

Thursday, January 2, 2025

DIY Snowflake Station

Date and Time: Thursday, January 2 10:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come into the library and create your own snowflake at our DIY Snowflake Station to decorate the Library!

For kids of all ages.

Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, January 2 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.

A Place to Be

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

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Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice. In partnership with Community Living Brant.

Book a Librarian

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, January 2 6:00 pm - 7:30 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 3, 2025

Book a Librarian

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Community Connections

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Friday Flicks

Date and Time: Friday, January 3 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Beat the holiday break boredom by joining us at the Main Branch for an afternoon movie and snacks!

December 27: Harold and the Purple Crayon

January 3: Kung Fu Panda 4

Saturday, January 4, 2025

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Monday, January 6, 2025

Tech Time

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Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, January 6 10:30 am - 11:00 am

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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 and are available for borrowing. Ages 0 – 18 months.

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 7 10:30 am - 11:00 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 and available for borrowing. Ages 0 – 18 months.

Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 7 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 7 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

For writers 55+. Join to share your stories and ideas while learning new tricks and techniques. Contact Heather at hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information and to register.

Book a Librarian

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Tween Tuesdays

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Join us each week for an exciting program where you can: Create & Build: Work on awesome projects and let your imagination run wild! Play & Hangout: Enjoy games, chat about your favourite books, or just chill with friends. Collaborate & Connect: Team up with others and share ideas in a cool, relaxed setting. No matter what you love to do, there's something for everyone. Ages 9 - 12.

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 8 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. Ages 18 months to 4 years.

Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 8 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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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.

Main Book Club

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 8 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Main Book Club meets once a month at the Main 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.

Crossroad Youth Drop-In Space

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 8 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Crossroad Youth Drop-In Space at the Library's Main Branch is excited to announce an expansion of our age range to 14-25! Join us every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. for a variety of activities, including homework help from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for both high school and university students, as well as art therapy, movie nights, and workshops on various topics.

One-on-one support is also available with our youth outreach workers. For more information, please contact Megan (Youth in Transition Worker) at megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker) at yow.jess@wesley.ca. Come connect, learn, and have fun!

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All Out Crafts and Chat

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

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Get crafty with your fellow 2SLGBTQ+ friends! This drop-in program is for people 16 years of age and older. Registration is not required.

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, January 9 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

Date and Time: Thursday, January 9 10:30 am - 11:00 am

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Preschoolers can get creative with stories, songs and a craft! Each week children will make a cute craft to take home. Ages 0 - 6.

Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, January 9 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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Grand River Book Club

Date and Time: Thursday, January 9 2:00 pm - 3:00 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.

A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, January 9 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Tech Time @ St. Paul

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After School Zone @ St. Paul

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Ages 6 - 12.

Friday, January 10, 2025

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

Saturday, January 11, 2025

Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, January 11 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come join Brantford Public Library's Dungeons & Dragons campaign! No experience is required. For youth ages 10 - 16. Registration mandatory, space are limited. Email eflintoft@brantfordlibrary.ca to register.

Book a Librarian

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Sunday, January 12, 2025

Learn to Code for Kids

Date and Time: Sunday, January 12 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us for this six-week-long, learn-to-code program designed for kids aged 10+. Each week, participants will learn to create digital objects and bring them to life with fun using code. Perfect for young minds eager to explore the world of coding! Led by a volunteer from McMaster University.

Ages 10+. No program on Sunday, February 16.

Registration opens December 16.

Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Sunday, January 12 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Tune your ukulele and join us twice a month for 90 minutes of music, song, and fun! Everyone 16+ is welcome.

This group starts with beginner-level material and more advanced players will enjoy opportunities for harmony or solos. No matter how much (or how little) experience you have, you'll build your skills and a repertoire for playing and performance.

Registration is not required, but new members should email Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca to introduce themselves and for a brief orientation. A limited number of ukuleles and music stands will be available to borrow.

About Catherine and Genevieve: Catherine Gorecki and Genevieve Rochette have been playing and teaching together for over a decade. They led the Dufferin Ukulele Ensemble at Ecole Dufferin School, performing at the

Kiwanis festival and on the Sanderson Centre Stage. In March 2023, they traveled together to Banos, Ecuador, completing a long-awaited project to teach ESL through singing and playing ukulele at the St. George Centre de Nivelacion. Gen and Catherine have both trained with James Hill's Ukulele in the Classroom series, Level 3. They teach private lessons at home for students of all ages.

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Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, January 13 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Canada Connects helps newcomers receive informal support enhancing their spoken language skills. Volunteer facilitators organize conversation circles along certain social themes that are discussed in each session. These conversation groups allow newcomers and volunteers to meet other newcomers, share experiences, socialize, and make new friends.

This program is for newcomers to Canada, 18 years and older. It is 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.

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

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Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Winter 2025 Session 1 (January - February)

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 15 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Preschoolers ages 3+ will enjoy this **6-week-long**, kindergarten readiness program focusing on social skills and independence! The weekly program length is 45 minutes. Parents & caregivers must remain in the library while children participate independently in the program. Register **ONCE** for this **6-week session**.

Registration opens December 16.

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How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 15 6:00 pm - 7:00 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!

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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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St. Paul Readers Circle

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Saturday, January 18, 2025

Book a Librarian

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Family Board Game Design Workshop

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join WLU Game Design students for a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll design your own board game to take home! Families will be working together. No game design experience required!

This workshop is designed for families to work together to create a game, but individuals 16 and over can attend and will be partnered with other single attendees.

All ages. Maximum of five family members per group. Registration opens December 18.

Email Emma at eflintoft@brantfordlibrary.ca to register as an individual.

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Learn to Code for Kids

Date and Time: Sunday, January 19 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Join us for this six-week-long, learn-to-code program designed for kids aged 10+. Each week, participants will learn to create digital objects and bring them to life with fun using code. Perfect for young minds eager to explore the world of coding! Led by a volunteer from McMaster University.

Ages 10+. No program on Sunday, February 16.

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Monday, January 20, 2025

Tech Time

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PA Day Boredom Busters

Date and Time: Monday, January 20 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Check out some of our go-to boredom busters at the Main Branch this PA Day! Design marble Lego mazes, use your imagination to create with our blue blocks, and play board games with friends!

All ages are welcome.

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Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

For writers 55+. Join to share your stories and ideas while learning new tricks and techniques. Contact Heather at hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information and to register.

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u love to do, there's something for everyone. Ages 9 - 12.

Introduction to 3D Design and Printing

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Learn the basics of 3D design while creating a simple 3D object. We'll show you how to use free online software and prepare your design to submit and print at the library. Basic computer skills required.

Registration opens December 17.

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Youth Volunteer Group

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Join the Youth Volunteer Group and help shape your Library into a place you want to be. Come to learn about more ways to get your volunteer hours and receive hours while you attend the program.

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, January 23 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.

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Service Canada Workshop Series for Seniors - Caregiver Benefits and Credits

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Are you a senior who wants to better understand government services? Join Service Canada's workshop series for seniors, delivered by a Service Canada specialist. Each presentation will be followed by a question period.

Other programs in the series include:

Pensions for Seniors: March 27

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After School Zone @ St. Paul

Date and Time: Thursday, January 23 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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Ages 6 - 12.

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Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, January 24 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.

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, January 25 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come join Brantford Public Library's Dungeons & Dragons campaign! No experience is required. For youth ages 10 - 16. Registration mandatory, space are limited. Email eflintoft@brantfordlibrary.ca to register.

Book a Librarian

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Sunday, January 26, 2025

Learn to Code for Kids

Date and Time: Sunday, January 26 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us for this six-week-long, learn-to-code program designed for kids aged 10+. Each week, participants will learn to create digital objects and bring them to life with fun using code. Perfect for young minds eager to explore the world of coding! Led by a volunteer from McMaster University.

Ages 10+. No program on Sunday, February 16.

Registration opens December 16.

Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Sunday, January 26 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Tune your ukulele and join us twice a month for 90 minutes of music, song, and fun! Everyone 16+ is welcome.

This group starts with beginner-level material and more advanced players will enjoy opportunities for harmony or solos. No matter how much (or how little) experience you have, you'll build your skills and a repertoire for playing and performance.

Registration is not required, but new members should email Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca to introduce themselves and for a brief orientation. A limited number of ukuleles and music stands will be available to borrow.

About Catherine and Genevieve: Catherine Gorecki and Genevieve Rochette have been playing and teaching together for over a decade. They led the Dufferin Ukulele Ensemble at Ecole Dufferin School, performing at the Kiwanis festival and on the Sanderson Centre Stage. In March 2023, they traveled together to Banos, Ecuador, completing a long-awaited project to teach ESL through singing and playing ukulele at the St. George Centre de Nivelacion. Gen and Catherine have both trained with James Hill's Ukulele in the Classroom series, Level 3. They teach private lessons at home for students of all ages.

Monday, January 27, 2025

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, January 27 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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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!

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Writers Support Circle

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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.

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After School Zone @ St. Paul

Date and Time: Thursday, January 30 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Drop in and join the fun at the St. Paul After School Zone! Use your imagination and create an exciting craft, or participate in a hands-on activity. Each week will be a unique experience.

Ages 6 - 12.

Homework Help (Grades 2 - 8)

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

For elementary school students in Grades 2-8, please join Laurier Students for Literacy at the Main Branch from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday for 1:1 tutoring help, including reading and writing support.

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Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 8)

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, January 30 6:00 pm - 7:30 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 31, 2025

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Friday, January 31 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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
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Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, January 31 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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