

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, March 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.

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Learn to Code for Kids

Date and Time: Sunday, March 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, March 3, 2025

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, March 3 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!

Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, March 3 10:30 am - 11:00 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 and are available for borrowing. Ages 0 – 18 months.

Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 8)

Date and Time: Monday, March 3 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

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Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 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 for more information and to register.

Brantford Native Housing

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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, March 5, 2025

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 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.

Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 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 - Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World

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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.

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

The Indians Who Rocked the World tells the story of a profound, essential, and, until now, missing chapter in the history of American music: the Indigenous influence. Featuring multiple music icons. Warning for coarse language. Directed by Catherine Bainbridge.

Other films in this series include:

February 5: Any Other Way, The Jackie Shane Story (2024 | 1 hr 39 min)

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

Crossroad Youth Drop-In Space

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 5 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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Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 5 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, March 6, 2025

Crafty Kids Storytime

Date and Time: Thursday, March 6 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, March 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.

Enhance Your Space Series - Decluttering and Organizing Strategies

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

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

March 6: Learn decluttering and organizing strategies in a hands-on session with Ashley of Ashley Queen Designs.

March 27: Ashley (of Ashley Queen Designs) is back with an interactive home staging and decorating session.

Please register for each program separately. Registration opens February 6.

A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, March 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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After School Zone @ St. Paul

Date and Time: Thursday, March 6 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.

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, March 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, March 7, 2025

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Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, March 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, March 8, 2025

Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, March 8 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.

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Mermaids and Pirates: A Drag Storytime Adventure

Date and Time: Saturday, March 8 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us as we kick-off our exciting week of March Break events with a show by fantastic Drag Performer, Ruby Jones, in an original production by Big Cityyy Arts! Don't miss this exciting and interactive mermaid and pirate adventure at our Main Branch, perfect for the entire family. This event is presented in partnership with The Bridge and Brantford Pride.

This program is for children. Adults in attendance must be accompanying a participating child. Registration is required.

Registration opens February 18th.

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Learn to Code for Kids

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Registration opens December 16.

Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Sunday, March 9 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 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.

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Bluey Party!

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Bring your Bluey love, you don't want to miss this. "It's gotta be done!"

Drop-in program. No registration is needed.

Bluey Meet 'N' Greet (10:30 - 10:50 a.m. session)

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Bluey Meet 'N' Greet (10:50 - 11:10 a.m. session)

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Bluey Meet 'N' Greet (11:10 - 11:30 a.m. session)

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

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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

March Break Activities at St. Paul

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Drop by the St. Paul Branch for fun and creative March Break activities!

Tuesday - Make an Alien Headband (9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Wednesday - Blue Blocks (9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

Thursday - Art Hub for Kids (9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

Friday - Board Games (9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 2:00 pm - 3:00 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 3rd floor computer lab.

Planting Party!

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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Who's ready to get their hands dirty? March Break is a great time to get seeds started for your garden. So, we're partnering with Equal Grounds Community Gardens for a planting party! We'll supply the dirt and seeds you need to start your garden! We'll also decorate pots for your plants, so bring your creativity.

Application Support Program

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 11 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 for ms.

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Design Your Own Coaster (Parent & Child Edition)

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Parents and children (10+) will learn the basics of creating designs in the Silhouette Studios software and together create custom designs for their coasters. We'll provide everything you need.

Parent and child must register as a pair. Please include the first and last name of the child on the registration form.

Registration opens January 8.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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Indigenous Crafts and Storytelling with BRISC

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Join our friends from the Brantford Region Indigenous Support Centre (BRISC - Friendship Centre) to try some Indigenous crafts and experience storytelling in the round.

This is a drop-in event.

Crossroad Youth Drop-In Space

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Homework Help (Grades 2 - 8)

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All Out Crafts and Chat

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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)

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Thursday, March 13, 2025

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, March 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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Stranger Reads: A Creepy Afternoon at the Library

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Dive into the mysterious world of Stranger Things with fun activities, themed crafts, and a spine-tingling haunted house visit – if you dare!

Ages 8 - 12.

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Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, March 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.

Minecraft Mania

Date and Time: Friday, March 14 2:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Do you know your Creepers from your Endermen? We have crafts and games all inspired by the popular video game! Have fun and celebrate the mobs and blocks you know and love. Trivia starts at 2:30 p.m.!

All ages are welcome. Drop-in program. No registration is needed.

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, March 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.

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Sunday, March 16, 2025

Learn to Code for Kids

Date and Time: Sunday, March 16 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, March 17, 2025

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Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

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Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 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 for more information and to register.

Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 18 2:00 pm - 3:00 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, March 18 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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Tween Tuesdays

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Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 19 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 2 (March - April)

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 19 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 February 19.

St. Paul Adult Crafting Series - Create a Boho Bracelet

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

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 19.**

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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.

Inside the Writer's Mind: Author Talks at the Library: Edo van Belkom on Writing for Young Adults and Being Adapted for Screen

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Edo is the author of 30 books and more than 300 short stories in the genres of horror, science fiction, fantasy, and mystery. His young adult series, Wolf Pack (a winner of both the Aurora and Silver Birch Awards) provided the inspiration for the Paramount + TV series WOLF PACK, created by Jeff Davis (Teen Wolf, Criminal Minds) and starring Sarah Michele Gellar (Buffy the Vampire Slayer).

Registration opens February 12.

Other programs in the series include:

Mark Leslie Lefebvre on Ghosts and Para-normal Storytelling: April 2.

Vaseem Baig on Creating Books Using AI: April 16.

How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 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!

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Thursday, March 20, 2025

Crafty Kids Storytime

Date and Time: Thursday, March 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.

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, March 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.

Friday, March 21, 2025

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St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, March 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 for more information.

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, March 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 to register.

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Learn About Ramadan

Date and Time: Saturday, March 22 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join the Muslim Women of Brant for a special Ramadan celebration! Listen to stories, engage in festive arts and crafts, and experience the beauty of henna. All are welcome to celebrate and learn about this meaningful time of year!

This program is drop-in; no registration is required.

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Sunday, March 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 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, March 24, 2025

Tech Time

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Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, March 24 10:30 am - 11:00 am

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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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Registration opens January 2. After registering, you will receive updates and information on how to attend closer to the event's date.

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

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Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 25 2:00 pm - 3:00 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, March 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.

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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, March 26, 2025

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 26 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 2 (March - April)

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 26 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 February 19.

Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 26 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, March 26 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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Main Adult Crafting Series - Create a Boho Bracelet

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 26 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

January 22: Weave a small coin purse on a handmade loom – **Registration opens December 19.**

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 19.**

April 16: DIY your own botanical stationery and stamped table napkin – **Registration opens March 16.**

Separate registration required for each program.

Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 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.

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Thursday, March 27, 2025

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, March 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, March 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, March 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.

Service Canada Workshop Series for Seniors - Pensions for Seniors

Date and Time: Thursday, March 27 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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:

Caregiver Benefits and Credits: January 23

Benefits and Credits for Seniors Over 65 (with the Canada Revenue Agency): April 24

Enhance Your Space Series - Home Staging and Decorating

Date and Time: Thursday, March 27 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

March 6: Learn decluttering and organizing strategies in a hands-on session with Ashley of Ashley Queen Designs.

March 27: Ashley (of Ashley Queen Designs) is back with an interactive home staging and decorating session.

Please register for each program separately. Registration opens February 6.

A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, March 27 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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Saturday, March 29, 2025

Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, March 29 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.

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