

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

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Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 1 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Learn to use a Sewing Machine

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Learn how to thread and operate a sewing machine as you complete a simple sewing project. All materials provided. Intended for Adults. Registration opens Oct. 2.

Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 1 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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

Come Play! - EarlyON

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A Place to Be

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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, November 2 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.

Wine and Cheese Author Event featuring Adam Shoalts

Date and Time: Thursday, November 2 6:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Enjoy wine, cheese, and a discussion with one of our country's best authors! On November 2nd we welcome Adam Shoalts to the Brantford Public Library. Doors open at 6:00 PM for a wine and cheese reception. (Wine is \$5.00, refreshments are complimentary.) Must be 19+ years of age to be served wine. About the Author – Adam Shoalts is professional explorer and adventurer best known for his long solo wilderness journeys, including crossing nearly 4,000 km of Canada's Arctic alone. He is the Westaway Explorer-in-Residence at the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and was called by the CBC "one of the greatest living explorers." A regular guest on television and radio, Shoalts is also the author of four national bestselling books, including *Beyond the Trees*, *Alone Against the North*, *A History of Canada in 10 Maps*, and *The Whisper on the Night Wind*, which reached #1 bestseller status on Amazon. He has a PhD from McMaster University in History.

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Yoga in the Library

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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

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Sunday, November 5, 2023

Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, November 5 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.

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 7 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, November 7 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.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Session 2 (Nov-Dec)

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 7 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Preschoolers ages 3+ will enjoy this six-week-long, kindergarten readiness program focusing on curriculum milestones and social skills! Parents & caregivers must remain in the Library and can observe through our glass children's program room! Register once for this six-week session; the weekly program length is 60 minutes. Registration begins October 7.

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Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

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Canada Connects helps newcomers ages 18+ receive informal support enhancing their spoken language skills. Volunteer facilitators organize conversation circles along certain social themes that are discussed each session. These conversation groups provide newcomers and volunteers the opportunity to meet other newcomers, share experiences, socialize and make new friends. 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.

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History of the 56th Regiment

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Celebrate Remembrance Day with a presentation from Brantford's 56th Field Artillery Regiment. This year is the 80th anniversary of the allied invasion of Sicily. Multiple Brantford gunners from the 56th regiment fell during this operation; come learn about Brantford's role in this invasion and the history of the Regiment.

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Grand River Book Club

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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, November 11, 2023

Stay and Make Club

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D & D Campaign

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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, November 11 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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.

Monday, November 13, 2023

Virtual Craft for Adults

Date and Time: Monday, November 13 9:30 am

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Make & Take kits will be available at the Main Branch on November 13th and at the St. Paul Branch November 14th. Follow along on the Library's YouTube channel.

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St. Paul Speaker Series: Stress and Anxiety Management

Date and Time: Thursday, November 16 2:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Experiencing stress and anxiety is a normal part of our lives. Lisa MacKay, an educator from the Canadian Mental Health Association, will discuss ways to manage those feelings and prioritize mental health. Registration opens Sept. 25.

A Place to Be

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Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

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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, November 16 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, November 17, 2023

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

Date and Time: Friday, November 17 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.

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Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, November 17 11:00 am - 11:45 am

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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, November 17 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.

St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, November 17 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

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Sunday, November 19, 2023

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Date and Time: Sunday, November 19 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.

Monday, November 20, 2023

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, November 20 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!

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Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, November 24 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, November 24 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, November 25, 2023

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D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, November 25 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, November 25 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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.

Monday, November 27, 2023

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, November 27 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, November 27 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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Writers Support Circle

Date and Time: Monday, November 27 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. 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.

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, November 27 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Canada Connects helps newcomers ages 18+ receive informal support enhancing their spoken language skills. Volunteer facilitators organize conversation circles along certain social themes that are discussed each session. These conversation groups provide newcomers and volunteers the opportunity to meet other newcomers, share experiences, socialize and make new friends. 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, November 28, 2023

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 28 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, November 28 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.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Session 2 (Nov-Dec)

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 28 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Preschoolers ages 3+ will enjoy this six-week-long, kindergarten readiness program focusing on curriculum milestones and social skills! Parents & caregivers must remain in the Library and can observe through our glass children's program room! Register once for this six-week session; the weekly program length is 60 minutes. Registration begins October 7.

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Holiday Photos

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Bring your family and friends to the library for a free holiday photo from photographer Celine Garneau!

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Brantford Bookworms

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 28 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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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 for more information.

Kids Night Out

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Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 29 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. No registration is required.

Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 29 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.

Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 29 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space is for youth aged 13-19, held at the Library's Main Branch. The program will offer a range of activities, including art therapy, movie nights, and workshops on various topics. 1:1 support with a youth outreach worker is also available. For more information, contact Megan (Youth in Transition Worker – megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca), or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker - yow.jess@wesley.ca)

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Thursday, November 30, 2023

Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)

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

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