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Local activities abound as kids prepare to enter March Break

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For many families, March Break means the excitement of a trip to soak up some sun and fun far away from the frosty Canadian snow banks. For others, the comfort and quiet of staying home is just the break they need; especially with an abundance of local activites available for families to enjoy.

Many area kids will be joining Streams Community Hub for their visual arts program ?Art Adventure, suitable for ages 5?8 years. Guided by a professional, the young campers get an introduction to a variety of visual art techniques using painting, drawing, collages, mask making and more. As well, Streams offers a performing arts camp, ?Broadway Bound,? led by LP Stage Productions.

Co-founders Andrew and Juli-Anne James worked hard last year, along with board members, to obtain charity status for Streams Community Hub. The organization has set a mandate to ?provide an engaging environment to educate, inspire and encourage youth development, community involvement and leadership in Shelburne.? Camps take place at Centennial Hylands Elementary School, 35 School Rd in Shelburne. Streams Community Hub can be reached at 289-203-8202 and by email at info@streamshub.org. Streams' popular programs fill up early, so watch for summer registration opening in April.

For those unable to reserve a spot with Streams, Maggiolly's in Orangeville will offer Art Classes for ages 6 to 12 years from March 11th to 15th. Kids will explore a variety of media with morning and afternoon projects available to choose from during the week. Cost is $30 per class or $25 per class with the purchase of five or more classes. For more information contact Maggiolly Art, 158 Broadway, Orangeville. 519-942-9560; maggiollyart@gmail.com, or visit maggiollyart.com.

Shelburne Public Library (SPL) has an exciting lineup of performances for kids this March Break. Starting at 10 am on March 12th, kids can interact with creatures of all kinds with Creature Quest in the Library at 201 Owen Sound Street. At 10 am on March 13th, ?Snow White? will appear at Grace Tipling Hall, brought to kids in an interactive performance with DuffleBag Theatre courtesty of SPL. On March 14th, kids can see the amazing Comic Juggler Craig Douglas on stage at Grace Tipling Hall at 203 Main St. East in Shelburne, running from 10 am to 11 am.

Each SPL event costs just $3, but families may purchase all three events for a bargain price of $8. For more information contact Shelburne Library at 519-925- 2168 or by email at info@shelburnelibrary.ca, or check out their website at shelburnelibrary.ca.

Families who find they are unable to schedule in these shows offered by the Shelburne Library can also catch them through the Orangeville Library. Professional Magician Steve Baker starts off the week in Orangeville with a performance at 10 am on March 11th; Duffle Bag Theatre will perform ?Snow White? at 10 am on March 12th; Craig the Comic Juggler will perform at 10am on March 13th; Creature Quest will be on stage at 10 am on March 14th; and the week of ticketed events ends with musical performers, Team T&J, on March 15th at 10 am. All Orangeville Library ticketed shows will be performed at École élémentaire des Quatres-Rivières, 60 Century Dr. in Orangeville. For information on these and other events at

Orangeville Library, call 519-941-0610; infolibrary@orangeville.ca, or visit orangevillelibrary.ca.

And like all Canadian winters, the snow that has blocked local roads and driveways will make for wonderful skiing, snowshoeing, and beautiful walks along area trails. The Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (Shelburne Arena) is offering free public skating on the following days during the break:

Sunday, March 10th 1:00-1:50pm

Tuesday, March 12th 12:00-1:50pm

Thursday, March 14th 12:00-1:50pm

Friday, March 15th 12:00-1:50pm

Sunday, March 17th 1:00-1:50pm

Sunday, March 24th 1:00-1:50pm

Honeywood Arena, located at 706114 County Road 21 right in Honeywood, will offer a free Public Skate from 1-3pm on Wednesday, March 13th from 1-3 pm.

For all those who hesitate to call Canada's frosty March Break ?spring break,? the Museum of Dufferin invites you to join them at the Sugar Bush Maple Syrup Festival at the Island Lake conservation area on Friday, March 15th and 16th - a sure sign that spring truly is on its way. Events run from 10am to 4pm with maple syrup-themed games and activities and wagon rides. The Museum of Dufferin, located at the corner of Hwy 89 and Airport Road in Mulmur, is generously offering FREE visits for families to the newly rennovated museum during March Break. Explore Dufferin's past, enjoy activities, challenges and a museum scavenger hunt. For more information visit: https://dufferinmuseum.com/events/