

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

First Nations Public Library Week - Elders Panel - Creation Stories from Across the Territory

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Address: 173 Colborne Street / Online

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Thursday, October 3, 2024

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

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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

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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.

First Nations Public Library Week - First Nation Communities READ Award Ceremony

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A Place to Be

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After School Zone @ St. Paul

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Drop in and join the fun in the St. Paul After School Zone! Use your imagination to create an exciting craft, or participate in a hands-on activity, each week will be a unique experience. For kids 6 to 12.

St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, October 3 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.

Teen Writers

Date and Time: Thursday, October 3 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Want to write? Come join our Teen Writers group! Specifically for youth aged 13 – 18, this program will give you a chance to let their inner author out. Writing activities and prompts will get you started, but the sky is the limit. Attend one, some, or all sessions. Registration opens August 15.

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Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, October 4 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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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. 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 5, 2024

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Introduction to Model Aviation and Remote Piloting

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Ever dreamed of being a pilot? What about piloting by remote? Not automated drones, where a computer makes all the decisions, but taking control of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems to achieve launch, flight, and touch down. Maybe even starting your own journey towards building and customizing models! We're partnering with the experienced members of Brant Flyers RC to offer aspiring pilots from 10 to 100 years of age* a unique and exciting opportunity to learn about and experience the wonder of mobile aviation. At no cost, you can attend a four-week course here at the Main library to learn how and why these remote aircraft work and enjoy hands-on experiences at each stage of the process. Then, for the fifth week, you'll receive a special invitation. Schedule of interactive topics: Sept 14: Introduction to Model Aviation Sept 21: Aircraft Materials and Construction Sept 28: Propulsion and Control Systems Oct 5: Flight Safety/Build Workshop Oct 12: Flying/BBQ Afternoon at the Brant Flyers Field** *Participants under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible guardian. This course is not recommended for children under 10 years of age. **By invitation only. Refreshments and materials will be provided, however transportation to and from this event is the responsibility of the participant. Brant Flyers RC is associated with the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC), the governing body for model aviation in Canada, and in turn, the Aeroclub of Canada as well as the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) the global sport aviation authority. Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information. Registration opens August 15.

Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, October 5 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 is limited. Email eflintoft@brantfordlibrary.ca to register.

Monday, October 7, 2024

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!

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Senior Storywriters

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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.

PA Day Graphic Novel Celebration

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 8 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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This PA day we're celebrating the magic of graphic novels! Young aspiring writers and artists can bring their imagination, as we make our own graphic novels. We'll be showing the movie "The Bad Guys" as inspiration while we put our creativity to work.

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Merge your desire for crafting with your thirst for knowledge! Join psychotherapist Korrenne to discuss different kinds of therapy while you work on a mini craft. September 11: Macrame Planter and Cognitive Therapy (CBT & DBT) Registration begins August 15. October 9: Hexagon Quilt Block and Grief Therapy Registration begins September 4. If you'd like, bring a piece of fabric that was your loved one's to make your block. November 13: Crochet Headband and Trauma Therapy Registration begins October 2. Separate registration is required for each program. This is a discussion of the types of therapy and by no means therapy itself.

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Book a Librarian

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Katie B's Parenting Series: Circle of Security

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 9 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Psychotherapist Katie B. is back with a discussion about the Circle of Security. Join this presentation to learn about the significance of secure attachment, how to recognize and respond to children's needs, and how to promote emotional resilience. This session is valuable for all caregivers and professionals interested in child development and emotional well-being. Registration opens September 11.

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, October 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.

Crafty Kids Storytime

Date and Time: Thursday, October 10 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, October 10 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, October 10 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 for more information.

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A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, October 10 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.

Tech Time @ St. Paul

Date and Time: Thursday, October 10 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.

Teen Drop-In

Date and Time: Thursday, October 10 3:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Dive into creativity at this program designed just for teens! Explore art projects and get hands-on access to Maker technologies in our new Youth Space. Activities will include Perler beading, Sphero robots, 3D design, and simple sewing machine project. No registration is required.

Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8)

Date and Time: Thursday, October 10 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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. The fall session of Reading Club begins on October 1 and ends on November 28. Please note there will be a break in Laurier Students for Literacy programming from October 14 to October 17. Programming resumes on October 21. Email lsflclub@gmail.com to register.

Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 6)

Date and Time: Thursday, October 10 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Homework Help (Grades 3 - 8)

Date and Time: Thursday, October 10 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Students in Grades 3 through 8 will be paired with a university student volunteer from the Laurier Students for Literacy Club for assistance with any subject. The program will run Monday to Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Main Branch. The fall session of Homework Help begins on October 1 and ends on November 28. Please note there will be a break in Laurier Students for Literacy programming from October 14 to October 17. Programming resumes on October 21. Email lsflclub@gmail.com to register.

Teen Writers

Date and Time: Thursday, October 10 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Want to write? Come join our Teen Writers group! Specifically for youth aged 13 – 18, this program will give you a chance to let their inner author out. Writing activities and prompts will get you started, but the sky is the limit. Attend one, some, or all sessions. Registration opens August 15.

Friday, October 11, 2024

Book a Librarian

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

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Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, October 11 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Community organizations will attend when available. There will be coffee, snacks, and conversation.

Investigation Myrtleville House: A Special TOPS Workshop

Date and Time: Friday, October 11 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / 34 Myrtleville Drive

Join Brantford Public Library for a paranormal investigation at Myrtleville House Museum with The Ontario Paranormal Society! With your VIP Library ticket, you will receive three hours of training with paranormal investigators at an exclusive after-hours event at the Main Library at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 11th. Then, on Saturday, October 12th, test your new skills at the Myrtleville House Museum during a 90-minute guided immersive investigatory experience. When you purchase your ticket, you will have the option to choose a start time of 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., or 9:30 p.m., as space permits. Registration is required and space is extremely limited for this unique experience. Tickets are \$35 per participant, payable at the time of registration (or visit any Brantford Public Library location to register in person). Register online through Eventbrite. There will be a \$3.61 Eventbrite fee. Please Note: Friday's presentation begins promptly at 6:30 pm. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early, and show your ticket for entry at the Colborne Street doors. Saturday's investigations will begin on time at Myrtleville House. Register carefully and note the start time for your tour. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early. We recommend a light meal before attending evening events. No element of this event is intended to be frightening but content may be unsuitable or unnerving for some. Age 18+ only. Saturday's tours will be located at 34 Myrtleville Drive, Brantford, Ontario, N3V 1C2. Only the first floor of Myrtleville House Museum is wheelchair accessible. Please contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca with any questions about payment, parking, accessibility concerns, and any other matters of comfort and safety.

Saturday, October 12, 2024

Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, October 12 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

Date and Time: Saturday, October 12 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Introduction to Model Aviation and Remote Piloting

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Ever dreamed of being a pilot? What about piloting by remote? Not automated drones, where a computer makes all the decisions, but taking control of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems to achieve launch, flight, and touch down. Maybe even starting your own journey towards building and customizing models! We're partnering with the experienced members of Brant Flyers RC to offer aspiring pilots from 10 to 100 years of age* a unique and exciting opportunity to learn about and experience the wonder of mobile aviation. At no cost, you can attend a four-week course here at the Main library to learn how and why these remote aircraft work and enjoy hands-on experiences at each stage of the process. Then, for the fifth week, you'll receive a special invitation. Schedule of interactive topics: Sept 14: Introduction to Model Aviation Sept 21: Aircraft Materials and Construction Sept 28: Propulsion and Control Systems Oct 5: Flight Safety/Build Workshop Oct 12: Flying/BBQ Afternoon at the Brant Flyers Field** *Participants under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible guardian. This course is not recommended for children under 10 years of age. **By invitation only. Refreshments and materials will be provided, however transportation to and from this event is the responsibility of the participant. Brant Flyers RC is associated with the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC), the governing body for model aviation in Canada, and in turn, the Aeroclub of Canada as well as the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) the global sport aviation authority. Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information. Registration opens August 15.

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Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

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

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Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 15 1:00 pm - 2:30 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.

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Tween Tuesdays

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 15 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.

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 15 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 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.

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 16 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: Fall 2024 Session 1 (September - October)

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 16 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 and caregivers must remain in the Library while children participate independently in the program. Register ONCE for this 6-week session. Registration opens August 19.

St. Paul Adult Craft Series - Squeegee Painting

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 16 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

September 10 - Painting Birch Trees: Learn a no-brush watercolour technique. Registration begins August 15.
October 16 - Squeegee Painting: Experiment with acrylics and unusual tools. Registration begins September 11.
November 21 - Autumn Leaf Bowl: Create a decorative bowl out of leaves. Registration begins October 16.
December 5 - Mason Jar Candle Holder: Create a sparking centrepiece for winter! Registration begins November 13. Separate registration is required for each program.

CANCELLED - Seniors @ BPL Series: Opioid Awareness and Naloxone Training

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 16 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

This event has been cancelled.

A surprising number of older adults are at increased risk of opioid misuse; do you know what to watch for, and what to do in the event of an overdose? Come learn about opioids, their use, and risks, and receive basic nasal

Naloxone administration training. Participants will receive a free Naloxone kit. Thank you to Brenda Shiell and the Brant County Health Unit for this special workshop. Registration opens September 11.

Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 16 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, October 16 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!

Book a Librarian

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How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 16 6:00 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 August 15.

Thursday, October 17, 2024

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Organize Your Home Like a Pro!

Date and Time: Thursday, October 17 1:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Love Your Home Co. owner Sarah Williams will be dishing out her favourite tips and tricks to get your home organized this fall -- with style! Registration opens September 5.

Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, October 17 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, October 17 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Youth Volunteer Group

Date and Time: Thursday, October 17 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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.

St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, October 17 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.

Main Adult Craft Series - Squeegee Painting

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

September 12 - Painting Birch Trees: Learn a no-brush watercolour technique. Registration opens August 15
October 17 - Squeegee Painting: Experiment with acrylics and unusual tools. Registration opens September 12

November 20 - Autumn Leaf Bowl: Create a decorative bowl out of leaves. Registration opens October 16
December 4 - Mason Jar Candle Holder: Create a sparking centerpiece for winter! Registration opens November 13
Separate registration is required for each program.

Friday, October 18, 2024

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Friday, October 18 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, October 18 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, October 18 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Saturday, October 19, 2024

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Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, October 19 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.

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Sunday, October 20 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 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, October 21, 2024

Tech Time

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, October 21 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Homework Help (Grades 3 - 8)

Date and Time: Monday, October 21 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 6)

Date and Time: Monday, October 21 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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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, October 22, 2024

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 22 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 socializing among babies and caregivers. Books from our collection will be carefully selected with a particular theme and available for borrowing. Ages 0 – 18 months.

Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 22 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, October 22 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.

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Learn to Use a Sewing Machine - Parent and Child Edition

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 22 6:00 pm

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Learn how to thread and operate a sewing machine as you complete a simple sewing project. All materials provided. Registration begins August 15. Please note that space for this program is limited. 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. If you wish to register more than two people from a family or group, please contact Amy at awoodhouse@brantfordlibrary.ca directly.

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Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Fall 2024 Session 1 (September - October)

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 23 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 and caregivers must remain in the Library while children participate independently in the program. Register ONCE for this 6-week session. Registration opens August 19.

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Katie B's Parenting Series: Navigating Big Behaviours

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 23 6:00 pm

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Learn to decode according to the latest brain science with Katie B.'s easy-to-understand principles, all aimed at helping one manage and understand children's behaviour. Discover methods to assist in connecting with children, regulating their emotions, and how to create that sense of safety. Come to enhance your parenting toolkit. Registration opens September 11.

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Friday, October 25, 2024

Islamic History in Brantford - Display

Date and Time: Friday, October 25 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

October is Islamic History Month. Stop by the Main Branch of the library and check out our display featuring Brantford's own Islamic History.

The display is brought to you in partnership with the Brantford Mosque.

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Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, October 25 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 26, 2024

Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, October 26 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

Date and Time: Saturday, October 26 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Sunday, October 27, 2024

Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Sunday, October 27 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, October 28, 2024

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, October 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, October 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 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

Date and Time: Monday, October 28 5:30 pm

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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.

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

Registration opens August 15. After registering, you will receive updates and information on how to attend closer to the event's date.

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Introduction to 3D Design

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 29 6:00 pm

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Learn the basics of 3D design while creating your own simple 3D object.

We'll show you how to use free online software and prepare and submit your design to be printed at the Library. Basic computer skills required.

This workshop will be offered twice:

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Check out:

- A visit with the Madrigal Sisters, photo opportunities and face painting
- Robot play for school-aged kids
- Crafts for older tweens in our Youth Area

That night, Brantford Public Library is hosting **Learn to Code for Kids**: [register in advance, online](#), for this awesome opportunity!

Drop-in event. Geared towards ages 0 – 14 years old. All are welcome.

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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. The fall session of Reading Club begins on October 1 and ends on November 28. Please note there will be a break in Laurier Students for Literacy programming from October 14 to October 17. Programming resumes on October 21. Email lsflclub@gmail.com to register.

Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 6)

Date and Time: Thursday, October 31 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Struggling readers, Grades 2 to 6, will be paired with a university student volunteer from the Laurier Students for Literacy Club to work on reading, writing, and worksheets. The program will run Monday to Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Main Branch. The fall session of Book Buddies begins on October 1 and ends on November 28. Please note there will be a break in Laurier Students for Literacy programming from October 14 to October 17. Programming resumes on October 21. Email lsflclub@gmail.com to register.

Homework Help (Grades 3 - 8)

Date and Time: Thursday, October 31 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Students in Grades 3 through 8 will be paired with a university student volunteer from the Laurier Students for Literacy Club for assistance with any subject. The program will run Monday to Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Main Branch. The fall session of Homework Help begins on October 1 and ends on November 28. Please note there will be a break in Laurier Students for Literacy programming from October 14 to October 17. Programming resumes on October 21. Email lsflclub@gmail.com to register.

St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, October 31 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.

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