

Monday, February 1, 2021

Juice Box Book Talks

Date and Time: Monday, February 1 12:15 a.m.

Event Location: Online

Parents and kids will love this monthly podcast covering books for kids grades 1-8. Hosted by Liana and Laura of the Brantford Public Library, each podcast will be accompanied by a list of links to the books/eBooks/Audiobooks in our catalogue. This means you can download it straight to your phone or place a hold on it to pick up at our Main or St. Paul Branch right away.

Check out all the episodes on the [Juice Box book Talks](#) page.

Virtual Storytime

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Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Healthy You - Virtual Workshop Series

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 2 01:00 p.m.

Event Location: Online

An 8-week lifestyle program that uses a non-diet approach to help you reach and maintain a healthier version of you! Supported in partnership with County of Brant Public Library. Topics include self-assessment, nutrition, meal planning, and community resources.

Call 519-442-9834 to register directly. Space is limited.

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Speakers' School - An Online Workshop Series

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 3 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Event Location: Online

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Thursday, February 4, 2021

ID Clinics - Cancelled Due to COVID

Date and Time: Thursday, February 4 09:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Event Location: 173 Colborne Street

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Do you need help getting government I.D.?

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No appointment necessary, first come first served.

This program is provided through a partnership with: Brantford Public Library, Brant County Health Unit, Community Legal Clinic and Grand River Community Health Care.

Thursday Night Author Talk - Finding Freedom on the Grand: Brantford's Early African Canadian Community

Date and Time: Thursday, February 4 07:00 p.m.

Event Location: Online

In celebration of Black History Month, Karolyn Smardz Frost will discuss Brantford's early African Canadian community and share stories of escaped slaves who found freedom in Canada. She will be joined by Lawrence Jackson, grandson of Albert Jackson, Toronto's first Black Postman.

This program will offer insight and knowledge into the history of black people in Ontario and the Brantford/Brant areas.

Click "Register Online" to register now!

Karolyn Smardz Frost Bio

Karolyn Smardz Frost is an archaeologist, historian and award-winning author specializing in African Canadian/African American transnationalism. She holds a PhD in History (Race, Slavery and Imperialism), and is an Affiliated Scholar at SUNY Buffalo and an adjunct professor at Acadia and Dalhousie Universities. The former vice-chair of the Toronto Historical Board, she also served as the Executive Director of the Ontario Historical Society. In 2012-2013, Dr. Frost was the Bicentennial Visiting Professor for Canadian Studies at Yale University.

A pioneer in public archaeology, Karolyn's 1985 excavation of Canada's first Underground Railroad site, the home of Kentucky freedom-seekers Lucie (Ruthie) and Thornton Blackburn, made history. She spent more than 20 years researching their experiences in slavery and freedom. Her 2007 biography of the couple, *I've Got a Home in Glory Land: A Lost Tale of the Underground Railroad*, received several historical and writing prizes. It remains the only book on African Canadian history ever to win Canada's top literary honor, the Governor-General's Literary Award for Non-Fiction.

Co-author of *The Underground Railroad: Next Stop, Toronto!* (2002) and co-editor of *The Archaeology Education Handbook: Sharing the Past with Kinds* (2000); *Ontario's African-Canadian Past* (2008) and the Canada-US collaborative volume, *A Fluid Frontier: Slavery, Resistance and the Underground Railroad in the Detroit River Borderland* (2016), Karolyn is widely sought after as a speaker and storyteller. She co-authored the first required African Canadian social studies curriculum within the Toronto school system. Karolyn is currently exploring direct connections between slavery and the founding of King's College, Nova Scotia.

Karolyn's most recent book, *Steal Away Home* (2017), tells the story of fifteen-year-old Cecelia Jane Reynolds who made her dramatic escape from Louisville slaveowners, via the elegant Cataract House hotel at Niagara Falls, New York. The pilot for a five-part mini-series based on *Steal Away Home* is being scripted by Conquering Lion Productions (Book of Negroes), and *I've Got a Home in Glory Land* is under option for a major documentary film.

Karolyn is a Toronto native, but now divides her time between her Wolfville, Nova Scotia, home and a cottage on the province's beautiful Mahone Bay.

Monday, February 8, 2021

The Stress Effect: A Video Series

Date and Time: Monday, February 8 12:15 a.m.

Event Location: Online

Follow Brad Mears, Recreational Therapist, as he explores the subject of stress through a three part video series. Learn how to identify and manage stress in both daily life and times of upheaval.

Videos will be posted on January 11, 25 and February 8. Check out the [Home Based Activities page](#) for updates, or the [Laughter is the Stress Relief](#) playlist.

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Lifescapes Memoir Writing Workshops

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 9 02:30 p.m.

Event Location: Online

Lifescapes is a memoir writing program designed to help aspiring writers think and write about their life experiences.

Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca if you are motivated and ready to join us mid-season.

All participants are encouraged to submit stories for inclusion in the next Lifescapes anthology.

Please note: all meetings are currently held online, through Zoom. Computer or telephone access is required to participate.

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Speakers' School - An Online Workshop Series

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 10 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Help Your Kids Learn to Code - Follow Along Video

Date and Time: Monday, February 15 12:15 a.m.

Event Location: Online

Learn about resources available at the Library that you can use to help your kids learn and develop coding skills. In this video we'll show you the basics of items you can borrow with your Library card and discuss how they encourage and support your child's learning.

CANCELLED - Seniors @BPL Presents: Cooking for One, with Denise Crabb - Follow along video

Date and Time: Monday, February 15 12:15 a.m.

Event Location: Online

Making nutritious, economical and easy-to-prepare meals can be a challenge for everyone, especially seniors, and especially during a pandemic. Join Denise Crabb of the Brant County Health Unit, for practical information on creating healthy and satisfying food.

The Healthy Living Series aims to provide adults and seniors with knowledge on living a healthier lifestyle. With COVID precautions the new normal, living a healthy lifestyle looks different than what it once was. Our speakers will provide knowledge on various health, diet and exercise tips for living in the new normal.

Check out the [Home Based Activities page](#) on February 15 for a link to the video. More videos from the Library are available on the [Library's YouTube channel!](#)

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Healthy You - Virtual Workshop Series

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Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Speakers' School - An Online Workshop Series

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 17 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Monday, February 22, 2021

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Lipstick Heart Decor - Follow-Along Video

Date and Time: Monday, February 22 12:15 a.m.

Event Location: Online

Join Chris and learn how to make a Lipstick Heart Decor!

This event will be available as a pre-recorded follow-along video. Check out the [Home Based Activities page](#) for this activity and other activities.

New activities will be available on Mondays.

If you have a suggestion for a virtual program, or would like to provide feedback, [please fill out our survey](#).

Live Virtual Storytime

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Event Location: Online

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Community Conscious: A Virtual Literary Salon

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 23 07:00 p.m.

Event Location: Online

It's an online book club with a twist! We're reading books that inspire reflection and pair well with wine.

Each month, join Carrie Sinkowski (Community Legal Clinic - Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk) and special guests for an enjoyable evening of exploring themes of social justice and connecting literature to local community.

Upcoming featured titles:

- February 23 – Little Fires Everywhere, by Celeste Ng
- March 23 – The Glass Hotel, by Emily St. John Mandel
- April 27 – Born a Crime, by Trevor Noah

For added dimension, Burning Kiln Winery and Instagram sommelier Somm on a Dime will confer to recommend a wine pairing for each book. Interested participants have the option of ordering directly from Burning Kiln, with free shipping and a discount available when purchasing a three-month package. And all attendees have the chance to win an overnight stay at the historic Burning Kiln Farmhouse in St. Williams, Ontario!

About participation:

- One-time registration is required for access to and updates about our monthly meetings on Zoom. There is no cost to participate. Just come prepared with a curious mind, insights to share, and respect for difficult topics and different life experiences!
- The library can offer a limited number of book club copies to borrow in the weeks leading up to each meeting, in addition to regularly circulating books, ebooks, and audiobooks. Register early to request information about this service.
- Participation in the wine program is optional and self-directed. You will be contacted after registration with details and recommendations.

About Carrie

Carrie Sinkowski has been the Community Developer at the CLC-Brant Haldimand Norfolk since 2016, and prior to this position, she was the Community Developer for the Sexual Assault Centre of Brant since her graduation from her Masters in Labour Studies in 2002. From time to time, Carrie teaches community development courses at the post secondary level, and credits her small town living for providing her with opportunities to develop her community capacity building skills.



Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Speakers' School - An Online Workshop Series

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Financial Retirement Series - Live Zoom Webinar

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 24 02:00 p.m.

Event Location: Online

Join Amanda Martin (Credit Counselling Society) to learn about ways to increase income, reduce expenses and debt, and manage your money.

January 27 - 10 Steps to Retire Without Debt

February 24 - Living Well on Retirement Income

March 24 - Death, Taxes & Beyond

Thursday, February 25, 2021

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