

## Monday, December 2, 2024

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### Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, December 2 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, December 2 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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### Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, December 2 6:00 pm - 7:30 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, December 3, 2024

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### Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 3 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, December 3 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, December 3 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](mailto:hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information and to register.

## Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 3 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Our Book a Librarian program provides you with one hour of one-on-one help from Library staff. During this session, our staff can help you with:

- Using the Internet
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## Tween Tuesdays

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 3 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.

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## Wednesday, December 4, 2024

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### Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 4 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, December 4 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, December 4 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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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, December 4 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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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](mailto:megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca) or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker) at [yow.jess@wesley.ca](mailto:yow.jess@wesley.ca). Come connect, learn, and have fun!

## Book a Librarian

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## Main Adult Craft Series - Mason Jar Candle Holder

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 4 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.

## Holiday Photos

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 4 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!

## Thursday, December 5, 2024

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### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, December 5 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, December 5 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, December 5 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

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## St. Paul Adult Craft Series - Mason Jar Candle Holder

Date and Time: Thursday, December 5 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.**

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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.

## A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, December 5 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.

## St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, December 5 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.

## Art and Soul with Nicole: A Caribbean Christmas

Date and Time: Thursday, December 5 6:00 pm - 7:50 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join Nicole ("Mrs. A") and Alana for a unique holiday painting experience and learn how we celebrate Christmas on the islands. You'll enjoy a free art lesson, sip on sorrel, and taste Caribbean snacks while Nicole guides you through a beautiful Christmas canvas! Materials will be provided. Nicole is a self-taught visual artist whose works in the mediums of oil, acrylic, and watercolour reflect an Afro-Caribbean vibe.

Registration opens November 1.

## Friday, December 6, 2024

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### Community Connections

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Address: 173 Colborne Street

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

## Saturday, December 7, 2024

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### Book a Librarian

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### Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, December 7 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.

### Sounds of the Season: A Guitar Society of Brantford Concert / Bell City Strummers Christmas Concert

Date and Time: Saturday, December 7 2:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Guitar Society of Brantford invites you to an afternoon of music at the Main Branch with special guests The Bell City Strummers. Come hear music on a acoustic guitar, played in concert or solos, and ukulele.

No registration is required.

# Monday, December 9, 2024

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# Tuesday, December 10, 2024

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## Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

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

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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## Paint a Holiday Sign - Main Branch

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 10 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us to paint a Holiday sign using a stencil created with the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter. The Silhouette

te 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 opens November 5.**

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## **Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

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### **Storytime at St. Paul**

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## Seniors at BPL Series - Holiday Celebration

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 11 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

You are invited to our annual Holiday celebration! Come enjoy the afternoon with live music, tabletop games, and a special Holiday Cooking presentation. Featuring guest entertainer Joan Minnery. Refreshments and prizes provided. Registration opens November 6.

## Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 11 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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## Main Book Club

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 11 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Main Book Club meets once a month at the Main 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](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information.

## Crossroad Youth Drop-In Space

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## Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 11 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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## Holiday Photos

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 11 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 Gameau!

## Thursday, December 12, 2024

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### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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### Crafty Kids Storytime

Date and Time: Thursday, December 12 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, December 12 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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## Grand River Book Club

Date and Time: Thursday, December 12 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](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information.

## Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Thursday, December 12 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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## A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, December 12 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.

## Friday, December 13, 2024

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### Book a Librarian

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### Community Connections

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Address: 173 Colborne Street

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### Paint a Holiday Sign - St. Paul Branch

Date and Time: Friday, December 13 2:00 pm

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**Registration opens November 5.**

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](mailto:awoodhouse@brantfordlibrary.ca) directly.

## Saturday, December 14, 2024

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### Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Date and Time: Saturday, December 14 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](mailto:eflintoft@brantfordlibrary.ca) to register.

### Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Saturday, December 14 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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## Sunday, December 15, 2024

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### Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Sunday, December 15 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](mailto: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, December 16, 2024**

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### **Tech Time**

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### **Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)**

Date and Time: Monday, December 16 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.

### **Writers Support Circle**

Date and Time: Monday, December 16 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](mailto: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.

## Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 17 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, December 17 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, December 17 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](mailto:hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information and to register.

## Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 17 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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## Tween Tuesdays

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 17 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, December 18, 2024

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### Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 18 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.

### Crossroad Youth Drop-In Space

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 18 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](mailto:megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca) or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker) at [yow.jess@wesley.ca](mailto:yow.jess@wesley.ca). Come connect, learn, and have fun!

### Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 18 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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## How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 18 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, December 19, 2024

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### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

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

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## A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, December 19 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.

## St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, December 19 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.

## Friday, December 20, 2024

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## Book a Librarian

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

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## St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, December 20 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](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information.

## Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, December 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.

## Saturday, December 21, 2024

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### Book a Librarian

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

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## Monday, December 23, 2024

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### Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, December 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!

### Holiday Flicks at Main

Date and Time: Monday, December 23 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

It's Holiday movie day at the library and we're showing two of our faves! Our morning movie at 10:30 a.m. is the original "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" and our afternoon movie at 2:30 p.m. is the beloved "Elf." We'll provide the snacks and activities to get us all into the holiday spirit!

## Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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### The Night Before Christmas Storytime

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 24 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us for a special Holiday storytime reading of "The Night Before Christmas" and some festive fun!

# Friday, December 27, 2024

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## Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Friday, December 27 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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## Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, December 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.

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## Friday Flicks

Date and Time: Friday, December 27 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Beat the holiday break boredom by joining us at the Main Branch for an afternoon movie and snacks!

**December 27: Harold and the Purple Crayon**

**January 3: Kung Fu Panda 4**

# Saturday, December 28, 2024

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## Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Saturday, December 28 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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## Monday, December 30, 2024

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### Magical Science

Date and Time: Monday, December 30 10:00 am - 11:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

You are invited to participate in a fun, hands-on STEM workshop at the Library! Discover a magical force that will levitate particles. Scatter light and create illusions that will thrill your audience. Experiment with colourful teas and unusual potions on this magical science adventure! This program is being offered in collaboration with Scientists in School.

**For kids aged 6-12. Registration opens November 30.**

### Tech Time

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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