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MARCH BREAK 2014



Enjoy this
MARCH BREAK
with your family!!!

The library has
fun activities for all!!!

From Saturday, March 08 to Saturday March 15 the Toronto Public Library is hosting FREE activities for kids, teens and the whole family!

Check out the library closest to you and discover what there is to enjoy. Activities for kids include story times, sing alongs, crafts and more; for teens there are activities like dancing, art, deejaying and game nights!

Check out your closest library or [click here](#).

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY



“Handel with Flare”

FREE CONCERT!
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
March 11, 2014
North York Library
5120 Yonge Street

For more information please [click here](#).

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE



12:00 noon: Sunday, March 16, 2014

Starts at Bloor/St. George, continues along Bloor down Yonge St, finishes at Nathan Philips Square.

For more information [click here](#).

FREE ACTIVITIES AND FESTIVALS



Museum of Contemporary
Canadian Art (**MOCCA**)

11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Tuesday to Sunday
952 Queen St. W.
(Queen/Ossington Ave.)

For more information please [click here](#).

We encourage you to visit museums during **MARCH BREAK**. Attending museums becomes helpful in understanding this new culture in our new home. Many have FREE ADMISSION!

For more information, [click here](#).



“**INSPIRING CHANGE**”
Saturday, March 08, 2014,
International Women’s Day.
Take time to celebrate all the
amazing women in your life!

International Women’s Day, started in the early 1900’s, is a national holiday in many countries.

It’s goal is to build solidarity in our quest for equal political and economical rights for all. And to celebrate the contribution of women to life.

Happy Women’s Day from your Friends at

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INCOME TAX AND BENEFIT RETURN FORM



Everyone in Canada, including newcomers, needs to fill out an Income Tax and Benefit Return Form. It is not only a **requirement** but also a Canadian Law that you must present this information to Canada Revenue Agency.

Canadian are then given the opportunity to receive money back. This is especially true for newcomers whose income may be low, who may have part time jobs or no jobs at all but who spend the money that they have earned on their basic needs.

For some newcomers these tax forms are familiar but for many they may seem complicated. Don't worry!!! There are many non-profit organizations that are willing to help you.

WHO?

All people living in Canada need to file a tax return. You also need to file your tax return if you are living on social assistance or if you don't work or if you have savings from which you pay your expenses.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

You need to collect all the information/receipts about your expenses for the given year (January to December) such as rent, children's sport expenses, medical receipts, musical and cultural expenses for children, TTC Metropass, etc.

WHERE DO YOU NEED TO PRESENT THE FORMS?

You need to fill out and file (send in/mail/return) the Income Tax and Benefit Return Form with all the required information to: *Canada Revenue Agency, Tax Centre, 1050 Notre Dame Ave., Sudbury ON P3A 5C2.*

WHO CAN HELP YOU?

Collecting the right information may present difficulties but with the help of an accountant you will be able to complete the form. Many non-profit organizations and some churches have tax preparation resources available. They will help you fill out the forms and send it to Canada Revenue Agency. You can ask for help at one of these non-profit organizations:

Mennonite Newcomer Centre (www.mnlct.org) and Foods Banks Bluffs (www.bluffsfoodbank.com) or visit one of the many Tax Clinics offered by the Toronto Public Library [here](#).

Quote of day:

"LIFE IS REALLY SIMPLE BUT WE INSIST ON MAKING IT COMPLICATED." *Confucius*