

**The Story Behind the Story... Books, the Silver Screen, Robber and Auto Barons**  
Wednesday, January 15 to March 18, 2020 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Fairfield Seniors' Centre, 80 Lothian Avenue, Etobicoke [www.learningunlimitedetobicoke.com](http://www.learningunlimitedetobicoke.com)

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**Course Overview**

Sometimes the ordinary is truly extraordinary. Fascinating stories hide in your pantry and fridge. The 1893 Chicago World's Fair gave us many modern conveniences but is also associated with the greatest serial killer of all time.

**Jan. 15 The Greatest Show on Earth, literally.** The 1893 Chicago World's Fair transformed how we live today; Heinz ketchup, Aunt Jemima pancake mix, the Ferris wheel, the world's first dishwasher, not to mention that new-fangled thing called electricity. Unbeknownst to everyone, the world's most sinister serial killer plied his trade in the shadow of the Fair.

**Jan. 22 The Memoirs of a Great Detective.** Who knew that the world's most renowned detective lived on Brunswick Drive in Toronto.

**Jan. 29 The Doctor and the Murder Castle.** A doctor, a flirtatious ladies' man and a con artist who during the 1893 Chicago World's Fair went on a murder spree; but made a mistake in Toronto that sent him to the gallows.

**Feb. 5 Food - The real live stories hiding in your pantry.** Fascinating stories are sitting on your pantry shelf and in your refrigerator.

**Feb. 12 The Story of Rejection.** Some of the most famous works were rejected by publishers before eventually selling millions. Example: She was told, "Stick to teaching", before writing "Little Women".

**Feb. 19 Fast and Convenient Food.** Are French fries really French? How another fast food helped win D-Day and provided comforts of home during the war. The Ice Famine of 1906 struck terror in the hearts of housewives and bartenders.

**Feb. 26 The Chocolate Wars.** The players: Hershey, Mars, Nestle and Cadbury. The 1947 Great Chocolate Strike pitted Vancouver and Toronto kids against grown-ups and politicians. Guess who won?

**Mar. 4 Hog Town-The Story Behind the Story of Old Toronto.** A look at stately homes of old Davenport, the opulent Casa Loma, and a home which succumbed to an irate premier and the wrecking ball.

**Mar. 11 The Secret Files of the Cold War.** For a brief time, after the fall of the Soviet Union, the KGB archives were open to Western scholars. It is amazing how much information a government can keep from its citizens under the guise of national security.

**Mar. 18 When Murder became Modern.** Murder novels made the jump to the 20th century and changed everything; featuring the gritty Sam Spade and Philip Marlowe and the courtroom dramas of Perry Mason.

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