



The Learning Place is the community's gateway for learning and literacy. Markham Public Library's Learning Place offers programs for all ages that expand experiences and enhance life skills. Engaging programs for children and teens feature developmentally appropriate curricula that align with Ontario's Ministry of Education performance standards.

The Learning Place Program Instructors

Under the direction of the Programming Strategist, MPL Learning Place program instructors deliver established MPL curriculum-based programs to library customers. Learning Place programs for children and teens are offered in 8 weeks sessions at 4 MPL branches. Instructors are provided with lesson plans and all relevant activities and are expected to deliver the program effectively at the scheduled time and location. Instructors receive \$15 to 20 per hour with payment upon completion of the program.

Markham Public Library seeks instructors with the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated experience working with children or teens
- Commitment to literacy and the public library mandate
- Ability to interact positively with library customers from diverse socio-cultural backgrounds
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Exceptional oral communication and high degree of proficiency in spoken and written English
- Excellent customer service skills
- High degree of comfort with public speaking and an engaging, enthusiastic presentation style
- Subject expertise or previous experience teaching relevant topics is desired but not necessary
- Must commit to all scheduled classes for each program

Instructors will:

- Deliver MPL program curriculum per the prepared lesson plans and established schedule
- Meet the learning objectives outlined in the lessons
- Supervise program participants and ensure the safety and security of participants in a classroom setting
- Follow all library policies and procedures
- Communicate effectively with library staff, parents, program participants and customers
- Provide exceptional customer service
- Promote library services and collections
- Attend mandatory training prior to the session start
- Commit to presenting multiple programs at each branch
- Commit to attending every class in the session.

All interested candidates are asked to submit a resume and covering letter indicating how they meet the required qualifications to:

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Reading for Meaning I

Age 6 - 8

Through Guided activities participants will develop strategies for reading comprehension. Learn to select strategies appropriate for different reading activities (reading for information, reading for entertainment) and engage with and enjoy written language in all its varieties.

Reading for Meaning II

Age 9 - 12

Through Guided activities participants will develop strategies for reading comprehension. Learn to select strategies appropriate for different reading activities (reading for information, reading for entertainment) and engage with and enjoy written language in all its varieties.

Creative Writing

Age 9 - 12

Learn the components of storytelling from great beginning to exciting conclusions. Stretch your imagination through different approaches to writing.

Study Skills

Age 9 - 12

Find the best way to maximize your child's learning experience both in the classroom and at home! Students will learn how to manage their time and get organized to make the most of studying and achieve their academic goals.

Adventures in Math and Science

Age 4 - 6

Discover math and science concepts through literature and hands on activities based upon familiar situations. Activities capitalize on children's natural curiosity and help foster a positive attitude towards mathematics and scientific discovery.

Public Speaking for Children

Grades 4 to 6

Public Speaking is many people's greatest fear. Gain confidence and practical experience in speech preparation and delivery. Games and exercises will promote self-confidence, teach effective speech writing skills and have students ready to stand up and speak.

Grammarific

Grades 4 to 6

Through a variety of fun and interactive activities, students will develop their understanding of how the English language works, while learning parts of speech, punctuation and sentence structure.

Laughing with Letters

Ages 4 - 6

A literacy enriched program that nurtures learning and social skills for children in JK/SK and prepares the child for a successful educational journey. Activities emphasize the development of literacy skills and encourage children to express their ideas.

Fun with French

Ages 4 - 6

Exposes children to the French language and culture through a variety of activities. Stories, music, songs and games will help children develop basic French vocabulary and foster a positive attitude towards language learning.

Creative Toddler

Ages 18 months - 3 years

Encourages toddlers to explore their world through creative play. Games and activities reinforce each toddler's individual needs. Group activities encourage socialization and develop speech and language.

Creative Baby

Ages 3 to 12 months

Engages baby in activities that encourage learning. Early speech and language development are promoted through gentle bouncing and tickle games. Tactile and visual exploration with sensory games, touch and gentle activities stimulate brain development.



Get Ready for School

Ages 3 - 5

Introduce children to fun filled art, math, and science activities with a strong emphasis on cooperative play. The participants will also build emotional skills, self-confidence and independence, fostering greater social and academic success at school.

Baby Music World

Ages 3 – 12 months

Links music, books, and movement to stimulate language skills and promote future literacy development. Circle time and a variety of musical activities help grow baby's social, intellectual and physical skills.

Play and Read

Ages 18 months – 3 years

Books, stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and numerous fun-filled address the developmental needs of children developmental needs in an environment that encourages the pleasure of reading. Through play children will explore, problem solve and develop thinking skills that promote reading readiness.

Junior Public Speaking

Grades 2 to 3

Individual and group activities build speaking and listening skills. Students learn to organize and deliver information for a variety of purposes. Drama activities based on familiar stories connect reading, listening and speaking to develop confidence and fluency in all areas of language arts.

Creative Drama

Ages 8 - 11

Improves ability to connect, communicate and think critically about stories presented in a dramatic medium. Develops speaking and listening skills, imagination and storytelling all of which contribute to reading and writing skills.

Leadership & Self Confidence

Grades 2 to 3 & Grades 4 to 6

Focuses on values to teach leadership skills and increase self-confidence enabling participants to become caring and contributing citizens. Through a variety of activities including, games, drama, public speaking and discussion, students will learn about participation and team work.