# Wednesday, May 1, 2024

#### **Alzheimer Society Social Café**

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 1 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. Plea se call 1-800-565-4614 ext. 421 to register. Once registered you can drop in as many times as you like.

#### **Book a Librarian**

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 1 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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# Thursday, May 2, 2024

#### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, May 2 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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### A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, May 2 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

### **St. Paul Crafters Circle**

Date and Time: Thursday, May 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

# Friday, May 3, 2024

### Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Friday, May 3 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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### Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, May 3 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, May 3 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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# Saturday, May 4, 2024

#### Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Saturday, May 4 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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#### Sounds of Spring: A Guitar Society of Brantford Concert featuring the Bell City Strummers

Date and Time: Saturday, May 4 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 th e Bell City Strummers. Come hear music on acoustic guitar, played in concert or in solos, and ukulele.

# Monday, May 6, 2024

#### **Tech Time**

Date and Time: Monday, May 6 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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### **Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles**

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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# Tuesday, May 7, 2024

#### **Brantford Native Housing**

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 7 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.

#### **Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles**

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

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# Wednesday, May 8, 2024

### **Alzheimer Society Social Café**

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 8 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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#### Main Book Club

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 8 2:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Main Book Club meets once a month at the Main Branch. Space is extremely limited and registration is req uired. If you are interested in joining this book club, please contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information. Upcoming titles: April – Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt May – Shuggie Bain by Dou glas Stuart June – A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman July – Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese August – We Spread by Iain Reid September – The Midnight Library by Matt Haig October – A Good Girl's Guide to Mu rder by Holly Jackson

#### Book a Librarian

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# Thursday, May 9, 2024

#### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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### **Grand River Book Club**

Date and Time: Thursday, May 9 2:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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

#### Tech Time @ St. Paul

Date and Time: Thursday, May 9 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 L ibrary.

#### A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, May 9 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

#### **Book a Librarian**

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#### Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, May 10 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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#### **Community Connections**

Date and Time: Friday, May 10 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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# Saturday, May 11, 2024

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### **Reel Skills: A Library Fishing Workshop for All Ages**

Date and Time: Saturday, May 11 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

An introductory program for all ages. Learn the basics of freshwater fishing, including angling ethics, tackle sel ection, and fishing and casting techniques from Larry Mellors. Also learn important water safety tips. Finally, le arn how to knot and cast and apply that physical knowledge. Larry is the President of the Brantford Steelheaders , past vice-president of Trout Unlimited Canada and winner of the Canadian National Fisheries Award. A forme r high school teacher with 43-years of experience, Mellors now runs a fly-fishing guiding business where he act s as the head guide. Registration opens April 8.

### Fishing on the Grand

Date and Time: Saturday, May 11 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

All ages can learn about fishing on the Grand River and it's tributaries, water safety, fish care, riverine features, and the basics of fish behavior from Adam Merrifield. Adam is an avid outdoorsman living in the Grand River basin of Ontario, Canada, with his wife, two of his three kids, two dogs, two cats, and a crayfish. Adam shares h is time between Northern and Southern Ontario, paddling, hiking, fishing, and exploring any chance he can get. He is the author of the book Mighty Smallmouth: Catching Big Bass on Small Water. Registration opens April 8.

# Sunday, May 12, 2024

### **Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group**

Date and Time: Sunday, May 12 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 dropin. Attendees can play beginner or more advanced material, depending on skill level. A limited number of ukulel es and music stands will be available to borrow. Email Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for more info an d an orientation.

# Monday, May 13, 2024

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# Tuesday, May 14, 2024

## **Brantford Native Housing**

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 14 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

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#### **Senior Storywriters**

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 14 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Senior Storywriters is a creative writing group for seniors (55+). Through group discussion and peer support, p articipants will learn about the craft of writing, and practice turning story ideas into engaging narrative tales. To pics are decided upon by the group and led by a designated facilitator. Contact Heather at hbrown@brantfordlib rary.ca to find out more or register.

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#### **Customize a Planter (Workshop for Adults)**

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 14 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Learn the basics of creating designs using Silhouette Studios software and create a custom design for your plant er.We'll provide everything you need. If you wish to register more than two people from a family or group, plea se contact Amy at awoodhouse@brantfordlibrary.ca. Registration opens April 7.

# Wednesday, May 15, 2024

### **Alzheimer Society Social Café**

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

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 15 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!

# Thursday, May 16, 2024

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# Saturday, May 18, 2024

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#### **Brantford Writers' Circle Poetry Reading**

Date and Time: Saturday, May 18 2:00 pm

#### Address: 173 Colborne Street

Calling all local poets and aspiring poets! Come enjoy the Brantford Writers' Circle annual celebration of poetr y by listening to original works or sharing your own. (Register at the door to read or perform your work.)

# Tuesday, May 21, 2024

#### **Brantford Native Housing**

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 21 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

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# Wednesday, May 22, 2024

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### Book a Librarian

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# Thursday, May 23, 2024

#### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

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#### A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, May 23 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

#### Wine and Cheese Author Event featuring Farzana Doctor

Date and Time: Thursday, May 23 6:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Enjoy wine, light refreshments, and a discussion with celebrated author Farzana Doctor. Doctor is a writer, acti vist, and psychotherapist who recently published 52 Weeks to a Sweeter Life for Caregivers, Activists and Helpi ng Professionals. Her ancestry is Indian, and she was born in Zambia before immigrating to Canada in 1971. Sh e has received multiple awards for her writing and activism. 52 Weeks to a Sweeter Life for Caregivers, Activis ts and Professionals is a workbook, a "practical guide to self and community care." Her other titles include inte rnationally recognized and award-winning novels and a collection of poetry. Wine is available at the event for \$ 5 and refreshments are complimentary. Come and celebrate Asian History Month! Registration opens April 15.

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# Sunday, May 26, 2024

#### **Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group**

Date and Time: Sunday, May 26 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 dropin. Attendees can play beginner or more advanced material, depending on skill level. A limited number of ukulel es and music stands will be available to borrow. Email Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for more info an d an orientation.

# Monday, May 27, 2024

#### **Tech Time**

Date and Time: Monday, May 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!

#### Writers Support Circle

Date and Time: Monday, May 27 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 ex change of ideas about each other's work. Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca before your first visit f or more information on participating. Click Register Online to register at any time. After registering, you will r eccive updates and information on how to attend closer to the date of the event. Registration opens December 2 2.

#### **Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles**

Date and Time: Monday, May 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 Hamilto n/Burlington/Brantford and Brantford Public Library, supported by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Call 5 19-752-4568 ext.3645 for information.

### **Brantford Native Housing**

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 28 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, May 28 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Senior Storywriters is a creative writing group for seniors (55+). Through group discussion and peer support, p articipants will learn about the craft of writing, and practice turning story ideas into engaging narrative tales. To pics are decided upon by the group and led by a designated facilitator. Contact Heather at hbrown@brantfordlib rary.ca to find out more or register.

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### **Brantford Bookworms**

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 28 6:30 pm - 7:30 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 fo r more information.

# Wednesday, May 29, 2024

#### Seniors Day at the Library

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 29 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The Library's Seniors@BPL Committee invites you to drop in to an event featuring agencies, companies, and o rganizations that serve seniors. There will even be a presentation from Brantford Police Chief Rob Davis. A gre at chance to learn about health services, support available in the community, and have some fun! This event is fr ee and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

#### **Alzheimer Society Social Café**

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 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. Plea se call 1-800-565-4614 ext. 421 to register. Once registered you can drop in as many times as you like.

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### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, May 30 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 Ca nada programs and benefits available to you. Get one-on-one access to information about Social Insurance Nu mbers (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.

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#### A Place to Be

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Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

#### **St. Paul Crafters Circle**

Date and Time: Thursday, May 30 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

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