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Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 1 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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

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Wednesday Winter Film Series - Fisherman's Friends

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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.

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

A fast-living, cynical London music executive heads to a remote Cornish village where his boss pranks him into trying to sign a group of shanty-singing fisher men. He struggles to gain the respect or enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band and their families. Soon, he's forced to reevaluate his integrity and ultimately que stion what success really means. Directed by Chris Foggin.

Other films in this series include:

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

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

Crossroad Youth Drop-In Space

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POSTPONED - Inside the Writer's Mind: Author Talks at the Library: Mark Leslie Lefebvre on Ghosts and Paranormal Storytelling

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Mark has published more than 35 books that include (Evasion), fiction (One Hand Screaming), horror (I, Death), urban fantasy (A Canadian Werewolf in New York, Only Monsters in the Building), paranormal non-fiction (Haunted Hamilton, Spooky Sudbury, Creepy Capital), and he has edited numerous anthologies (Campus Chills, Tesseracts Sixteen, Feel the Fear).

Registration opens February 26.

Other programs in the series include:

Edo van Belkom on Writing for Young Adults and Being Adapted for Screen: March 19.

Vaseem Baig on Creating Books Using AI: April 16.

Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 2 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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DIY Spring Sign

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Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Create your own painted Spring Sign using a stencil created with the Library's Silhouette Cameo cutter! We'll s upply everything you need. This program is for adults only.

Registration opens March 5.

After School Zone @ St. Paul

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

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

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Community Connections

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Join us for a weekly adult drop-in program every Friday afternoon at the Main branch from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. de signed 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, April 5, 2025

Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, April 5 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 ag es 10 - 16. Registration mandatory, space are limited. Email eflintoft@brantfordlibrary.ca to register.

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All Out Crafts and Chat

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

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Black Communities of Brantford Speaker Series: Jerry Prager

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 9 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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The Black Communities of Brantford Speaker Series presents a variety of perspectives on Brantford's Black his tory from authors and researchers.

Jerry Prager is the author of a series of books on fugitive slaves in the Queen's Bush, including *Laying the Bed*,

Exodus and Arrival, and Blood in the Mortar.

Other programs in the series include:

May 14 - Andrew Hunter - Author of *It Was Dark There All the Time: Sophia Burthen and the Legacy of Slav ery in Canada*.

June 11 - Paul Allen - Author of Bright Lights Black Stars: Negro League Players and Canada's Oldest Base ball League.

July 16 - Professor Paul Lovejoy - Editor of *Busha's Mistress or Catherine the Fugutive*, an early novel on the slave trade in Jamaica.

August 13 - Dr. Elaine A. Brown Spencer - Author of *The Black Church in Canada*.

September 17 - Patrick Brode - Author of *The Odyssey of John Anderson*.

In partnership with the Brantford Public Library, Brant Theatre Workshops, the Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre, and the Brant Historical Society.

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, April 10 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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Interconnected in Picking up the Slack

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The Interconnected panel series features three programs about growing communities where we all can blossom. Moderated by Queer Joy Brantford, this series will feature local and local-ish 2SLGBTQIA+ organizers with expertise in curating events, programs, and environments for and by their community.

Interconnected in Picking up the Slack features a discussion on approaches to creating fun, niche, and intenti onal social spaces.

Registration is not required.

Other programs in the series include:

Interconnected in Community Care - May 15, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Interconnected in Shifting the Status Quo - June 4, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

This series has been organized in partnership with the Brantford Public Library, City of Brantford, Brantford Pride, and The Bridge Brant.

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PA Day Fun

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All ages.

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Discovery Zone!

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You are invited to participate in a fun, hands-on STEM workshop at the Library! Join us for an action-packed a dventure through the discovery zone, where you'll explore colour chromatography, investigate why trees are im portant to engineers, and create an elastic-powered car. Every great scientist started as a curious kid! This program is being offered in collaboration with Scientists in School.

Ages 6-12. Registration opens March 11.

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Sunday, April 13, 2025

Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Sunday, April 13 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 welcom e.

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.

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Monday, April 14, 2025

Tech Time

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Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

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

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 15 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 15 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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

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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: Vaseem Baig on Creating Books Using AI

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 16 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Vaseem Baig has leveraged a career in analytics and project management into multiple creative endeavours, all i ntended to demystify artificial intelligence technology and leave audiences excited and confident about its practical applications. Come hear about his adventures and challenges as an author using cutting-edge creative technologies to hone his writing craft.

Registration opens March 12.

Other programs in the series include:

Edo van Belkom on Writing for Young Adults and Being Adapted for Screen: March 19.

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

How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 16 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.

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

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Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, April 19 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 ag es 10 - 16. Registration mandatory, space are limited. Email eflintoft@brantfordlibrary.ca to register.

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Thursday, April 24, 2025

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, April 24 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 Ca nada programs and benefits available to you. Get one-on-one access to information about Social Insurance Nu mbers (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 - Benefits and Credits for Seniors Over 65 (with the Canada Revenue Agency)

Date and Time: Thursday, April 24 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

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Brewed by Nature: A Plant Tasting Journey

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Join the Wild Tea Party! Learn about the health benefits of local field and forest plants, and taste test a few wild brewed teas. A partnership with GROWE Outdoor School.

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Saturday, April 26, 2025

Chess Club

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Monday, April 28, 2025

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, April 28 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, April 28 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 s ocializing among babies and caregivers. Books from our collection will be carefully selected with a particular t heme and are available for borrowing. Ages 0-18 months.

Writers Support Circle

Date and Time: Monday, April 28 5:30 pm - 7:30 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 ex change of ideas about each other's work.

Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca before your first visit for more information on participating.

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

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, April 28 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 c onversation 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 Immi gration Canada.

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

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 29 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 s ocializing among babies and caregivers. Books from our collection will be carefully selected with a particular t heme and available for borrowing. Ages 0 - 18 months.

Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 29 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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

Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 29 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, April 29 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 for ms.

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 29 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 is unable to assist with troubleshooting personal computers/laptops, installing s oftware, typing documents and forms, and making online purchases.

The Library's LinkedIn Learning service offers free online courses on a variety of tech topics, including iPhones, iPads, and Android phones and tablets. On our Research and Learning page, you can sign in for free with your library card and PIN.

Introduction to 3D Design and Printing

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 29 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 softwar e and prepare your design to submit and print at the library. Basic computer skills required. This program is for adults only.

Registration opens March 25.

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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 y our imagination run wild! Play & Hangout: Enjoy games, chat about your favourite books, or just chill with fri ends. Collaborate & Connect: Team up with others and share ideas in a cool, relaxed setting. No matter what yo u love to do, there's something for everyone. Ages 9 - 12.

Brantford Bookworms

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 29 6:00 pm - 7:00 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 fo r more information.

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 30 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 r hymes, repeating phrases, exploring story props, and strengthening comprehension, together! Books from our c ollection 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, April 30 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. Plea se 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, April 30 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 Wednes day 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 or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker) at yow.jess@wesley.ca. Come connect, learn, and have fun!

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