

The Ottawa Public Library: beyond books

If you live in Ottawa, you can get an Ottawa Public Library card which gives you access to a wide range of resources, including:

- Free wifi, computers and printers
- family museum, Art Gallery passes;
- career consultations;
- Time with a 3D printer, a laser cutter, and audio/video editing software; and even
- cross-country ski passes for Mooney's Bay and Gatineau Park!

HOW TO GET A CARD:

For details on how to get a library card, click here: <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/get-library-card>

COURSES:

FOR KIDS 6 AND UNDER:

Music for babies and toddlers:

WHAT: – Making Music Meaningful: “Introduce your baby, toddler or preschooler to a lovely repertoire of music and musical activities, including interactive songs, finger plays, rhymes, instrument exploration, listening and movement activities.”

WHEN: Saturday, February 20 2016: 10:30 to 11:30 am

WHERE: Vanier Branch (310 Pères Blancs) in the Program Room

HOW: Register at bibliottawalibrary.ca or at any Ottawa Public Library branch.

Stories and songs for babies:

WHAT: Babytime: “Stories, rhymes and songs for babies and a parent or caregiver. 0-18 months. / Contes, comptines et chansons pour les bébés et un parent ou gardien. 0-18 mois.”

WHEN: Various times at various locations: <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/babytime-bébés-à-la-biblio-10>

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HOW: No registration required.

Stories and songs for toddlers:

WHAT: Toddlertime: “Stories, rhymes and songs for a toddler and a parent or caregiver. Ages 18-35 months. / Contes, comptines et chansons pour les tout-petits et un parent ou gardien. 18-35 mois.”

WHEN: 30 minute weekly sessions at various branches at various times:

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Stories and songs for preschoolers:

WHAT: Storytime: “Stories, rhymes and songs for preschoolers and a parent or caregiver. Ages 3-6.” <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/storytime-session-3>

WHEN: Various times at various branches

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HOW: No registration required.

FOR KIDS 6-15

Homework Club:

WHAT: Homework Club: Come join our homework club and get help with reading, math, science, French, English, etc. Led by Frontier College volunteers. Ages 6-15. / Joins-toi à notre club d'aide

aux devoirs, pour recevoir de l'aide avec : la lecture, les maths, les sciences, le français, l'anglais, etc. Avec des bénévoles de Collège Frontière. Pour les 6-15 ans.

WHEN: January 26 2016 to June 14 2016 from 4:30 to 6 pm.

WHERE: St-Laurent branch (515 Côte).

HOW: No registration required

FOR KIDS 12-16

Learn to code:

WHAT: "Want to learn how to code? Join us in the Teen Zone for some fun coding exercises and games! No prior experience necessary. Ages 12-16. Registration required."

WHEN: Monday 8 and 22 February and 7 and 21 March from 5 to 6 pm.

WHERE: Beaverbrook (2600 Campeau) Meeting Room B

HOW: Register at: <https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/node/25601/register>

FOR ADULTS:

English lessons:

WHAT: English Conversation: "Learn basic English through the history, culture and political system in Canada. Join a supportive environment to build confidence with daily routines and community integration. No registration required. All are welcome."

WHEN: Weekly on Mondays from 10 am to 12 pm until June 27 2016.

WHERE: At the Hazeldean Branch (50 Castlefrank) in the Meeting Room.

HOW: No registration required.

English conversation group:

WHAT: "Practice your English language conversation skills and meet new friends in a relaxed and friendly environment. / Améliorez votre anglais parlé et rencontrez des gens dans un milieu décontracté." <https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/english-conversation-group-tuesdays-groupe-de-conversation-en-anglais-mardis-mardi>

WHEN: Tuesdays, January 26 2016 to May 31 2016 from 6:30 to 8 pm.

WHERE: Carlingwood branch (281 Woodroffe) in the Seniors' Corner.

HOW: No registration required.

Help drafting/revising your resume in French:

WHAT: "Travailler en français dans un milieu bilingue : c'est possible! Vous êtes un nouvel arrivant et souhaitez réviser votre cv en français ou apprendre à rédiger un cv dans la langue de Molière? Si oui, venez rencontrer un conseiller en formation du secteur La Cité des affaires à cet atelier. Programme offert en collaboration avec La Cité des affaires." <https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/le-parcours-francophone-de-la-cité-des-affaires-2><https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/le-parcours-francophone-de-la-cit%C3%A9-des-affaires-2>

WHEN: Tuesdays from January 26 2016 to March 15 2016 from 6 to 7 pm.

WHERE: Main branch (120 Metcalfe) in Program Room MA 117

HOW: No registration required.

Improving your French

WHAT: French conversation group: "Améliorez votre français parlé et rencontrez des gens dans une ambiance conviviale et décontractée. / Practice your French language conversation skills and meet new friends in a relaxed and friendly environment." <https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/groupe-de-conversation-en-français-french-conversation-group-3>

WHERE: St-Laurent branch (515 Côté).

WHEN: Tuesdays from January 26 2016 to May 31 2016, 6 to 7:30 pm.

HOW: No registration required.

An introduction to Ottawa and Canada

WHAT: Welcome to Ottawa: Settlement Information: "This series offers newcomers the unique and personal opportunity to learn how to navigate City of Ottawa services and settlement agencies. Participants get help with permanent residence, citizenship and sponsorship. Offered in partnership with Catholic Centre for Immigrants."

WHERE: Emerald Plaza (1543 Merivale) in Meeting Room 2.

WHEN: Wednesdays – February 10, 24 and March 9 and 23 2016 – from 2 to 4 pm.

HOW: Registration required: <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/node/25375/register>

Money basics for newcomers:

WHAT: “Participants who are new to Canada will learn about the banking and credit system as well as how to avoid debt and scams. Presented in partnership with Gary Rusyn of the Credit Counselling Society.”

WHEN: Tuesday February 23 2016 from 6:30 to 8 pm

WHERE: Stittsville (1637 Stittsville Main)

HOW: Registration required: <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/node/26562/register>

Adult homework help

WHAT: “Get tutoring and homework help, as well as assistance with reading and writing. In partnership with Frontier College. / Recevez du tutorat et de l'aide avec les travaux scolaires, à la lecture et à la rédaction. Programme offert en collaboration avec le Collège Frontière.”
<https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/adult-homework-help-aide-aux-devoirs-pour-adultes-0>

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 26 2016 to March 31 2016 from 5 to 6:30 pm.

WHERE: Main branch (120 Metcalfe) in Program Room MA 117

HOW: No registration required

Citizenship Test preparation

WHAT: “This workshop is intended for those prospective candidates who would like to know more about the content of the citizenship exam, the format and how to study using the Discover Canada guide. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions, as well as discuss some of the more complex topics that are addressed on the exam. Offered in partnership with the Ottawa Chinese Community Service Centre.”

WHEN: <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/preparation-canadian-citizenship-test-10>
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WHERE: Main branch (120 Metcalfe) in Program Room MA 117

HOW: No registration required

Resume writing and job search help

WHAT: “Bring your resume! An employment specialist from the Community Employment Resource Centre is here to review it with you and to help you with your job search. Drop-ins welcome!”

WHEN: Wednesdays February 3 and 17 and March 2, 16 and 30 between 3 and 4 pm.

WHERE: Beaverbrook (2500 Campeau).

HOW: No registration required.

MUSEUM AND GALLERY PASSES:

The Ottawa Public Library lends out the following family passes:

- Museum Privilege Card (Museum of Civilization, War Museum, Postal Museum, and Children’s Museum);
- Nature Card (Museum of Nature);
- Artpass (National Art Gallery);
- Family Pass (Agriculture Museum); and the
- Museum Pass (The Ottawa Museum Network – includes 10 local museums)

CAREER CONSULTATIONS:

The library has resources to help those looking for work, changing jobs, or upgrading their skills. To make an appointment with a librarian for help with your job search or career goals, email: careerservices@bibliottawalibrary.ca

3D PRINTERS, LASER CUTTERS, AND MORE!

The Ottawa Public Library’s Imagine Space, located at the CentrepoinTE branch (101 CentrepoinTE Drive), is set to reopen in early February following renovations.

The Imagine Space contains the cutting edge equipment, including:

- 3D printing and modelling machines;

- Laser cutting machines;
- Photo, video, and audio software;
- Green screen and video gear;
- Hand tools and electronics; and
- Wall to wall whiteboard.

For more information: <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/ImagineSpace>

PCs AND CHROMEBOOKS:

Ottawa Public Library members may borrow one Chromebook at a time for 3 hours of in-branch use.

Members may also reserve up to 2 hours per day of PC access.

All branches are equipped with free wireless internet.

More information on Chromebooks: <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/chromebooks>

More information on PCs: <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/library/computer>

SPORTS PASSES:

The library also lends cross-country ski passes for the Mooney's Bay Ski Centre and the Gatineau Park. The Gatineau Park passes are also good for snowshoeing.

For more information: <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/blogs/skiing>

GENERAL INFORMATION:

ACCESSIBILITY:

If you require an accommodation to attend a Library program, due to a disability, please complete the [Disability Accommodation Request form](#). [Assistive Listening Devices](#) are also available to borrow during programs. Please ask for more information at your branch or call InfoService at 613-580-2940.

IN CLOSING:

The above is not an exhaustive list of non-book Ottawa Public Library resources. For a full list, please consult: <https://bibliottawalibrary.ca> Or simply head down to your local branch, and asks librarian.