

## Giving to Out on the Shelf

A Knit-A-Thon, are you serious? Yeah, we know, it's super queer. That's kinda the whole idea. Out on the Shelf (OOTS) is a queer library and resource centre located in Guelph. We're committed to supporting the LGBTTTTSIQQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, two-spirited, questioning and queer) community through our library, resources, groups and activities.

It's a pretty cool place.

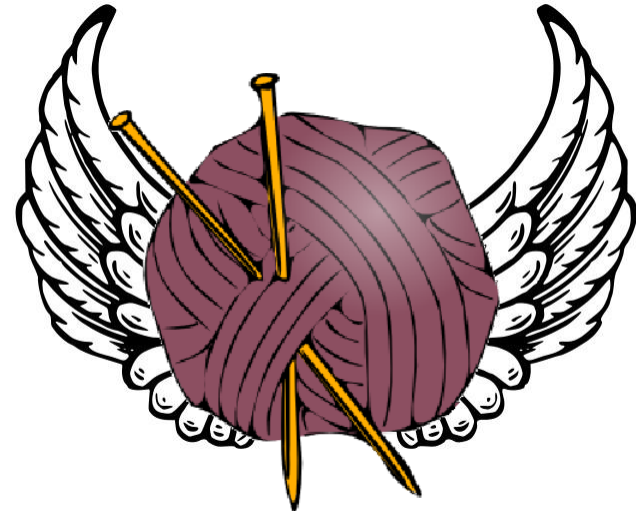
OOTS is somewhere that queer people and our allies can hang out and be supported. And, oh yeah, we're entirely run by volunteers. It's the hard work of our volunteers who give their own time that makes OOTS a reality.

The Knit-A-Thon is one of the key fundraising activities at OOTS. Donations are essential to sustaining the continued operation of OOTS, and are an investment in the future of our positive space.

Thanks so much for your Knit-A-Thon pledge!



Out on the Shelf is located at  
141 Woolwich Street, Unit 106 in Guelph Ontario.  
Charitable Registration Number 816855159RP0001  
[www.outontheshelf.ca](http://www.outontheshelf.ca)



## Information for Knitting Teams



Saturday January 28, 2012  
10 am - 4 pm  
Out on the Shelf, Guelph

## Here's the deal...



- The Knit-a-thon is an opportunity to have fun, share skills, meet new friends and raise money for OOTS! You don't have to knit all day - your team can take turns with the knitting to cover the team.
- First of all, thank you for volunteering to organize a team of queer knitters. They can be a rowdy bunch, so it's no easy task. Be brave.
- This is a major fundraiser for OOTS. It's one of the key initiatives that helps to keep our doors open, so your enthusiasm in soliciting donations is critical to the organization. But, no pressure.
- **Teams should raise at least \$100. That's only \$25 each!** We can arrange for armed guards if your team gets into the six-figures.
- This year the Knit-A-Thon will be held on **Saturday January 28 from 10 am—4 pm** at Out on the Shelf (141 Woolwich Street, Suite 106) in Guelph.
- There will be light snacks and beverages to enjoy.
- There will be knitting workshops, fun activities and fantastic prizes!



## How do I make a team?



- Gather a group of four knitters and select a captain.
- Dream up a witty team name, and send an email with your team name and members to [info@outontheshelf.ca](mailto:info@outontheshelf.ca) at least a week before the Knit-A-Thon.

## Questions?

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### How skilled a knitter do I have to be?

Not that skilled at all. We'll have all kinds of super knitters who are skilled and patient. It's really all about participating. In fact, you can knit, sew, craft... whatever you prefer

### Should I be an LGBTTTSIQQ person to participate?

Don't be silly. We welcome ally knitters of all kinds. You just have to be committed to raising funds for OOTS and having fun.

### What do I do with the money I raise?

Collect it up and bring it to the Knit-A-Thon day. Because IOU's don't often work nicely, we encourage you to only take pledges that can be paid right away or before the event. If someone hasn't paid you yet, consider either paying for them (and chasing them afterwards) or remove them for your pledge sheet.

### Does OOTS give charitable receipts?

You betcha! Thanks to our charitable status, giving to OOTS is tax deductible. Receipts will be sent directly to the individuals who pledge with the following conditions:

- They must supply their full name & mailing address
- Their donations needs to be \$20 or more

### Can people donate online?

For sure! People can donate through [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org). There's a handy button on our website ([www.outontheshelf.ca](http://www.outontheshelf.ca)). Just be sure to tell them to put your name in the "notes" section so we know which team it is for! Donating online saves a lot of volunteer time as CanadaHelps issues tax receipts on our behalf. The more people that donate online the better!

### Why do we need an address from individuals who are pledging?

To issue a charitable receipt, we need a name and address. If someone doesn't wish to give this information, we are unable to issue a receipt.

### What if I need more space on my pledge card?

The pledge forms are available online! Download and print as many as you like.

### Just how much fun is this going to be?

Lots. Seriously... the most knitting fun you've ever had.

