

## Thursday, February 1, 2024

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### Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, February 1 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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### Book a Librarian

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### A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, February 1 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, February 1 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, February 2, 2024

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### Book a Librarian

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### Yoga in the Library

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### Community Connections

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

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## Saturday, February 3, 2024

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## **Monday, February 5, 2024**

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

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## **Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

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### **Brantford Native Housing**

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 6 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

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### **Senior Storywriters**

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## Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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## Alzheimer Society Social Café

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## **Thursday, February 8, 2024**

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## **Grand River Book Club**

Date and Time: Thursday, February 8 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 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. 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

## **Tech Time @ St. Paul**

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## **A Place to Be**

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Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

## **Black History Month: An Evening with Antonio Michael Downing/John Orpheus**

Date and Time: Thursday, February 8 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us as we welcome author and musician Antonio Michael Downing/John Orpheus. Antonio's Novel Saga Boy was shortlisted for the 2021 Speaker's Book Award and longlisted for the 2021 Toronto Book Award. Antonio Michael Downing began his writing career with the novella MOLASSES in 2010 (Blaurock Press) and followed this up with his critically acclaimed memoir SAGA BOY in 2021 (Penguin Random House / Milkweed Editions). Antonio will sing songs, read from his writing, and give a short talk. Refreshments will be provided and wine can be purchased at this 19+ event. Online registration has now closed. Please call the Library to register: 519-756-2220

## **Friday, February 9, 2024**

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## Community Connections

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## Saturday, February 10, 2024

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## Sunday, February 11, 2024

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

Date and Time: Sunday, February 11 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](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more info and an orientation.

## **Monday, February 12, 2024**

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

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## **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

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## Introduction to 3D Design and Printing

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 13 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Learn the basics of 3D design while creating your own simple 3D object. We'll show you how using free online software as well as how to prepare and submit your design to be printed at the Library. Basic computer skills required. Registration opens January 15.

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## Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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## Human Trafficking: NFB Movie - Avenue Zero, Canada's Human Trafficking Shame

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 14 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

This true crime documentary from the National Film Board of Canada features candid interviews with victims, witnesses and perpetrators of human trafficking. Avenue Zero weaves a spellbinding portrait of a dark and sinister trade flourishing in the shadows of the law. Registration opens December 27. Other programs in the series include: Survivor's Perspective (January 17) and Safety, Security and Family Supports (January 31). Please note that you must register for each program separately.

## Thursday, February 15, 2024

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## **Black History Month: Gospel Music is Alive and Well in Canada with Karen Burke**

Date and Time: Thursday, February 15 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join Karen Burke in this live and interactive experience exploring the history and sounds of gospel music. A native of Brantford, Karen's roots in gospel music were nurtured in Drake Memorial Church, named after her great-grandfather and located in Brantford on Murray St. Come and discover the joy of gospel music! Registration begins December 27.

## Friday, February 16, 2024

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## **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

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### **Design with Air Dry Clay (Follow-Along Video)**

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 20 9:30 am

Address: Online

Design your own Origami Ring holder using air dry clay. Simply follow along with this instructional video to make your canoe-shaped ring holder. Great to keep for yourself or give away as a gift. Pick up Take-and-Make Kits for all the supplies you need. Available February 20 at Main and St Paul, while supplies last.

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# Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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## Seniors@ BPL: Meet the Chief - A Discussion with Brantford's Chief of Police

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 21 2:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Concerned about safety in our city? Specifically, the downtown area? On February 21st, join us as we welcome Brantford's police Chief Robert A. Davis, who will discuss the measures the Police force is taking to keep our city safe and how we can protect ourselves.

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

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 21 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, February 22, 2024

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## Service Canada Outreach Specialist

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## Book a Librarian

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## Friday, February 23, 2024

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## Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, February 23 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, February 23 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, February 24, 2024

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## Sunday, February 25, 2024

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

Date and Time: Sunday, February 25 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](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more info and an orientation.

## **Monday, February 26, 2024**

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### **Tech Time**

Date and Time: Monday, February 26 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, February 26 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. 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 opens December 22.

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

Date and Time: Monday, February 26 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.

## Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 27 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.

## Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 27 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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## Brantford Bookworms

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 27 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](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more information.

# Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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## Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 28 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.

## Book a Librarian

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# Thursday, February 29, 2024

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## Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, February 29 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.

## Book a Librarian

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## **A Place to Be**

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## **Black History Month: Art and Soul with Nicole**

Date and Time: Thursday, February 29 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Celebrate Black History Month with an Art and Wine event with Nicole Alexander. Nicole is a self-taught visual artist whose works in the mediums of oil, acrylic, and watercolour reflect a unique Afro-Caribbean vibe. Join Nicole for an art lesson, sip some wine, and enjoy some soothing music at this 19+ event. Attendees will receive a free canvas and paint at the workshop. Let your creativity flow! Registration opens December 27.

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