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SCPL Online Book Club

Join the conversation!

The St. Catharines Public Library is hosting our online book club on Facebook.

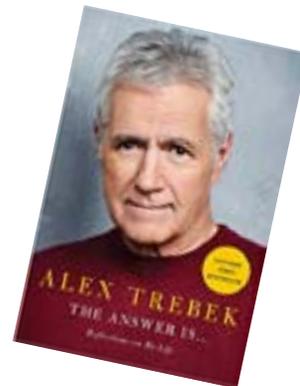
This book club facilitates discussion about popular titles, including recent bestsellers, genre fiction, memoirs, and narrative nonfiction. One new title will be featured each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles from month to month.

Interested? Join today and contribute your thoughts and opinions to the discussion! The book club does not take place in real time, so you can participate whenever it is convenient for you. New members are always welcome! To join our Facebook group, click Groups in the left menu on your News Feed, enter "SCPL Online Book Club" in the search bar at the top, then select the group and click "+ Join Group" below the cover photo.

JANUARY - NON FICTION

THE ANSWER IS..., by Alex Trebek

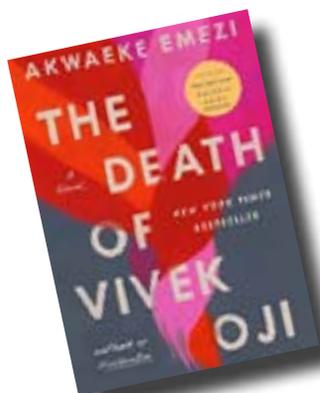
Reflect on the life and legacy of one of the most beloved figures in television as we discuss Alex Trebek's autobiography, *The Answer Is*. Since 1984, Trebek entertained and educated viewers as the host of Jeopardy!, but he sadly lost his battle with cancer in November 2020. This wise and charming book combines personal anecdotes with Trebek's thoughts on a variety of topics, such as marriage, education, spirituality and success.



FEBRUARY - FICTION

THE DEATH OF VIVEK OJI by Akwaeke Emezi

One afternoon, in a small Nigerian town, a mother opens her front door to discover the body of her son Vivek lying at her feet, wrapped in colourful fabric. The sudden grief of losing her only child leads Kavita to search for answers among Vivek's closest friends. What follows is the dramatic story of a family's struggle to unravel the mysterious life and death of the young man they never truly understood. *The Death of Vivek Oji* is a novel of family and friendship that challenges expectations - a moving story of love, loss, identity, and transcendence.





Cocoa Club on Zoom (Ages 6-11)



An after school favourite has moved online! In this weekly program, enjoy hot chocolate as we read aloud from an exciting children's novel.

Program packages containing hot chocolate and activities will be available for pick up at the St. Catharines Public Library location of your choice the week of January 18 for registered attendees.

- Tuesdays, January 26 to February 23
- 4:00 - 4:45 pm



To register:

<https://scplwintercocoaclub.eventbrite.ca>

Children's CREATIVE WRITING CLUB (Ages 9-14)

Do you have a powerful imagination and a way with words? Join us weekly for fun tips and challenges. Together we will hone our craft, get feedback on our stories, and have fun with other writers.

- Wednesdays, January 13 - February 3

To register:

<https://scplcreativewritingclub.eventbrite.ca>

DIY Hand Lettering Kit (Ages 9-14)

Improve your penmanship and explore calligraphy and graphic design. Reserve a DIY Hand Lettering Kit featuring basic hand lettering tools, practice activities, and an info guide to get you started on your journey to more creative handwriting.

Kits will be ready for pickup by registrants at the St. Catharines Public Library location of your choice beginning on Tuesday, January 26. One kit per person, please.

<https://scplhandlettering.eventbrite.ca>

READING IS SNOW MUCH FUN: FAMILY READING CHALLENGE

We are challenging families to read together for the month of January in celebration of Family Literacy Day. The family who reads the most overall will be awarded a Family Prize Pack with books, a gift card and more! Contest opens January 2, 2020 on myscpl.readsquared.com



teen WINTER READING CHALLENGE

January 2 - February 13, 2021

Kick off the New Year with a Winter Reading Challenge! Teens between the ages of 10 and 17 can log books, share reviews and discover great new titles recommended by your SCPL Teen Librarians. Every book logged increases your chance to win exciting prizes!

**Grab a book and get cozy -
winter is the best time to read!**



1000 BOOKS before kindergarten

Help your child to develop a life-long love of reading by taking the pledge to read 1000 Books before Kindergarten. Sign up through myscpl.readsquared.com or download the READsquared app. Tag us using #scpl1000b4k so we can share in your little one's reading journey as well.



TAX BENEFITS AND CREDITS FOR SENIORS

Co-Sponsored by
Canada Revenue Agency

In this virtual workshop, staff from Canada Revenue Agency will discuss common types of income received by seniors and whether or not it is taxable. They will outline common credits and deductions available to seniors, outline Canada Revenue Agency services, and warn against fraud and scams.

• Thursday, January 14 • 2:00-3:00 pm

Please register for the Zoom session here:
<https://scpltaxbenefitsseniors.eventbrite.ca>



Food as Medicine

Join Erin Riseing from the Niagara Community Garden Network on Zoom to learn about common things in your spice rack and pantry that have medicinal value. Together we'll make a traditional kitchen remedy known as "fire cider".

• Monday, January 25 • 6:00-7:00 pm

To register: <https://scplfoodasmedicine.eventbrite.ca>



Brock Talks

Co-Sponsored
by Brock University's Faculty of Humanities

A 17th-Century Poet's Digital Renaissance:

Hester Pulter and *The Pulter Project*

When poet Hester Pulter died in 1678, her verse survived in a single leather-bound manuscript, barely remembered until scholars reopened it in the last years of the twentieth century and discovered 120 remarkable original poems. Join us as Professor Leah Knight provides a fascinating account of harnessing the digital revolution of our own time in order to transform this important addition to early modern women's writing by making it freely available through ***The Pulter Project: Poet in the Making.***

• Tuesday, January 26 • 7:00-8:00 pm

Please register for the Zoom session here:
<https://scplhesterpulterpoetry.eventbrite.ca>

Ineke & David's 2020 MAGICAL MYSTERY CRUISE

On January 4, 2020, travel professionals Ineke Brinkman and David Slingerland set out from Miami on what was supposed to be a 145-day world cruise aboard the Seabourn MS Sojourn. On the 75th day, March 16, the Captain informed guests that sailing was suspended due to the Coronavirus and all were stranded in Perth, Australia. Fortunately, 75 days of exploring fascinating destinations brought home 75,000 great memories! Join us to enjoy the world cruise experience from the comfort of your own home, as Ineke and David share stories and photos from this magical trip.

• Thursday, January 21 • 7:00-8:00 pm

Please register for the Zoom session here:
<https://scplmagicalmysterycruise.eventbrite.ca>



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Find it Online! Mango

Start off your New Year right by learning a new language! This interactive, self-paced resource is designed to help you learn common conversational words and phrases in your language of choice. Great for ESL students! Appropriate for all ages. Find out more here: <https://www.myscpl.ca/online-resources/language>



Ancestry Library Edition is a research tool offering the most comprehensive genealogical information available online. It provides instant access to billions of historical documents such as census records, military records, court, land and probate records, vital and church records, passenger lists and more. It also offers access to millions of historical photos, indexes and other resources in over 30,000 databases that span from the 1500s to the 2000s.

NOTE: During the Covid-19 pandemic, access to this resource has been temporarily expanded to Library cardholders working remotely until the March 2021..

LIBRARY HOLDS PICK UP HOURS & LOCATIONS

CENTRAL LIBRARY
54 CHURCH STREET, L2R 7K2
905-688-6103
FAX 905-688-6292

HOLDS PICK-UP HOURS

- Monday • 10 am – 4 pm
- Tuesday • 10 am – 6 pm
- Wednesday • 10 am – 4 pm
- Thursday • 10 am – 4 pm
- Friday • 10 am – 4 pm
- Saturday • 10 am – 4 pm

DR. HUQ FAMILY LIBRARY BRANCH
425 CARLTON STREET, L2M 4W8
905-934-7511

HOLDS PICK-UP HOURS

- Monday • 10 am – 4 pm
- Tuesday • 10 am – 4 pm
- Wednesday • 10 am – 6 pm
- Thursday • 10 am – 4 pm
- Saturday • 10 am – 4 pm

MERRITT LIBRARY BRANCH
149 Hartzel Road, L2P 1N6
905-682-3568

HOLDS PICK-UP HOURS

- Monday • 10 am – 6 pm
- Wednesday • 10 am – 4 pm
- Friday • 10 am – 4 pm
- Saturday • 10 am – 4 pm

PORT DALHOUSIE LIBRARY BRANCH
23 Brock Street, L2N 5E1
905-646-0220

HOLDS PICK-UP HOURS

- Tuesday • 11 am – 4 pm
- Thursday • 11 am – 4 pm
- Saturday • 11 am – 4 pm

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