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Oshawa Public Libraries Pivots to Offer Virtual Tax Preparation Clinic

Oshawa Public Libraries, March and April 2021.

Oshawa Public Libraries is pleased to introduce a virtual version of their popular tax preparation clinic this year in partnership with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and the Canada Revenue Agency. In March and April, eligible individuals with a modest income and simple tax situation may arrange to have their 2020 taxes prepared by a CVITP approved volunteer, free of charge through the Library.

Last March, the annual tax preparation program was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and mandatory closure of the Library. This year, to comply with safety measures and social distancing, the service is returning virtually with a drop-off and pick-up delivery model at either the McLaughlin or Jess Hann Branch.

"During these challenging times, the Library recognizes that this valuable service provides equal access to those who need support and may be missing out on important tax credits and benefits," says Oshawa Public Libraries CEO Frances Newman.

For more information about the Library's tax preparation service or to book your document drop-off appointment, please call 905-579-6111 ext: 5200 or visit oshlib.ca/library-tax-clinics.

*In 2019, Library tax volunteers helped complete over 1,000 tax returns, which resulted in over two million dollars worth of tax benefits returned to those who took advantage of this valuable service.

Oshawa Public Libraries serves the City of Oshawa through 4 locations. To learn more about Oshawa Public Libraries, visit our website at oshlib.ca. To get the most current updates on what's happening at the Library, follow us on Twitter and Instagram @oshawalibraries.

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