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### Yoga in the Library

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Drop in to join Catherine Labrecque-Rowntree in exploring gentle yoga. Bring a mat, water and comfortable clothing. Chair yoga option available.

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## Saturday, March 2, 2024

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## Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, March 2 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Members of the Brantford Chess Club offer basic instruction and tips on how to improve your game during this drop-in event. Held on the following Saturdays: January 20, February 3, February 17, March 2, March 16, March 30, April 13, April 27.

## Monday, March 4, 2024

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### Tech Time

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### Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, March 4 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us every Monday for in-person rhymes, sensory development activities, motor skill methods, stories, and socializing among babies and caregivers. Books from our collection will be carefully selected with a particular theme in mind and available for borrowing.

This is a drop-in program. No registration is required.

### Homework Help (Grades 2 - 8)

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## **Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles**

Date and Time: Monday, March 4 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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A partnership of YMCA Immigrant Services – YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford and Brantford Public Library, supported by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

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## **Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)**

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# Tuesday, March 5, 2024

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## Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 5 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Join us every Tuesday for in-person rhymes, sensory development activities, motor skill methods, stories, and socializing among babies and caregivers. Books from our collection will be carefully selected with a particular theme in mind and available for borrowing.

This is a drop-in program. No registration is required.

## Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 5 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Brantford Native Housing offers a housing search support for Indigenous populations every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor computer lab.

## Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Session 1 (January - March)

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 5 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Preschoolers ages 3+ will enjoy this eight-week-long, kindergarten readiness program focusing on curriculum milestones and social skills. Parents & caregivers must remain in the Library while children participate independently in the program. Register once for this session.

**Registration opens December 16.**

## Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 5 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Senior Storywriters is a creative writing group for seniors (55+). Through group discussion and peer support, participants will learn about the craft of writing, and practice turning story ideas into engaging narrative tales. Topics are decided upon by the group and led by a designated facilitator. Contact Heather at [hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca) to find out more or register.

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## Kids Night Out

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 5 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Kids ages 6 - 12 can drop-in at Main on Tuesday nights for hands-on activities and explore challenges with science, technology, engineering, art and math. We invite you to challenge your brain critically and creatively!

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## Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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### Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 6 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

In this weekly storytime hosted every Wednesday, preschoolers will develop a love for reading by learning easy rhymes, repeating phrases, exploring story props, and strengthening comprehension, together! Books from our collection will be carefully selected to help bring the learning home.

This is a drop-in program. No registration is required.

## Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 6 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Alzheimer Society's Social Café is a welcoming space offered weekly where persons living with dementia and their care partner can socialize, build support networks and enjoy dementia friendly activities together. **Please call 1-800-565-4614 ext. 421 to register.** Once registered you can drop in as many times as you like.

## Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 6 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come join us for the Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space, a fun and engaging recreational program for youth aged 13-19 held at the Library's Main Branch! This program is designed to provide a safe and inclusive environment for youth to just hang out with one another and also participate in a variety of activities and workshops that promote skills building, personal growth, and community engagement.

The program will offer a range of activities, including art therapy, movie nights, and other recreation-based events. In addition to these activities, there will be workshops on various topics, including goal-setting, self-identity, and communication skills. The goal of these workshops is to provide youth with the tools and resources they need to navigate the challenges of adolescence and develop into well-rounded adults.

We also understand that each youth has unique needs and aspirations, which is why we have included the option for 1:1 support with a youth outreach worker. These workers will be available to provide guidance, advice, and support to any youth who may need it.

For more information, contact Megan (Youth in Transition Worker – [megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca](mailto:megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca)), or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker - [yow.jess@wesley.ca](mailto:yow.jess@wesley.ca))

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## Discovery Table at St. Paul

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### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

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A Service Canada Outreach Specialist can answer questions, help you understand and access Government of Canada programs and benefits available to you. Get one-on-one access to information about Social Insurance Numbers (SIN), Employment Insurance (EI), Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Canada Pension Disability Plan (CPP-D), Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) and Passport Canada programs.

### Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Date and Time: Thursday, March 7 10:30 am - 11:00 am

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Preschoolers can get creative with stories, songs and a craft!

### Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, March 7 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come play with us as we learn and explore through art, music, physical movement and sensory play to build imagination, language, social relationships, growth and development.

All babies and children from birth to age six and their parents/caregivers are welcome to join us at the Main Branch for a free play and inquiry-based program.

Fun activities will include messy art, storytelling, and a group song circle. We might get messy and we might get loud, but we will always have fun!

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## A Place to Be

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## St. Paul Crafters Circle

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Calling all crafters! We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Drop-in and chat with other crafting enthusiasts while working on your own knitting, crocheting, or other portable projects. No registration required.

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## March Break Crafts & Activities

Date and Time: Saturday, March 9 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

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Drop in for games, crafts, or activities each day of the March Break week. May require adult supervision.

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## D & D Campaign

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Dungeons & Dragons is back at Brantford Public Library! Registration is required. This group is for ages 10-16. No experience required.

D&D is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game which lets players create their own character, use their imagination, interact with other characters, and make decisions to overcome challenges. An experienced Dungeon Master (DM) will guide you through the game, serve as referee and storyteller, and keep you engaged in a linked series of adventures (commonly referred to as a "campaign").

**This program is currently full. Please email [pdoliska@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:pdoliska@brantfordlibrary.ca) to be added to the waiting list.**

## Learn About Ramadan

Date and Time: Saturday, March 9 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join the Muslim Women of Brant (MWB) as they present a fun event for families about Ramadan and Eid ul-Fitr.

Families will learn about the month of fasting and how Eid is celebrated.

MWB will read a book and participate in a Q&A session. Afterwards, there will be activities for participants such as crafts, colouring and henna. Supplies will be provided. Presented in Partnership with the Brantford Public Library.

## The Relative Minors: A Rock Concert for Kids

Date and Time: Saturday, March 9 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Relative Minors is an indie rock band from Cambridge, Ontario who play fun and groovy tunes for kids! With hilarious, beautiful and catchy songs about sandwiches, libraries, guitar-playing dinosaurs, and banana-eating walruses, The Relative Minors will have you singing and dancing until bedtime!

## Sunday, March 10, 2024

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### Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, March 10 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Everyone is welcome to join in as Catherine Gorecki and Genevieve Rochette lead this bi-weekly ukulele drop-in. Attendees can play beginner or more advanced material, depending on skill level. A limited number of ukuleles and music stands will be available to borrow. Email Robin at [rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more info and an orientation.

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## Mario Day Party

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Join the party with video game-inspired crafts, activities, and face painting.

## Mario Day Character Meet and Greet (10 a.m. Event)

Date and Time: Monday, March 11 10:00 am - 10:20 am

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Come celebrate Mario Day with everyone's favourite video game hero and the one and only Peachy Princess!

Register to meet and greet the characters at your selected timeslot. Please register the attending child or children only.

Timeslots are available at 10 a.m., 10:20 a.m., and 10:40 a.m.

**Registration opens February 11.**

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## Mario Day Character Meet and Greet (10:40 a.m. Event)

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## Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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### March Break Crafts & Activities

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### March Break Storytime

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 12 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Join us for a March Break storytime at St. Paul with fun stories and songs!

## Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 12 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

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## Tuesday of Terror

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 12 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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Bring your spooky vibes this March Break for our Tuesday of Terror event. We will be painting ghost portraits and creating haunted stories with special guest, author, and horror master, Jeff Szpirglas.

Jeff is the author of over 20 books for young readers, ranging from early reader chapter books to middle-grade horror stories.

Bring your creativity, costumes are welcome. Be prepared to be scared!

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## Be You: An Inclusive & Kid Friendly Drag Storytime

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 13 10:30 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

In partnership with Brantford Pride, The Bridge and Laurier's Faculty of Education: An inclusive and kid-friendly storytime featuring Drag Performers Noella DeVille and Rubyyy Jones! There will be children's book readings and fun musical performances for the entire family. Kids and families can also explore activity stations that encourage playfulness and imagination. Drag storytime is a playful and imaginative performance art that explores gender fluidity with stories, music, and fashion.

## Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 13 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Alzheimer Society's Social Café is a welcoming space offered weekly where persons living with dementia and their care partner can socialize, build support networks and enjoy dementia friendly activities together. **Please call 1-800-565-4614 ext. 421 to register.** Once registered you can drop in as many times as you like.

## Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 13 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come join us for the Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space, a fun and engaging recreational program for youth aged 13-19 held at the Library's Main Branch! This program is designed to provide a safe and inclusive environment for youth to just hang out with one another and also participate in a variety of activities and workshops that promote skills building, personal growth, and community engagement.

The program will offer a range of activities, including art therapy, movie nights, and other recreation-based events. In addition to these activities, there will be workshops on various topics, including goal-setting, self-identity, and communication skills. The goal of these workshops is to provide youth with the tools and resources they need to navigate the challenges of adolescence and develop into well-rounded adults.

We also understand that each youth has unique needs and aspirations, which is why we have included the option for 1:1 support with a youth outreach worker. These workers will be available to provide guidance, advice, and support to any youth who may need it.

For more information, contact Megan (Youth in Transition Worker – [megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca](mailto:megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca)), or Jess (Yo

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## Thursday, March 14, 2024

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### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, March 14 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

A Service Canada Outreach Specialist can answer questions, help you understand and access Government of Canada programs and benefits available to you. Get one-on-one access to information about Social Insurance Numbers (SIN), Employment Insurance (EI), Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Canada Pension Disability Plan (CPP-D), Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) and Passport Canada programs.

### March Break Crafts & Activities

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## Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, March 14 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come play with us as we learn and explore through art, music, physical movement and sensory play to build imagination, language, social relationships, growth and development.

All babies and children from birth to age six and their parents/caregivers are welcome to join us at the Main Branch for a free play and inquiry-based program.

Fun activities will include messy art, storytelling, and a group song circle. We might get messy and we might get loud, but we will always have fun!

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## A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, March 14 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

## Grand River Book Club



Date and Time: Thursday, March 14 2:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

The Grand River Book Club meets once a month at the St. Paul Branch. Space is extremely limited and registration is required. If you are interested in joining this book club, please contact Robin at [rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information.

### **Upcoming titles:**

January - [The Day the Falls Stood Still](#) by Cathy Marie Buchanan

February - [The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Frye](#) by Rachel Joyce

March - [The Postmistress](#) by Sarah Blake

April - [Mrs. Everything](#) by Jennifer Weiner

May - [Daughters of the Deer](#) by Danielle Daniel

June - [The Nine Tailors](#) - Dorothy Sayers

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## **Taylor Swift Party (BPL's Version)**

Date and Time: Thursday, March 14 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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Drop into our Taylor Swift Party to hang out with other Swifties and do Swift-themed activities. Activities include: Taylor Trivia, Make and exchange Friendship Bracelets, DIY Lip Gloss, Dress in your favourite Eras outfit, eating yummy snacks, cat-themed crafts, "13" temporary tattoos, Polaroid Photos, Lavender Haze punch, a free gift bag for the first 20 Swifties, Bejeweled sunglasses, TS Buttons.

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## Friday, March 15, 2024

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## Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, March 15 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Wind down the week with a session of yoga at the Main Library!

Drop in to join Catherine Labrecque-Rowntree in exploring gentle yoga. Bring a mat, water and comfortable clothing. Chair yoga option available.

## St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, March 15 2:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

The St. Paul Readers Circle meets once a month at the St. Paul branch. Space is limited and registration is required. If you are interested in joining this book club, please contact Robin at [rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information.

Upcoming titles:

January - [The Measure of a Man](#) by Sidney Poitier

February - [A Man Called Ove](#) by Fredrik Backman

March - [Behold the Dreamers](#) by Imbolo Mbue

April - [Greenwood](#) by Michael Christie

May - [A Good Girl's Guide to Murder](#) by Holly Jackson

June - [The Thursday Murder Club](#) by Richard Osman

## Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, March 15 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us for a weekly adult drop-in program every Friday afternoon at the Main branch from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. designed to link people to community resources and provide a helping hand.

Community organizations will attend when available. There will be coffee, snacks, and conversation.

## Pokemon Party

Date and Time: Friday, March 15 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Join us for Pokémon activities, featuring a scavenger hunt, designing your own Pokémon card, and evolving a Pokémon out of craft supplies!

Test your Pokemon trivia knowledge at 2:30—you might win a prize!

## Queer Youth Lounge - CANCELLED MAY 3

Date and Time: Friday, March 15 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come join us for the Queer Youth Lounge for youth ages 12-18. A fun and engaging drop-in for identifying 2S LGBTQIA+ youth. The program will be held at Brantford Public Library Main Branch in the Program Room on the main floor. There will be snacks provided and lots of fun activities for youth. This drop-in is designed to provide a safe environment for identifying youth to meet other youth that identify, to help provide an understanding and to show connection. The attending youth will lead the program providing them all with the ability to share and voice their opinions to what they want to see happen at the drop-in. All youth deserve to be heard and this can be a place for that to happen.

For more information please contact Nick - **Youth Outreach Worker** [yow.nick@wesley.ca](mailto:yow.nick@wesley.ca), **Youth Mentorship Program Facilitator** Julie [bgcmentorman@bgcbrant.ca](mailto:bgcmentorman@bgcbrant.ca) or **Youth Mentorship Program Facilitator** Ashley [bgcmentorprog@bgcbrant.ca](mailto:bgcmentorprog@bgcbrant.ca)

## Saturday, March 16, 2024

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## Chess Club

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Members of the Brantford Chess Club offer basic instruction and tips on how to improve your game during this drop-in event. Held on the following Saturdays: January 20, February 3, February 17, March 2, March 16, March 30, April 13, April 27.

## Monday, March 18, 2024

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### Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

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## **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

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### **Brantford Native Housing**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 19 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

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Brantford Native Housing offers a housing search support for Indigenous populations every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor computer lab.

### **Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Session 2 (March - May)**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 19 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Preschoolers ages 3+ will enjoy this eight-week-long, kindergarten readiness program focusing on curriculum milestones and social skills. Parents & caregivers must remain in the Library while children participate independently in the program. Register once for this session.

**Registration opens February 19.**

## Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 19 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Senior Storywriters is a creative writing group for seniors (55+). Through group discussion and peer support, participants will learn about the craft of writing, and practice turning story ideas into engaging narrative tales. Topics are decided upon by the group and led by a designated facilitator. Contact Heather at [hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca) to find out more or register.

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## Digitize Your Family Memories

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 19 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Learn about the free tools available at the Library to digitize your mementos. We'll show you how our scanners and converters can help you save your precious family photos, documents, and videos.

**Registration opens February 19.**

## Kids Night Out

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 19 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Kids ages 6 - 12 can drop-in at Main on Tuesday nights for hands-on activities and explore challenges with science, technology, engineering, art and math. We invite you to challenge your brain critically and creatively!

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Fun activities will include messy art, storytelling, and a group song circle. We might get messy and we might get loud, but we will always have fun!

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### A Place to Be

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## Seniors @BPL: Laughter Yoga With Laurie

Date and Time: Thursday, March 21 2:00 pm

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Join Laurie Ball (Social Programs Coordinator · Alzheimer Society of Brant, Haldimand Norfolk, Hamilton, Haldimand Norfolk) for a presentation on laughter! Laurie will discuss Laughter Yoga, its creation, and how to get involved in a Laughter group to keep yourself in good health.

## Nurturing Children's Mental Health: Building Strong Minds

Date and Time: Thursday, March 21 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Meet psychotherapist Katie B. as she outlines the elements that contribute to the healthy development of children's mental health. She'll discuss the stigmas around this issue as well as provide methods that promote open communication, emotional intelligence, and resilience within your little ones.

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## St. Paul Crafters Circle

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Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Calling all crafters! We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Drop-in and chat with other crafting enthusiasts while working on your own knitting, crocheting, or other portable projects. No registration required.

## Friday, March 22, 2024

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## Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, March 22 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Wind down the week with a session of yoga at the Main Library!

Drop in to join Catherine Labrecque-Rowntree in exploring gentle yoga. Bring a mat, water and comfortable clothing. Chair yoga option available.

## Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, March 22 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us for a weekly adult drop-in program every Friday afternoon at the Main branch from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. designed to link people to community resources and provide a helping hand.

Community organizations will attend when available. There will be coffee, snacks, and conversation.

## Queer Youth Lounge - CANCELLED MAY 3

Date and Time: Friday, March 22 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come join us for the Queer Youth Lounge for youth ages 12-18. A fun and engaging drop-in for identifying 2S LGBTQIA+ youth. The program will be held at Brantford Public Library Main Branch in the Program Room o



n the main floor. There will be snacks provided and lots of fun activities for youth. This drop-in is designed to provide a safe environment for identifying youth to meet other youth that identify, to help provide an understanding and to show connection. The attending youth will lead the program providing them all with the ability to share and voice their opinions to what they want to see happen at the drop-in. All youth deserve to be heard and this can be a place for that to happen.

For more information please contact Nick - **Youth Outreach Worker** [yow.nick@wesley.ca](mailto:yow.nick@wesley.ca), **Youth Mentorship Program Facilitator** Julie [bgcmentorman@bgcbrant.ca](mailto:bgcmentorman@bgcbrant.ca) or **Youth Mentorship Program Facilitator** Ashley [bgcmentorprog@bgcbrant.ca](mailto:bgcmentorprog@bgcbrant.ca)

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### D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, March 23 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Dungeons & Dragons is back at Brantford Public Library! Registration is required. This group is for ages 10-16. No experience required.

D&D is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game which lets players create their own character, use their imagination, interact with other characters, and make decisions to overcome challenges. An experienced Dungeon Master (DM) will guide you through the game, serve as referee and storyteller, and keep you engaged in a linked series of adventures (commonly referred to as a "campaign").

This program is currently full. Please email [pdoliska@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:pdoliska@brantfordlibrary.ca) to be added to the waiting list.

## Sunday, March 24, 2024

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### Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, March 24 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Everyone is welcome to join in as Catherine Gorecki and Genevieve Rochette lead this bi-weekly ukulele drop-in. Attendees can play beginner or more advanced material, depending on skill level. A limited number of ukuleles and music stands will be available to borrow. Email Robin at [rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more info and an orientation.

## Monday, March 25, 2024

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### Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, March 25 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Need help getting started with the Library's digital services or with your device in general? Bring your gadget - tablet, e-reader, cell phone, laptop -- for help!

This program is a live, in-person event to be held at the Main Library in accordance with all applicable COVID guidelines, including physical distancing and the wearing of face coverings.

### Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, March 25 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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Click Register Online to register at any time. After registering, you will receive updates and information on how to attend closer to the date of the event.

**Registration opens December 22.**

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### **Brantford Native Housing**

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Brantford Native Housing offers a housing search support for Indigenous populations every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor computer lab.

## Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Session 2 (March - May)

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 26 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Preschoolers ages 3+ will enjoy this eight-week-long, kindergarten readiness program focusing on curriculum milestones and social skills. Parents & caregivers must remain in the Library while children participate independently in the program. Register once for this session.

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## Learn to Knit (Parent and Child Edition)

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Parents and children (10+) will learn together how to learn how to knit a basic stitch and how to start and finish a project. All materials provided. Registration required. Note that registration is as a parent/child pair (do not register separately).

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## Brantford Bookworms

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 26 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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Come play with us as we learn and explore through art, music, physical movement and sensory play to build imagination, language, social relationships, growth and development.

All babies and children from birth to age six and their parents/caregivers are welcome to join us at the Main Branch for a free play and inquiry-based program.

Fun activities will include messy art, storytelling, and a group song circle. We might get messy and we might get loud, but we will always have fun!

This is a drop-in program. No registration is required.

## A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, March 28 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

## Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Thursday, March 28 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Our Book a Librarian program provides you with one-hour of one-on-one help from Library staff. During this session, our staff can help you with:

- Using the Internet
- Using online databases
- Accessing our digital collection and online tools
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- Finding books
- Research tips
- Introduction to family history resources

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## Nurturing Children's Mental Health: Empowering Tomorrow's Well-Being

Date and Time: Thursday, March 28 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Psychotherapist Katie B. delves deeper into emotional resiliency and the role of the parent-child relationship. She'll address bullying, ways to promote self-esteem and even the grandparent/grandchild relationship.

**Registration opens February 19.**

## **Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 6)**

Date and Time: Thursday, March 28 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / Online via Zoom

Struggling readers, Grades 2 to 6, will be paired with a university student volunteer from the Laurier Students for Literacy Club. A regular weekly meeting time will be assigned for this one-on-one session. We also offer sibling groups, so parents may register more than one of their children to be paired with a buddy. Our Winter term runs from January 22nd to April 5th, except when closed from February 19th-23rd for the University Reading Week.

**Registration opens January 1, 2024.**

Email [lsflclub@gmail.com](mailto:lsflclub@gmail.com) or visit <https://linktr.ee/lsflbrantford> for registration information.

## **Homework Help (Grades 2 - 8)**

Date and Time: Thursday, March 28 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / Online via Zoom

Elementary school students, Grades 2 to 8, can register for homework help with a university student volunteer from the Laurier Students for Literacy Club. Our Winter term runs from January 22nd to April 5th, except when closed from February 19th-23rd for the University Reading Week.

**Registration opens January 1, 2024.**

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## **Alcohol Ink Trinket Dish**

Date and Time: Thursday, March 28 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Try your hand with a totally different medium, Alcohol Inks. The colours are incredibly vibrant. We will work together to embellish a small dish for each of you to take home. Dishes may have to stay overnight to dry.

## Saturday, March 30, 2024

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### Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Saturday, March 30 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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### Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, March 30 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Members of the Brantford Chess Club offer basic instruction and tips on how to improve your game during this drop-in event. Held on the following Saturdays: January 20, February 3, February 17, March 2, March 16, March 30, April 13, April 27.

### Green Golf Lift Challenge

Date and Time: Saturday, March 30 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Hey Young Engineers! Ready to have fun and learn? The challenge - use two golf balls to lift one.

Using recyclable materials collected in your community's Blue Box, research, design, test and demonstrate a de

vice which can lift a single golf ball at least 800 mm using one or two other golf balls. In addition to the recyclable materials, you may use one metre of string and/or duct tape. You have to demonstrate this device at the event at the Library's Main Branch on March 30, 2024.

Professional Engineers Ontario Brantford Chapter members will evaluate the devices, including evidence of your research, design, and test and winners will be selected with prizes for first, second and third (\$200, 100, 50).

Students can enter in teams of two or three and help from family members is allowed. Entrants will be in two groups: students grades 7 to 8, or students grades 9 to 12.

You may begin your research and the collection of recyclable materials from your household or from friends as soon as you have entered the contest.

Register online through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/837851635797>

<https://calendar.brantfordlibrary.ca>