

## Saturday, February 1, 2025

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### Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, February 1 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Brantford Chess Club offers basic instructions and tips on how to improve your chess game during this drop-in event. All are welcome.

### Book a Librarian

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### Family Video Game Design Workshop

Date and Time: Saturday, February 1 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Tell your stories through video games! During this workshop, families will work together to create a story-based game using Twine, a free online tool. WLU Game Design and Development senior students Catherine Armour and Gobina Mathyaparana will lead your family through using Twine to create a choose-your-own-adventure-style story game. Bring a USB drive to save the game and work on it at home. This workshop is designed for families to work together to create a game. No prior game design experience is needed.

**All ages. Maximum of four family members per group. Registration opens January 1.**

# Sunday, February 2, 2025

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## Learn to Code for Kids

Date and Time: Sunday, February 2 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.**

# Monday, February 3, 2025

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## Black History Month Drop-In

Date and Time: Monday, February 3 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

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## Tech Time

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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!

## Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, February 3 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.

## Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 8)

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## Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, February 3 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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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, February 4, 2025

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## Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 4 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, February 4 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](mailto:hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information and to register.

## Application Support Program

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 4 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Drop into the 3rd-floor computer lab on Tuesday afternoons for support completing all types of application forms.

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A registration spot is for one (1) child and one (1) caregiver together. Caregivers are expected to work with and alongside the child they accompany.

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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, February 5, 2025

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### Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 5 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.

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

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 5 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.**

## Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 5 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.

## Wednesday Winter Film Series - Any Other Way, The Jackie Shane Story

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 5 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Drop by our Main Branch on the first Wednesday of the month to enjoy selected screenings of documentaries focusing on music and musicians.

**February 5: Any Other Way, The Jackie Shane Story (2024 | 1 hr 39 min)** A lost R&B star who eclipsed Etta James and Little Richard, trans soul singer Jackie Shane blazed an extraordinary trail with an unbreakable commitment to her truth. Forty years after vanishing from public view, this 20th-century icon finally gets her second act. Warning for adult content. Directed by Michael Mabbott & Lucah Rosenberg-Lee.

Other films in this series include:

**March 5: Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World (2017 | 1 hr 42 min)**

**April 2: Fisherman's Friends (2019 | 1 hr 51 min)**

## Crossroad Youth Drop-In Space

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 5 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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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](mailto:megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca) or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker) at [yow.jess@wesley.ca](mailto:yow.jess@wesley.ca). Come connect, learn, and have fun!

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## Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 5 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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Grade 7-8 students can join the Laurier Students for Literacy's Reading Club on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. In this club, students meet in a group setting with a volunteer facilitator to discuss and engage in activities about reading comprehension.

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## Thursday, February 6, 2025

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### Crafty Kids Storytime

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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, February 6 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, February 6 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.

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## St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, February 6 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, February 7, 2025

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## Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, February 7 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, February 8, 2025

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## Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, February 8 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

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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](mailto:eflintoft@brantfordlibrary.ca) to register.

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## Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Sunday, February 9 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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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](mailto: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, February 10, 2025

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Call 519-752-4568 ext.3645 for information.

## Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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## Learn to Use a Sewing Machine - Main Branch

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 11 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Learn how to thread and operate a sewing machine as you complete a simple sewing project. All materials provided. This program is for adults only.

**Registration opens January 2.**

## Tween Tuesdays

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 11 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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.

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## Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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### Black History Month Drop-In

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## Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 12 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.

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

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 12 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.**

## Main Book Club

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 12 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](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information.

## Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 12 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.

## Crossroad Youth Drop-In Space

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 12 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, a

s 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](mailto:megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca) or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker) at [yow.jess@wesley.ca](mailto:yow.jess@wesley.ca). Come connect, learn, and have fun!

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## All Out Crafts and Chat

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 12 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.

Brought to you in partnership with [The Bridge Brant](#).

## Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 12 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Grade 7-8 students can join the Laurier Students for Literacy's Reading Club on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. In this club, students meet in a group setting with a volunteer facilitator to discuss and engage in activities about reading comprehension.

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## Thursday, February 13, 2025

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### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, February 13 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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## Crafty Kids Storytime

Date and Time: Thursday, February 13 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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, February 13 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.

## Grand River Book Club

Date and Time: Thursday, February 13 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](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information.

## A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, February 13 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm



Address: 173 Colborne Street

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

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## Tech Time @ St. Paul

Date and Time: Thursday, February 13 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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 St. Paul Library.

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## Art and Soul with Nicole: Valentine Vibes

Date and Time: Thursday, February 13 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join Nicole for a unique Valentine-themed paint night. Nicole is a self-taught visual artist whose works in oil, acrylic, and watercolour reflect a unique Afro-Caribbean vibe. Attendees will receive a free canvas and paint at the workshop. Let your creativity flow!

Registration opens January 2.

## Friday, February 14, 2025

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## Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, February 14 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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Date and Time: Friday, February 14 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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## Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, February 15 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Brantford Chess Club offers basic instructions and tips on how to improve your chess game during this drop-in event. All are welcome.

# Sunday, February 16, 2025

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## Black History Month Drop-In

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# Monday, February 17, 2025

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# Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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## St. Paul Adult Crafting Series - Sourdough Starter Kit

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 18 9:30 am

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

January 22: Weave a small coin purse on a handmade loom – **Registration opens December 18.**

February 18: Pick up a sourdough starter kit to take home and expand your baking repertoire – **Kits available at Main and St. Paul on February 18. Limited quantities**

March 19: Create a boho bracelet using fabric scraps – **Registration opens February 12.**

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### **Brantford Native Housing**

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### **Senior Storywriters**

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 18 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](mailto:hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information and to register.

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## Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 19 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

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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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## 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.

## How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 19 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!

**Registration opens January 2.**

## Thursday, February 20, 2025

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### Crafty Kids Storytime

Date and Time: Thursday, February 20 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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, February 20 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, February 20 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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

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## St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, February 20 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.

## Our Grand River

Date and Time: Thursday, February 20 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Discover the Grand's rich history! Explore past ice jam flooding along the river and the dike systems that help mitigate these issues. Learn a little about the Grand River Conservation Authority and its commitment to watershed management, as well as a few upcoming projects.

**Registration opens January 20.**

## Friday, February 21, 2025

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## Black History Month Author Visit with Chantal Gray

Date and Time: Friday, February 21 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Families can celebrate Black History Month together in an early years program featuring Chantal Gray, author of *What's in Your Hair?* Chantal will share her book, followed by activities that will help kids explore their own individuality.

Registration is not required.

## Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, February 21 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.

## St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, February 21 2:00 pm - 3:00 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.

## Saturday, February 22, 2025

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## Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, February 22 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](mailto:eflintoft@brantfordlibrary.ca) to register.

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## Sunday, February 23, 2025

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## Learn to Code for Kids

Date and Time: Sunday, February 23 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, February 23 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](mailto: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 Centro 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, February 24, 2025

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## Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, February 24 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!

## Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, February 24 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.

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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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## **Brantford Native Housing**

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 25 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.

## **Application Support Program**

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 25 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop into the 3rd-floor computer lab on Tuesday afternoons for support completing all types of application forms.

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

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## Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 26 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Grade 7-8 students can join the Laurier Students for Literacy's Reading Club on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. In this club, students meet in a group setting with a volunteer facilitator to discuss and engage in activities about reading comprehension.

Winter programs run from January 27th - April 3rd. There are no regular programs during Reading Week (February 17th-21st).

**Registration opens on January 1st. Email [lsflclub@gmail.com](mailto:lsflclub@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook Page: Laurier Students for Literacy Brantford to register.**

## Thursday, February 27, 2025

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### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, February 27 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, February 27 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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, February 27 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, February 27 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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

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## Best Start Parent and Community Information Fair

Date and Time: Thursday, February 27 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Are you wondering about programs and services available in your community for your children and family? Come to the Information Fair, hosted by the Best Start Network! This family-focused event will feature activities, entertainment, and giveaways.

This is a drop-in program; registration is not required.

Bus tickets are available if needed. Please text Theresa Vidal at 519-209-4885.

Please text Barb Vanry at 905-929-6032 for more event details.

## Homework Help (Grades 2 - 8)

Date and Time: Thursday, February 27 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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Please be aware that 1:1 tutoring programs are popular, and registration is very limited. Registration is run on a first-come-first-served basis.

## Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 8)

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## Friday, February 28, 2025

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### Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Friday, February 28 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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## Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, February 28 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.

<https://calendar.brantfordlibrary.ca>