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Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, November 2 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 are limited. Email eflintoft@brantfordlibrary.ca to register.

Monday, November 4, 2024

Library Closed for Staff Development Day

Date and Time: Monday, November 4 9:30 am - 8:00 pm

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The Library will be closed for Staff Development Day.

You can download eBooks, audiobooks, music, magazines and more any time on our [Digital Services page](#).

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 5 10:30 am - 11:00 am

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Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 5 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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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.

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Seniors at BPL Series - Military Service: A Family Legacy

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Dave Durand grew up in a family of distinguished veterans. His father and uncles served, his grandfather served in both World Wars, and at 98 years old, his mother can still tell you what it was like to be a Wrens signal distributor in Eisenhower's headquarters leading up to D-Day.

Please join us for a walk down the Durand family memory lane and help preserve the legacies of those who defended the freedoms we enjoy today.

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Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, November 7 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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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

Date and Time: Thursday, November 7 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, November 7 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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Come join EarlyON facilitators for a free play and inquiry-based drop-in program. Open to children up to age six, with their caregivers.

A Place to Be

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Teen Drop-In

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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 a simple sewing machine project. No registration is required.

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Artist Talk with Blaze Wiradharma (Blazeworks)

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Join us for a special evening with Blaze Wiradharma (Blazeworks), the artist behind Brantford's newest mural, *The Pages of the Grand River*, located on the west wall of the Library's Main Branch.

The mural celebrates Brantford's rich history, honours the beauty and significance of the Grand River, and emphasizes the importance of libraries, learning, and education. It is part of a larger project that will eventually serve as a backdrop for performing artists.

Blaze will be discussing his inspiration, art techniques, and the narrative behind the mural. The talk will begin outside at the mural before continuing inside the Library, so please dress accordingly.

For more information on Blaze and his work, visit www.blazeworksart.com

St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, November 7 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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Chess Club

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The Brantford Chess Club offers basic instructions and tips on how to improve your chess game during this drop-in event. All are welcome.

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Sunday, November 10 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, November 11, 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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Paint a Holiday Sign - Parent and Child Edition

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Join us to paint a Holiday sign using a stencil created with the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter. The Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter lets you cut precise shapes from paper, vinyl, fabric, and other thin materials to make cards, crafts, personalized stickers, and more. We'll provide everything you need.

Registration begins October 8. Please note that space for this program is very limited. 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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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.**

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Thursday, November 14, 2024

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Crafty Kids Storytime

Date and Time: Thursday, November 14 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 home. Ages 0 - 6.

Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, November 14 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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Come join EarlyON facilitators for a free play and inquiry-based drop-in program. Open to children up to age six, with their caregivers.

Tech Time @ St. Paul

Date and Time: Thursday, November 14 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, November 14 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Grand River Book Club

Date and Time: Thursday, November 14 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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Guinness World Records with Doug the Great (PA Day)

Date and Time: Friday, November 15 10:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come learn about Brantford's most decorated Guinness World Record Holder, Doug the Great! Learn about how he has broken world records, and challenge yourself to try something new.

Book a Librarian

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St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, November 15 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, November 15 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 16, 2024

Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, November 16 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.

Book a Librarian

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Youth Writers Fest

Date and Time: Saturday, November 16 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Youth Writers Fest is for any youth and/or families that want to be inspired to write! Come check out the exhibits, listen to an Author Talk with Cheryl Isaacs, and find out the winners of the Kiwanis Writing Contest.

Author Talk with Cheryl Isaacs

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

As part of Youth Writers Fest, join us for an Author Talk with YA author Cheryl Isaacs. Her 2024 release, *The Unfinished*, is a horror novel "of monsters, mystery, and secrets that refuse to stay submerged" (HarperCollins web). After the reading, stay and meet Cheryl.

Monday, November 18, 2024

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, November 18 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, November 18 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.

Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 6)

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Date and Time: Monday, November 18 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, November 18 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.

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 19 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, November 19 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, November 19 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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Tween Tuesdays

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 19 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.

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 20 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 2 (November - December)

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 20 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 & caregivers must remain in the library while children participate independently in the program. Register ONCE for this 6-week session. Registration opens October 7.

Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 20 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, November 20 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!

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How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 20 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.

Main Adult Craft Series - Autumn Leaf Bowl - CANCELLED

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 20 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 centrepiece for winter! **Registration opens November 13**

Separate registration is required for each program.

Trans Day of Remembrance - Program

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 20 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us in observing the Trans Day of Remembrance at the Main Library. We will hear short remarks by community members by the Trans Day of Remembrance Tree, a piece that will be displayed at the Brantford Public Library.

This program is preceded by the Trans Flag raising at Harmony Square (4:00 p.m.), and will be followed by a procession to the Laurier Students' Union Building for further programming. It is delivered in partnership with B

Brantford Pride, The Bridge, Grand River Community Health Centre, Gender Journey Brant, City of Brantford, and Laurier Brantford.

No registration is required.

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Teen Drop-In

Date and Time: Thursday, November 21 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.

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, November 21 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.

Meet the Author: Featuring Charlotte Sowers

Date and Time: Thursday, November 21 6:30 pm - 7:50 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Have you ever wondered if you have what it takes to launch a second career as an author? Join us for an author talk with Charlotte Sowers.

She wrote and published her first novel, [Oblivion at Tranquil Manor](#), after completing a correspondence writing course. Charlotte is a grandmother and godmother and lives with her husband, Earl, in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. She was inspired to write her first book in the hope of filling a need for those who enjoy Victorian mystery romance, a scarce genre.

Light refreshments will be served. **Registration opens October 17.**

Friday, November 22, 2024

Book a Librarian

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Community Connections

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Saturday, November 23, 2024

Santa's Mailbox – Write Your Letter to Santa!

Date and Time: Saturday, November 23 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / 441 St. Paul Avenue

It's almost time to write your letter to Santa Claus! Join us at both Library branches to write your letter, decorate your envelope, and drop it in Santa's Mailbox!

Our Library staff will collect all the letters and mail them directly to the North Pole. Letter-writing materials will be available as supplies last.

This is a Canada Post program. You may also participate on your own using Canada Post's [online instructions](#).

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Sunday, November 24, 2024

Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Sunday, November 24 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.

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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, November 25, 2024

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, November 25 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 25 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.

Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 6)

Date and Time: Monday, November 25 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Writers Support Circle

Date and Time: Monday, November 25 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.

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

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, November 25 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.

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

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 26 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, November 26 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.

Human Library - National Addictions Awareness Week

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 26 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Community members will be an "open book" and talk about their personal experience and knowledge with addictions. Come hear a story that you haven't heard before.

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Brantford Bookworms

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 26 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 for more information.

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Tween Tuesdays

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 26 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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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.

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 27 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 2 (November - December)

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 27 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 & caregivers must remain in the library while children participate independently in the program. Register ONCE for this 6-week session. Registration opens October 7.

Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 27 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, November 27 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!

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Holiday Photos

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Bring your family and friends to the Main Branch for a FREE holiday photo from photographer Celine Garneau!

Flood: The Overdose Epidemic in Canada (Film Screening)

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 27 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Flood is a documentary that aims to reduce the stigma around substance use, and to inspire individuals to take action. Join us for this free screening hosted by the Brant County Health Unit.

This event is being presented as part of National Addictions Awareness Week. View the Brantford calendar of events on the [SOAR Community Services website](#).

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

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

A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, November 28 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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

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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.

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Youth Writers Program

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

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Want to write? Not sure where to start? Already have writing you are ready to share? Check out our Youth Writers Program, and let your inner author out! Specifically for youth aged 10 – 18, this program will give youth some insight and energy about the writing craft. Writing activities and prompts will get you started, but the sky is the limit. Feel free to bring a piece that you have worked on, or just come with ideas - all are welcome.

Friday, November 29, 2024

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Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, November 29 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 30, 2024

Santa's Mailbox – Write Your Letter to Santa!

Date and Time: Saturday, November 30 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / 441 St. Paul Avenue

It's almost time to write your letter to Santa Claus! Join us at both Library branches to write your letter, decorate your envelope, and drop it in Santa's Mailbox!

Our Library staff will collect all the letters and mail them directly to the North Pole. Letter-writing materials will be available as supplies last.

This is a Canada Post program. You may also participate on your own using Canada Post's [online instructions](#).

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Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, November 30 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.

<https://calendar.brantfordlibrary.ca>