

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Holiday Programs

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 2 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / 441 St. Paul Avenue

Drop by the Library between December 27 and January 5 for a variety of fun crafts and activities! Week of December 27-29: The New Years' Eve-themed activities will surely get our youngsters excited for NYE celebrations ! Week of January 2-5: Welcome in the New Year with winter activities!

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Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Holiday Programs

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Thursday, January 4, 2024

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, January 4 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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Come Play! - EarlyON

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come join EarlyON facilitators for a free play and inquiry-based drop-in program. Open to children up to age six, with their caregivers.

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A Place to Be

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Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, January 4 6:00 pm

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, January 5, 2024

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Yoga in the Library

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Community Connections

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Saturday, January 6, 2024

Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, January 6 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.

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Monday, January 8, 2024

Tech Time

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Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, January 8 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 9 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 3rd floor computer lab.

Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 9 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 to find out more or register.

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Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space

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Grand River Book Club

Date and Time: Thursday, January 11 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 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

Tech Time @ St. Paul

Date and Time: Thursday, January 11 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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Friday, January 12, 2024

Book a Librarian

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Yoga in the Library

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Community Connections

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Queer Youth Lounge

Date and Time: Friday, January 12 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, Youth Mentorship Program Facilitator Julie bgcmentorman@bgcbrant.ca or Youth Mentorship Program Facilitator Ashley bgcmentorprog@bgcbrant.ca

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D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, January 13 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 to be added to the waiting list.

Stay and Make Club

Date and Time: Saturday, January 13 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

On the second Saturday of each month, come in for the Stay and Make Club at the Main Branch! Supplies will be available to complete a unique hands-on activity. Disclaimer: Activities are appropriate for ages 6 and up. Adult supervision recommended.

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, January 14 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: Glenhyrst Gardens (20 Ava Road)

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 for more info and an orientation.

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Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, January 15 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.

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Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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Brantford Native Housing

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

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 16 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.

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Kids Night Out

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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, January 17, 2024

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 17 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

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How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 17 6:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Whether coaxing your kids to sleep at night or pitching an idea at work, it pays to be a persuasive and engaging storyteller. Come join a supportive and interactive workshop with the Brant Story Time Entertainers!

Discovery Table at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 17 6:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Drop in to the St. Paul branch on Wednesday nights for a new STEAM activity each week. We'll meet at the table in the kids' area for some hands-on fun and exploration!

Human Trafficking: Survivor's Perspective

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 17 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come to this three-part series to learn how people are lured, groomed and manipulated into this exploitative venture. Learn how to spot the signs and how to help them in a safe and secure manner. Kim, a Transitional Support Worker and Outreach Worker will be here to bring us the survivor's perspective on what they'd like us to know and how we can appropriately respond to these concerns. Registration opens December 27. Other programs in the series include: Safety, Security and Family Supports (January 31) and a screening of the NFB Film Avenue Zero: Canada's Human Trafficking Shame (February 14). Please note that you must register for each program separately.

Thursday, January 18, 2024

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Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Date and Time: Thursday, January 18 10:30 am - 11:00 am

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

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Meditation Mala Necklace (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Thursday, January 18 2:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Create your own mala necklace or bracelet. Using beads and a handmade tassel you will craft your own spiritual tool, something used for thousands of years to count during meditation. Also makes a lovely decorative item. Registration opens December 27

St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, January 18 6:00 pm

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, January 19, 2024

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St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, January 19 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 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, January 19 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

Date and Time: Friday, January 19 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, Youth Mentorship Program Facilitator Julie bgcmentorman@bgcbrant.ca or Youth Mentorship Program Facilitator Ashley bgcmentorprog@bgcbrant.ca

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Saturday, January 20 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, January 20 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, January 22, 2024

PA Day Crafts & Activities

Date and Time: Monday, January 22 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop by the children's area of the Main Branch any time between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for crafts and activities that will encourage you to learn, play and explore!

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, January 22 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, January 22 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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Homework Help (Grades 2 - 8)

Date and Time: Monday, January 22 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Writers Support Circle

Date and Time: Monday, January 22 5:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Sit down with members of the Brantford Writer's Circle, a group of writers who meet as equals in a friendly exchange of ideas about each other's work. Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca before your first visit for more information on participating. 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.

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, January 22 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 23 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 to find out more or register.

Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 6)

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Learn to Use a Sewing Machine (Main Branch)

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Address: 173 Colborne Street

Learn how to thread and operate a sewing machine as you complete a simple sewing project. All materials provided. Intended for Adults. Registration opens December 27.

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Kids Night Out

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 23 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!

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 24 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.

Learn to Use a Sewing Machine (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 24 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Learn how to thread and operate a sewing machine as you complete a simple sewing project. All materials provided. Intended for Adults. Registration opens December 27.

Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 24 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, January 24 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space is for youth aged 13-19, held at the Library's Main Branch. The program will offer a range of activities, including art therapy, movie nights, and workshops on various topics. 1:1 support with a youth outreach worker is also available. For more information, contact Megan (Youth in Transition Worker – megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca), or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker - yow.jess@wesley.ca)

Homework Help (Grades 2 - 8)

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 24 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / Online via Zoom

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Discovery Table at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 24 6:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Drop in to the St. Paul branch on Wednesday nights for a new STEAM activity each week. We'll meet at the table in the kids' area for some hands-on fun and exploration!

Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 24 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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Thursday, January 25, 2024

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, January 25 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.

Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Date and Time: Thursday, January 25 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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

Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, January 25 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come join EarlyON facilitators for a free play and inquiry-based drop-in program. Open to children up to age six, with their caregivers.

Book a Librarian

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A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, January 25 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

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Meditation Mala Necklace (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Thursday, January 25 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Create your own mala necklace or bracelet. Using beads and a handmade tassel you will craft your own spiritual tool, something used for thousands of years to count during meditation. Also makes a lovely decorative item. Registration opens December 27

Friday, January 26, 2024

Book a Librarian

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Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, January 26 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, January 26 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.

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Saturday, January 27, 2024

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D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, January 27 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 to be added to the waiting list.

Brantford Junior Spelling Bee (Grades 3 and 4)

Date and Time: Saturday, January 27 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Is your child a SPELLING superstar in grades 3-6? Brantford Public Library has partnered with JonAyves Learning Club to bring you the Brantford Junior Spelling Bee. We invite students from Brantford to compete for prizes in both oral and written challenges of this inaugural Spelling Bee event. Limited slots are available. Register students in grades 3 to 4 for the 12 p.m. timeslot. Students in grades 5 and 6 can register for the 2:30 p.m. time slot by clicking [here](https://www.jonayves.com/spellingbee). For more information on rules and format, please visit the JonAyves Learning Club website - <https://www.jonayves.com/spellingbee>. Bring your family and friends to celebrate words, learning, and the joy of friendly competition at the Brantford Junior Spelling Bee! Registration begins December 27.

Brantford Junior Spelling Bee (Grades 5 and 6)

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Sunday, January 28, 2024

Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, January 28 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: Glenhyrst Gardens (20 Ava Road)

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 for more info and an orientation.

Monday, January 29, 2024

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Learn to Use a Sewing Machine (Parent and Child Edition)

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Parents and children (10+) will learn together how to thread and operate a sewing machine as they complete a simple sewing project. All materials provided. Note that registration is as a parent/child pair (do not register separately). Registration opens December 27.

Kids Night Out

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 30 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!

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Canada Connects helps newcomers ages 18+ receive informal support enhancing their spoken language skills. Volunteer facilitators organize conversation circles along certain social themes that are discussed each session. These conversation groups provide newcomers and volunteers the opportunity to meet other newcomers, share experiences, socialize and make new friends. A partnership of YMCA Immigrant Services – YMCA of Hamilton/ Burlington/Brantford and Brantford Public Library, supported by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Call 519-752-4568 ext.3645 for information.

Brantford Bookworms

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 30 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

The Brantford Bookworms meet one evening 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 for more information.

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 31 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, January 31 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, January 31 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space is for youth aged 13-19, held at the Library's Main Branch. The program will offer a range of activities, including art therapy, movie nights, and workshops on various topics. 1:1 support with a youth outreach worker is also available. For more information, contact Megan (Youth in Transition Worker – megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca), or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker - yow.jess@wesley.ca)

Homework Help (Grades 2 - 8)

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 31 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 6)

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 31 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 or visit <https://linktr.ee/lsflbrantford> for registration information.

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 31 5:00 pm - 6:00 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 Searching and using our online catalogue Finding books Research tips Introduction to family history resources One-on-one sessions will be held at our Main Branch. Note: Library staff are unable to assist with troubleshooting personal computers/laptops, installing software, typing documents and forms and online purchases. The Library's LinkedIn Learning service offers free online courses on a variety of tech topics, including iPhones and iPads and Android phones and tablets. Sign in for free with your library card and PIN on our Research and Learning page.

Discovery Table at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 31 6:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Drop in to the St. Paul branch on Wednesday nights for a new STEAM activity each week. We'll meet at the table in the kids' area for some hands-on fun and exploration!

Human Trafficking: Safety, Security and Family Supports

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 31 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Briana and Penny of Victim Services Brant are going to discuss the types of human trafficking, who the most vulnerable are, who the traffickers are, and how they work to lure and control their victims. Registration opens December 27. Other programs in the series include: Survivor's Perspective (January 17) and a screening of the NFB Film Avenue Zero: Canada's Human Trafficking Shame (February 14). Please note that you must register for each program separately.

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