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Saturday, May 3, 2025

Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, May 3 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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Toy and Book Exchange

Date and Time: Saturday, May 3 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come to the Main Branch to exchange used toys and books, or shop for donations! All are welcome! This event is organized by Wilfrid Laurier University's CARE Lab.

Sounds of Spring: A Guitar Society of Brantford Concert

Date and Time: Saturday, May 3 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Guitar Society of Brantford invites you to an afternoon of music at the Main Branch. Come hear the sounds of spring on acoustic guitar, played in concert and solos.

Monday, May 5, 2025

Tech Time

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

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Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, May 8 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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Art and Soul with Nicole: A Mother's Day Special

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Address: 173 Colborne Street

Celebrate the incredible women in your life! Whether you're a mom, have a mom, or have a special mom figure, this is the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind, and express your creativity in a fun and supportive environment.

Nicole Alexander, a talented self-taught visual artist known for her Afro-Caribbean-inspired works in oil, acryli c, and watercolor, will guide you through a beautiful painting experience. Each attendee will receive a free canv as and paint, so all you need is your creativity and enthusiasm! Join us for an evening of artistic expression and connection – it's the perfect way to treat yourself or celebrate the mothers in your life.

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Saturday, May 10, 2025

Beacon: The Bright Side of Fatherhood

Date and Time: Saturday, May 10 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Beacon is a 5-week program that supports fathers in understanding their essential role in fostering their children's emotional development and stability, alongsi de other fathers. It offers helpful strategies and advice to navigate challenging times.

Dads and their 0 - 15-month-old babies are welcome to register. Space is limited, register at www.kidscanfly.ca/beacon

Brought to you in partnership with Kids Can Fly.

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Youth Volunteer Group

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Black Communities of Brantford Speaker Series: Andrew Hunter

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 14 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.

Andrew Hunter is the author of It Was Dark There All the Time: Sophia Burthen and the Legacy of Slavery in Canada.

Other programs in the series include:

April 9 - Jerry Prager - Author of a series of books on fugitive slaves in the Queen's Bush: *Laying the Bed, Exo dus and Arrival*, and *Blood in the Mortar*.

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*.

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Interconnected in Community Care

Date and Time: Thursday, May 15 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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 Community Care features a discussion on the intersections of 2SLGBTQIA+ leadership in food and environmental access organizing.

Registration is not required.

Other programs in the series include:

Interconnected in Picking up the Slack - April 10, 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.

Friday, May 16, 2025

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Friday, May 16 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, May 16 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.

Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, May 16 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Beacon: The Bright Side of Fatherhood

Date and Time: Saturday, May 17 9:30 am - 11:00 am

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Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, May 17 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.

Monday, May 19, 2025

Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, May 19 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.

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 20 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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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 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.

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

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Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Storytime at St. Paul

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Crossroad Youth Drop-In Space

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 21 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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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 yww.jess@wesley.ca. Come connect, learn, and have fun!

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How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 21 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, May 22, 2025

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, May 22 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, May 22 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 h ome. Ages 0 - 6.

Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, May 22 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 si x, with their caregivers.

Canadian Dental Care Plan

Date and Time: Thursday, May 22 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Discover how the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) can assist seniors in overcoming financial obstacles to o ral health care. Attend a 45-minute information session to understand eligibility, application process, and the va ri-ous covered services offered by CDCP, empowering you to enhance your oral health and overall well-being.

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Thursday, May 22 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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A Place to Be

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Address: 173 Colborne Street

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

After School Zone @ St. Paul

Date and Time: Thursday, May 22 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.

Terracotta Pot Painting: An Adult Craft Event

Date and Time: Thursday, May 22 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Registration opens April 24.

Friday, May 23, 2025

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Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, May 24 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 dro p-in event. All are welcome.

Monday, May 26, 2025

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, May 26 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, May 26 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.

Social Services Outreach Worker Drop-In

Date and Time: Monday, May 26 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Writers Support Circle

Date and Time: Monday, May 26 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.

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Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

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Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 27 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

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