam cups to larger containers) in large plastic trays to catch the water that drains out. Next, put moist planting mix in the containers (make sure they have drainage holes) and sprinkle seeds on the mix, spacing at least an inch apart. Hint: purchase your carrots on seed tapes as thinning the tiny sprouts can be difficult. Cover with mix twice as deep as the diameter of the seeds. Mist the planting mix to thoroughly dampen the seeds. Label with date and variety.

Or you can purchase the starter plants in May at a garden centre as well as



seeds for quick-to-grow, disease-resistant vegetables and plant them straight into your outdoor garden. Radish, beans, carrots, pumpkins are great for beginners. Grow what you and your family like to eat but don't hesitate to experiment. After tasting veggies from the garden your family's list of favourites will grow.

A good garden site has sun for at least eight hours a day and having a raised bed where you can reach in from the sides is very nice— keeps some animals out as well.

In spring, most gardeners can't wait to begin planting. But, you can ruin the soil's structure if you dig in too soon. Scoop up a handful of soil, squeeze it, poke it with a finger, and see what happens. If it crumbles it's ready for planting. If your finger makes an indentation and the soil stays in a lump, it's too wet. Wait a while and try again.

The most important ingredient for gardening success is the soil. Fluffy, spongy soil, rich in organic matter, practically ensures good crops. It's easier to work with, holds moisture and the plants are more apt to flourish. If the soil is poor and if seeds germinate at all, the seedling will likely be yellow, stunted and succumb to disease and insects.

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## Spring is coming *continued from page 14*

If you find yourself battling wet and heavy clay, then you will need to condition the soil with peat moss and vermiculite prior to planting.

You may want to fertilize your new plants with a low concentrate fertilizer (make sure the soil doesn't already have fertilizer in it) or better still start a compost pile (gardener's gold)!

Compost is ideally made in layers (three parts of green matter, one part manure and a bit of soil) or in a casual pile (out of sight) which takes much longer to decompose.

Mulch is great for keeping the moisture in the soil, weeds to a minimum and attracts earthworms that are most welcomed in any garden.

Water, water everywhere! Frequent watering is required of new plants. From experience they also need to be taken out of the car trunk asap and not left in the garage for a long time without water.

Gardening is for all ages, especially for kids! Give them a vegetable project of their own. By doing this, you might be planting a seed for a love of gardening, not to mention giving them a sense of accomplishment (and amazement) as they pick delicious veggies from their very own garden.

You are welcome to join us at **Rothwell United Church** (42 Sumac St.) for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5th at 6 pm. We'll be serving pancakes (of course!), syrup, and sausages. There will be a free will offering, but we hope those who would like a break for their budget will enjoy a free meal on us. [www.Rchurch.ca](http://www.Rchurch.ca)

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### **Old Media, New Media & Our Stories of Disaster**

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# Make 2019 Your Year to Volunteer with the Cancer Chase!



by Lee Stach

In 2018, I decided to take on the role of Chair of the Blackburn Hamlet Cancer Chase. I had no real idea of what I was getting into, as I was relatively new to the Hamlet and had never even attended the event. I was worried that I had bit off more than I could chew and that I would let down the former Chair, the Ottawa Hospital Foundation, and most importantly, the community. But after hearing some words of

reassurance from the planning team, we got to work on creating the best Cancer Chase yet.

The 2018 Cancer Chase ended up being a huge success, having the highest turnout ever – with over 150 participants and countless more in attendance. We also managed to raise over \$12,000 for cancer research that is done right here in Ottawa. A small team of seven people had managed to pull off a fun, family event that engaged the community.

While 2018 was a great success, we hope 2019 will be even better. But in order to make it the best Chase yet, we need volunteers. Our 2018 Cancer Chase team was small, and while we are mighty, we need help. We have yet to begin planning for the 2019 event, as we need some additional members added to our team to ensure a great success. In particular, we are looking for a Co-Chair to help plan and execute the event, as well as a few other key members to sit on the planning team. We are, of course, always also looking for day-of volunteers. No matter how much or how little time you have to spare, we would love to have you join our team.

I learned a lot from my experience with the 2018 Cancer Chase. Most importantly, I learned that giving your time, gives you much more in return. I know that life is busy, between family and work commitments, it can be tough to find time to yourself, let alone to give back. But trust me, it is worth it.

If you would like to help us out in any way, please let us know! No matter your skill set, experience or preferred level of time commitment, we can find a spot for you. Drop us a line at [info@cancerchase.com](mailto:info@cancerchase.com).

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# BCA Pancake Breakfast — Fun for ALL ages

Lots of great photos taken by Jason Dubuc of all ages with Santa. Go to [www.banar.ca](http://www.banar.ca) and click on BCA Pancake Breakfast 2018 to see the complete gallery of photos.



# Galician Immigrant comes to Blackburn

by Don Budd

**Petro Bodnaryk** was orphaned at the age of 5 when his father, Nazaary Bodnaryk was struck by lightning. "On a clear cloudless sky a freak lightning struck as he was walking with a hoe over his shoulder".

His mother, Fedora Djaman, died at his birth. He had no siblings.

When Petro grew up he would always be the last person to come in when a lightning storm approached, almost as if he were challenging the gods.

Petro never attended school, and was raised by the people of the village. He earned his keep by being a shepherd. At age 19 he sold the property of his deceased parents for enough money for passage to Canada.

Petro arrived at the port of Quebec City on May 16, 1904 aboard the vessel 'Phoenicia'. The ship sailed from Antwerp, Belgium and then Hamburg, Germany on April 27, 1904. It was the only ship that sailed to Canada from that part of the world in that year. There

were 2,250 people on board, mostly Galicians, Bukovinians and people from the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Petro was listed as 'Galician', as a labourer and he had no money with him according to ship documents. No one on the ship logs was listed as Ukrainian but Petro and many

others were. Ukraine as a country did not exist then but he came from the province or area of Galicia.

Blackburn was a farming and gardening community in 1911. The farmers were for the most part Irish and the gardeners were French. Enter my Ukrainian grandfather and I'm sure the neighbours must have thought someone from Mars had arrived. His name was Petro Bodnaryk and he spoke very little English or French. I don't know when the name was changed to Peter Budd but it was a common occurrence to anglicize names back then.



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Les 29 entreprises de produits et services ont été formées par les élèves de la 1ère à la 6e année et ont vendus tous leurs produits à la communauté scolaire de Blackburn-Hamlet.

Bravo à nos jeunes entrepreneurs qui se sont engagés dans ce projet.

Un merci très spécial aux membres de l'équipe-école qui se sont engagés dans ce projet d'envergure en intégration des habiletés, des compétences et des éléments essentiels du curriculum pour chaque année d'étude. Bravo à une équipe exceptionnelle.



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# What's happening at the Blackburn Library

It gives us great pleasure to see so many familiar faces each and every day. In the new year, we have a lot of fun programs and activities planned for children and adults so come on in and see us.

## Computer and Tablet Tutorials

We offer basic computer, Internet, Email, eBook or Library Catalogue Tutorials. You can bring your own laptop or tablet or learn on one of our public computers. Please call the branch to book a one-on-one appointment. Limited spaces are available. 60 minutes.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Round Table and Book Chat

For adults, the bookclub will meet on the third Monday of the month at 2:00 pm. Please join us as we discuss exciting titles. **New members are always welcome! No registration necessary.**

MONDAY, FEB. 1

The *Lightkeeper's Daughters* by Jean Pendziwol

MONDAY, MARCH 18

*Life after life* by Kate Atkinson

## COMPUTER PROGRAMS

### Basic Digital Photo Editing Demo

Chris Taylor, President of the Ottawa PC Users' Group and Microsoft Most Valuable Professional, will help you discover easy ways of fixing up your photos to correct many basic flaws so you will be proud to display them.

WEDNESDAY JAN. 16, 6 – 8 PM.  
Registration required.

### How to Take Better Vacation Photos

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WEDNESDAY FEB. 20, 6 – 8 PM.  
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### Protecting Your Computer

Chris Taylor, President of the Ottawa PC Users' Group and Microsoft Most Valuable Professional, will show you the simple steps to take to keep your computer from being hacked.

WEDNESDAY MAR. 20, 6-8 PM.  
Registration required.

*We offer adult programs on an ongoing basis. Please check our website under the Programs and Events tab.*

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

*Jennifer and Cathie will be offering programs for all ages.*

Please check the program information. We encourage parents and their children to speak with our knowledgeable staff about our wonderful databases and resources for homework, projects, book reports and more!

### Babytime

Stories, rhymes and songs for babies and a parent or caregiver.

Ages 0 to 18 months. Registration required. WEDNESDAYS FROM 10:30 TO 11:00 AM.

#### Session 1

January 9 to February 13

#### Session 2

March 27 to April 17

### Family Storytime

Stories, rhymes and songs for children and a parent or caregiver.

Ages 0 to 6 years. Registration required. THURSDAYS FROM 10:15 TO 10:45 AM OR FROM 11:00 TO 11:30 AM.

#### Session 1:

January 10 to February 14

#### Session 2:

March 28 to April 18

### Comics Workshop with author Éric Péladeau

Saturday, Feb. 9, 10:30–11:30 am.

Join local author and contest judge, Éric Péladeau, for tips and tricks on how to write a winning comic strip. This workshop could assist you with your submission for the Awesome Authors contest. Ages 9 to 12. Registration required.

Atelier d'écriture avec le bédéiste Éric Péladeau / Comics Workshop with author Éric Péladeau— Viens découvrir des trucs et astuces pour écrire des bandes dessinées qui remporteront un succès fou avec Éric Péladeau bédéiste et juge du concours. Pour les 9 à 12 ans.

See pages 22 and 23 for the complete list of workshops being offered.

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## Blackburn Library *(Continued ofrom page 20)*

### MARCH BREAK

*PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE  
FOR MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS*

#### Stir it up!

A recipe for fun! Ages 7-12.  
Registration required.  
Monday March 11, 2-3 pm.

#### Mix and Match

Make sense! Mingle colors, shapes,  
smells, materials or sounds. Ages  
4-6. Registration required.  
Wednesday, March 13, 2-3 pm.

#### In the Mix

Come join us for a fun blend of  
stories and songs. Ages 0-6 years.  
Registration required. Thursday,  
March 14, 10:30-11:15.

### Movie Matinée – Lego Batman

#### Movie

Join us for a family-friendly movie.  
We will be showing the Lego  
Batman Movie. Family program.  
Drop-In. Friday, March 15, 2-4 pm.

#### Crafty Science

Fuse crafts and science. Ages 7-12.  
Registration required.  
Saturday, March 16, 2-3 pm.

#### Easter—We're Going on an Egg Hunt!

Join us for a program full of  
colours and adventures. Stories,  
rhymes, songs and an egg hunt for  
children and a parent or caregiver.  
Ages 0-6 years. Registration  
required. Saturday April 13 from  
10:30-11:15 am

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In the "Adult Area" you will find natural landscapes presented in realistic and contemporary styles. These paintings provide the viewer with a close-up view of trees and wooded areas.

In the "Children's Area" you will find fantasy and everyday animals portrayed in a naïve style. These colourful paintings depict playful creatures in everyday settings and hopefully provide the viewer with a smile.

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# Awesome Authors Youth Writing Contest

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The Ottawa Public Library invites you to participate in its annual Awesome Authors Youth Writing Contest, a contest for aspiring young poets, short story authors, and comics writers.

## About the contest

Submissions will be accepted until Tuesday, February 19, 2019 and is open to all youth residing in Ottawa between the ages of 9 and 18 (must not yet have completed high school).

There is a limit of one (1) entry per person, per category. The six categories are: short story, poetry, comic, nouvelle, poésie and bande dessinée. No co-written entries will be accepted

Local authors Catherine Austen, Apollo the Child, Sarah Raughley, Karine Perron and Éric Péladeau will judge the submissions.

Poems and short stories must:

- be 1000 words or less
- be typed and submitted electronically directly on the contest webpage OR
- be typed on 1 side of 8½" x 11" pages, and submitted to the library branch

## All submissions must:

- include the title of the piece on each page
- be new, original, previously unpublished work
- be in French or English
- include an entry form

The comics entries must:

- be drawn on one of the OPL templates
- be drawn on one side of a 8½" x 11" page

\*\*You must include one entry form for each poem, or short story, or comic submitted.

**Please do not put your name on your work**

## How to participate

You can submit your work online OR — Submit in person at your local OPL point of service (branch or Bookmobile stop—must be handed in person to an employee).

Note: If you choose to submit your work in person, please make two copies of your entry, print and complete an entry form and drop by to submit your entry

If you do not receive confirmation that your entry has been received, please contact Sheri Riviere at [Sheri.Riviere@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca](mailto:Sheri.Riviere@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca) or 613-580-2424 x32163

If you are submitting in French, please use the French version of the website.

## About the entries

Entries will not be returned.

All winning entries will be checked for plagiarism. Any time you use someone else's words or ideas and claim them as your own is considered plagiarism and is strictly prohibited

Entries that are plagiarized, previously published or that do not follow guidelines will be disqualified.

## Awards

Contest winners will be announced and prizes awarded during a ceremony to be held on April 13, 2019 at Meridian Theatres @ CentrepoinTE. Participants will receive an invitation email. Visit your local library or visit <https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/about/awesome-authors>



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# WritingTips — Writing Workshops, Comics Workshops, Poetry Workshops

## Comics Workshop with author Éric Péladeau / Atelier d'écriture avec le bédéiste Éric Péladeau— Bilingual/Bilingue

*Blackburn Hamlet Library*

*Saturday Feb 09, 10:30–11:30 a.m.*

Join local author and contest judge, Éric Péladeau, for tips and tricks on how to write a winning comic strip. Ages 9 to 12.

Viens découvrir des trucs et astuces pour écrire des bandes dessinées qui remporteront un succès fou avec Éric Péladeau bédéiste et juge du concours. Pour les 9 à 12 ans.

Location: 199 Glen Park

## Atelier d'écriture avec l'auteure Karine Perron— Français

*Cumberland Library*

*Saturday Feb 09, 1:30–2:30 pm*

Viens découvrir des trucs et astuces pour écrire des nouvelles ou des poèmes qui remporteront un succès fou avec Karine Perron auteure locale et juge du concours. Pour les 9 à 18 ans.

Location: 1599 Tenth Line

## Poetry Workshop with spoken word artist Apollo The Child

*Ruth E. Dickinson Library*

*Friday Jan 25 at 1:30–2:30 pm*

Join spoken word artist and Awesome Authors contest judge, Apollo The Child, for tips and tricks on how to write a winning poem. Ages 9-12.

Location: 100 Malvern

## Poetry Workshop with spoken word artist Apollo The Child

*Emerald Plaza Library*

*Thursday Feb 07 at 5:00–6:00 p.m.*

Join spoken word artist and Awesome Authors contest judge, Apollo The Child, for tips and tricks on how to write a winning poem. Ages 13 to 18. Ages 13-18.

Location: 1547 Merivale

## Writing Workshop with author Catherine Austen

*Carlingwood Library*

*Saturday Feb 09 10:30–11:30 a.m.*

Join local author and contest judge, Catherine Austen, for tips and tricks on how to write a winning short story. Ages 9-12.

Location: 281 Woodroffe

## Comics Workshop with author Éric Péladeau / Atelier d'écriture avec le bédéiste Éric Péladeau— Bilingual/Bilingue

*Beaverbrook Library*

*Saturday Feb 09, 1:30–2:30 pm*

Join local author and contest judge, Éric Péladeau, for tips and tricks on how to write a comic strip. Ages 13 to 18.

Viens découvrir des trucs et astuces pour écrire des bandes dessinées avec Éric Péladeau bédéiste et juge du concours. Pour les 13 à 18 ans.

Location: 2500 Campeau

## Writing Workshop with author Sarah Raughley

*Nepean Centrepointe*

*Saturday Feb 09 at 1:30–2:30 pm*

Join local author and Awesome Authors contest judge, Sarah Raughley, for tips and tricks on how to write a winning short story. Ages 13-18.

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Visit [www.blackburnladiessoftball.com](http://www.blackburnladiessoftball.com) or contact Johanne Danis, BLSL Vice-President, at [blslvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:blslvicepresident@gmail.com) for more information and to register

## Interchurch Refugee Settlement Group Pasta and Wine Fundraiser

Join us for pasta and wine in support of the Interchurch Refugee Settlement Group at St. Mary's Hall, 1171 Smith Road, Navan on Saturday, March 2nd,. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Tickets \$45—you will receive a tax receipt for \$30! Contact [jodi.sabourin@ocdsb.ca](mailto:jodi.sabourin@ocdsb.ca) to get your ticket.

The Interchurch Refugee Group (IRG), a registered charity, is an ecumenical coalition of five east Ottawa churches: Orleans United Church, Navan-Vars United Church, Epiphany Anglican Church, Rothwell United Church, and Community Pentecostal Church. For 29 years, the IRG has been sponsoring government-approved refugee families, supporting their integration into Canadian society and facilitating their transition towards self-sufficiency.

## Gloucester Allotment Garden Association

The Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria at Louis Riel High School, 1655 Bearbrook Road in Blackburn Hamlet.

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Session dates: February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 11 & 25, May 9 and 23.

## Free Fitness Classes

Kathleen Parisien is offering free fitness classes for families at the Blackburn Community Hall every Monday at 6 pm. All ages and fitness levels are welcome! Zumba is one of the favourites.

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For an up-to-date schedule of the free classes, please join “Ottawa community fitness” on Facebook.

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