

Monday, October 2, 2023

Tech Time

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Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Tuesday, October 3, 2023

PA Day Crafts & Activities (Main & St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 3 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / 441 St. Paul Avenue

Drop by the Main & St. Paul branches for crafts and activities.

Snack Time with the Brant Community Food Educators

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 3 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

We're partnering with the Brant Community Food Educators for a yummy PA Day program that kids and their caregivers will enjoy. We'll be preparing some easy to make recipes that will be great for snack time at home or at school. Bring your appetite!

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

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Housing Search Computer Lab

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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.

Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Date and Time: Thursday, October 5 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / Online

Students in Grades 7 and 8, will meet once a week to read a novel and participate in comprehension activities. Students will be matched into a small group based on reading level. The program will run online via Zoom on Tuesdays and in person at the Main Branch on Thursdays. Email lsflclub@gmail.com for more information. Registration is required.

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Yoga in the Library

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Community Connections

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Dementia Demystified

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Please join us and a Public Educator Coordinator from the Alzheimer's Society as we explore brain health and wellness to demystify dementia and how to become a dementia advocate in your relationships and community. We will learn together about brain health, warning signs, and dementia friendly environment and communities. We'll also be highlighting the person focused supports like the butterfly method and several others. Appetizers and hot and cold drinks will be available free of charge.

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A Place to Be

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Grand River Book Club

Date and Time: Thursday, October 12 2:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

The Grand River Book Club meets once a month at the St. Paul Branch. Space is extremely limited and registration is required. If you are interested in joining this book club, please contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information. Upcoming titles: January - The Day the Falls Stood Still by Cathy Marie Buchanan February - The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Frye by Rachel Joyce March - The Postmistress by Sarah Blake April - Mrs. Everything by Jennifer Weiner May - Daughters of the Deer by Danielle Daniel June - The Nine Tailors - Dorothy Sayers

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Saturday, October 14, 2023

Stay and Make Club

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On the second Saturday of each month, come in for the Stay and Make Club at the Main Branch! Supplies will be available to complete a unique hands-on activity. Disclaimer: Activities are appropriate for ages 6 and up. Adult supervision recommended.

D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, October 14 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Dungeons & Dragons is back at Brantford Public Library! Registration is required. This group is for ages 10-16. No experience required. D&D is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game which lets players create their own character, use their imagination, interact with other characters, and make decisions to overcome challenges. An experienced Dungeon Master (DM) will guide you through the game, serve as referee and storyteller, and keep you engaged in a linked series of adventures (commonly referred to as a "campaign"). This program is currently full. Please email pdoliska@brantfordlibrary.ca to be added to the waiting list.

Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, October 14 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Members of the Brantford Chess Club offer basic instruction and tips on how to improve your game during this drop-in event. Held on the following Saturdays: January 20, February 3, February 17, March 2, March 16, March 30, April 13, April 27.

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Sunday, October 15, 2023

Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, October 15 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: Glenhyrst Gardens (20 Ava Road)

Everyone is welcome to join in as Catherine Gorecki and Genevieve Rochette lead this bi-weekly ukulele drop-in. Attendees can play beginner or more advanced material, depending on skill level. A limited number of ukuleles and music stands will be available to borrow. Email Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for more info and an orientation.

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Library Kiosk Unveiling

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Address: 254 North Park Street Brantford ON N3R 4L1

Join us at the Wayne Gretzky Sport Centre on Monday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. as we celebrate the launch of our new self-serve kiosk. There will be brief speeches, some small snacks and demonstrations on how to use the new kiosk.

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Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 17 10:30 am - 11:15 am

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Join us every Tuesday for in-person rhymes, sensory development activities, motor skill methods, stories, and socializing among babies and caregivers. Books from our collection will be carefully selected with a particular theme in mind and available for borrowing. This is a drop-in program. No registration is required.

Housing Search Computer Lab

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 17 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

This weekly program is open to all ages and incomes for housing search and rental income support. Drop in - no registration is required. Limited to nine spaces.

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Learn to Use a Sewing Machine (Parent and Child Edition)

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 17 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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Parents/caregivers and children (10+) will learn together how to thread and operate a sewing machine as they complete a simple sewing project. All materials provided. Registration opens Sept. 17.

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History and Culture of the Muslim Community in Canada and Brantford: An Event to Celebrate Islamic History Month Canada

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 18 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Online

Come and learn together about the rich heritage of the Muslim community in Canada and Brantford. Imam Abu Noman Tarek will share about these events and more during this virtual event where participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions. Register for this virtual event: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dkJ8rD7TRzqXLY24RIE78A Learn more about Islamic History Month Canada: <https://www.islamichistorymonth.ca/> About the speaker: Imam Sh. Abu Noman Tarek is a career Imam, trained counselor, chaplain, public and motivational speaker, consultant, teacher, humanitarian worker both in Canada and around the globe and serving communities since 2004. He received the YMCA Peace Medal in 2022, and the Learn, Lead and Inspire award from the Grand Erie District School Board in 2023. From 2013 to early 2023, he worked as the faith leader at the Brantford Mosque. He continues to work as an Imam in Mississauga, but still lives and contributes in Brantford as well as a faith leader. His role as an Imam includes many layers such as being a religious scholar of a mosque, a spiritual leader, a worker, and a compassionate community builder.

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Thursday, October 19, 2023

Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Date and Time: Thursday, October 19 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Preschoolers can get creative with stories, songs and a craft!

Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, October 19 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.

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Thursday, October 19 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, October 19 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, October 19 6:00 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.

Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Date and Time: Thursday, October 19 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / Online

Students in Grades 7 and 8, will meet once a week to read a novel and participate in comprehension activities. Students will be matched into a small group based on reading level. The program will run online via Zoom on Tuesdays and in person at the Main Branch on Thursdays. Email lsflclub@gmail.com for more information. Registration is required.

Friday, October 20, 2023

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Friday, October 20 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, October 20 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Wind down the week with a session of yoga at the Main Library! Drop in to join Catherine Labrecque-Rowntree in exploring gentle yoga. Bring a mat, water and comfortable clothing. Chair yoga option available.

St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, October 20 2:00 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. Upcoming titles: January - The Measure of a Man by Sidney Poitier February - A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman March - Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue April - Greenwood by Michael Christie May - A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson June - The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, October 20 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.

Investigate the Paranormal: An Exclusive TOPS Experience

Date and Time: Friday, October 20 6:30 pm

Address: Canadian Military Heritage Museum

Join The Ontario Paranormal Society (TOPS) and the Brantford Public Library for paranormal investigation at the Canadian Military Heritage Museum! Participants will receive three hours of training with paranormal investigators at an after-hours event at the Library's Main Branch on Friday, Oct. 20. Then, on Saturday, Oct. 21, participants will engage in an intimate guided immersive investigatory experience at the Canadian Military Heritage Museum. Three one-hour time slots are available for the investigation on Oct. 21: 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Tickets at \$25. Register through Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/investigate-the-paranormal-an-exclusive-tops-experience-tickets-682323155927?aff=oddtcreator>

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Saturday, October 21 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Monday, October 23, 2023

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, October 23 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, October 23 10:30 am - 11:15 am

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Writers Support Circle

Date and Time: Monday, October 23 5:30 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 exchange of ideas about each other's work. Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca before your first visit for more information on participating. Click Register Online to register at any time. After registering, you will receive updates and information on how to attend closer to the date of the event. Registration begins August 15.

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Maps for Personal Research and Genealogy

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 24 2:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Many of the maps and related documents in our Local History collection contain a surprising amount of personal information about area residents. Come learn more about our holdings, and perhaps find inspiration for your own searches! Registration opens Sept. 18.

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Paint a Pumpkin Night

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 25 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Put down the carving tools and join us for a Pumpkin Paint Night! We will provide all the supplies, just bring your creativity and inspiration. Registration opens Sept. 18.

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What to Know About Your Green Bin

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Brantford's new green bin program begins November 1. Come learn about how green bin programs work, how to avoid unpleasant odours or pests, and how diverting waste from the landfill benefits the community. Featuring representatives from Equal Ground Community Gardens. Registrants will receive free compostable liner bags approved for use by the City of Brantford. Registration opens Sept. 18.

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A Place to Be

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Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

St. Paul Speaker Series: The Importance of Self Care

Date and Time: Thursday, October 26 2:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Join Lisa MacKay, an educator from the Canadian Mental Health Association, to learn why self-care is so important and the steps you can take to ensure that you are implementing it in your daily routine. Registration opens Sept. 25.

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Homework Help

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Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Date and Time: Thursday, October 26 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / Online

Students in Grades 7 and 8, will meet once a week to read a novel and participate in comprehension activities. Students will be matched into a small group based on reading level. The program will run online via Zoom on Tuesdays and in person at the Main Branch on Thursdays. Email lsflclub@gmail.com for more information. Registration is required.

Friday, October 27, 2023

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Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, October 27 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Wind down the week with a session of yoga at the Main Library! Drop in to join Catherine Labrecque-Rowntree in exploring gentle yoga. Bring a mat, water and comfortable clothing. Chair yoga option available.

Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, October 27 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, October 28, 2023

D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, October 28 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Dungeons & Dragons is back at Brantford Public Library! Registration is required. This group is for ages 10-16. No experience required. D&D is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game which lets players create their own character, use their imagination, interact with other characters, and make decisions to overcome challenges. An experienced Dungeon Master (DM) will guide you through the game, serve as referee and storyteller, and keep you engaged in a linked series of adventures (commonly referred to as a "campaign"). This program is currently full. Please email pdoliska@brantfordlibrary.ca to be added to the waiting list.

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Monday, October 30, 2023

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, October 30 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, October 30 10:30 am - 11:15 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 in mind and available for borrowing. This is a drop-in program. No registration is required.

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Tuesday, October 31, 2023

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Housing Search Computer Lab

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 31 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

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This weekly program is open to all ages and incomes for housing search and rental income support. Drop in - no registration is required. Limited to nine spaces.

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Kids Night Out

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Kids ages 6 - 12 can drop-in at Main on Tuesday nights for hands-on activities and explore challenges with science, technology, engineering, art and math. We invite you to challenge your brain critically and creatively!

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