

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

John Ware Reclaimed: Film Screening (BPL Monthly Film Series)

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 1 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us for three timely, relevant, and engaging films, to be shown on a loop in our second-floor open space. No registration required, just drop in! Snacks provided (while supplies last).

Just in time for Black History Month, John Ware Reclaimed follows filmmaker Cheryl Foggo on her quest to re-examine the mythology of John Ware, the black cowboy who settled in Alberta before the turn of the 20th century.

Released: 2020

Length: 72 mins

Language: English, with subtitles

Description: Foggo's research uncovers the man behind the icon, and explores his legacy through the lens of racism (past and present).

Also in this series:

March 8 - In Full Voice (Saïda Ouchaou-Ozarowski)

April 20 - Borealis (Kevin McMahon)

Genealogy Club

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Are you interested in genealogy or local history? Have you been researching your family history, and running in to dead ends? Perhaps you're simply looking to connect with others in your community to share and discuss your findings.

Drop in and join the conversation! This program is for history enthusiasts of all skill levels and experience.

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A Practical Introduction to Landlord/Tenant Rights (Part I of Navigating Housing Series)

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Home is supposed to be a refuge, a place of safety and comfort, but for many of us housing has become a source of worry and stress. Could you benefit from insight into the realities of owning or renting a home in Brantford? Join us for perspectives from local legal and accessibility experts in this two-part informational series.

A Practical Introduction to Landlord/Tenant Rights will be presented by Michael Dow (Staff Lawyer, [Community Legal Clinic – Haldimand, Brant, Norfolk](#)).

Registration required. Please note that this session is for general information only and does not constitute legal advice. **Registration begins December 12.**

Also in series:

March 15 – The Housing Crisis: A Local Perspective, featuring Linda Hunt (CEO, [Accessibility Solutions](#)).

Thursday, February 2, 2023

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A Place to Be

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, February 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, February 3, 2023

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Cancelled - Yoga

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Yoga at the Main Branch is cancelled on this date.

Community Connections

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Saturday, February 4, 2023

Raising Readers Video Series

Date and Time: Saturday, February 4 9:30 am

Address: Online

Raising Readers is a five-part video series that presents literacy tips to parents and caregivers who want to promote

ote reading at home. New videos are uploaded to the Library's YouTube channel.

brantfordlibrary.ca/raisingreaders

Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, February 4 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Members of the Brantford Chess Club offer basic instruction and tips on how to improve your game during this drop-in event. Held on the following Saturdays: January 20, February 3, February 17, March 2, March 16, March 30, April 13, April 27.

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Building Bridges Youth Group

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

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Ages 14 - 29 welcome.

Come out and have your community voice heard!

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

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

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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.

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Expectant and New Mothers Network: Infant Massage

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 7 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Parents, caregivers, and their pre-crawling infants are invited to join our CPNP facilitator to engage in a warm, nurturing, bonding experience through touch. This program is a great way to socialize with other families, learn about the many benefits of infant massage, ask questions, and support your baby's physical health and well-being.

g. Families that want to review are welcome to attend. **To register, or for more information, please call (519) 209-3462 or email cpnp@niwasa.ca.**

Lifescapes

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 7 2:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

What are your stories? Are you ready to tell them?

We meet biweekly from fall until spring for instruction and peer support, then publish an annual anthology of short memoirs every summer. For more information and to register, contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca.

Featured topics and resources will be updated on the [Lifescapes page](#).

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Grand River Book Club

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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.

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

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Yoga in the Library

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

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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.

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Saturday, February 11, 2023

Stay and Make Club

Date and Time: Saturday, February 11 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

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On the second Saturday of each month, come in for the Stay and Make Club at the Main Branch! Supplies will be available to complete a unique hands-on activity.

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D & D Campaign

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Dungeons & Dragons is back at Brantford Public Library! Registration is required. This group is for ages 10-16. No experience required.

D&D is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game which lets players create their own character, use their imagination, interact with other characters, and make decisions to overcome challenges. An experienced Dungeon Master (DM) will guide you through the game, serve as referee and storyteller, and keep you engaged in a linked series of adventures (commonly referred to as a "campaign").

This program is currently full. Please email pdoliska@brantfordlibrary.ca to be added to the waiting list.

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, February 12 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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 for more info and an orientation.

Monday, February 13, 2023

Valentine's Day Mason Jar (Craft for Adults) - Prerecorded Follow-Along Video

Date and Time: Monday, February 13 12:15 am

Address: Online

Embrace the romantic spirit of Valentine's Day by painting and distressing mason jars. Make the perfect vase for you or a loved one to enjoy flowers!

Check out the [Home-Based Activities](#) page for a link to the video. More recommendation videos are available on the Brantford Public Library [YouTube channel](#).

Take & Make Kits will be available at the Main Branch on February 13 and the St. Paul Branch on February 14, while supplies last.

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Date and Time: Monday, February 13 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Students in Grades 3 through 8 can drop-in for homework help with a university student volunteer from the Laurier Students for Literacy Club.

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Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

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Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Juice Box Book Talks Podcast

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 14 9:30 am

Address: 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/Audio books 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 episodes on the Library's website. New podcasts monthly.

brantfordlibrary.ca/juicebox

Expectant and New Mothers Network: Infant Massage

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 14 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Parents, caregivers, and their pre-crawling infants are invited to join our CPNP facilitator to engage in a warm, nurturing, bonding experience through touch. This program is a great way to socialize with other families, learn about the many benefits of infant massage, ask questions, and support your baby's physical health and well-being. Families that want to review are welcome to attend. **To register, or for more information, please call (519) 209-3462 or email cpnp@niwasa.ca.**

Homework Help Drop-In (Grades 3-8)

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 14 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Book Buddies (Grades 2 to 6)

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 14 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Reading Club (Grades 7 and 8)

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 14 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street and Online

Students in Grades 7 and 8, will meet once a week to read a novel and participate in comprehension activities. Students will be matched into a small group based on reading level.

This program runs from Monday to Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Main Branch.

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Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 14 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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- Using the Internet
- Using online databases
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- Finding books
- Research tips
- Family history research

One-on-one sessions will be held at our Main Branch.

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Kids Night Out

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 14 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Kids ages 6 - 12 can drop-in at Main on Tuesday nights for hands-on activities and explore challenges with science, technology, engineering, art and math. We invite you to challenge your brain critically and creatively!

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Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Reading Club (Grades 7 and 8)

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 15 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Students in Grades 7 and 8, will meet once a week to read a novel and participate in comprehension activities. Students will be matched into a small group based on reading level.

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Book Buddies (Grades 2 to 6)

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Kids Night Out (St. Paul)

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 15 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Kids ages 6 - 12 can drop in at St. Paul on Wednesday nights for hands-on activities and explore challenges with science, technology, engineering, art and math. We invite you to challenge your brain critically and creatively!

What Makes a Serial Killer? A Conversation with Mary McCluskey

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 15 6:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

True crime enthusiasts are invited to join us for a presentation by Mary McCluskey, an instructor in the [Criminology department at Wilfrid Laurier University](#), who will discuss the psychological aspects of what makes someone a serial murderer and the public's fascination with criminal activity.

Registration begins December 12.

Brantford Public Library Author Series: Featuring Heather O'Neill

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 15 7:00 pm

Address: Online

Join us for a live online discussion with one of Canada's premiere authors!

On February 15 we welcome Heather O'Neill for a live, interactive webinar-style broadcast.

Registration is required. Click the register button to sign up. You will receive updates and information on how to attend through Zoom closer to the date of the event.

Registration begins December 12.

About Heather O'Neill:

Heather is a novelist, short-story writer, and essayist. Her most recent bestselling novel, [The Lonely Hearts Hotel](#), won the Paragraphe Hugh MacLennan Prize for Fiction and was longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction and CBC's Canada Reads. Her previous work, including *Lullabies for Little Criminals*, *The Girl Who Was Saturday Night*, and *Daydreams of Angels*, has won Canada Reads and the Danuta Gleed Literary Award and has been shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction, the Orange Prize for Fiction, and the Scotiabank Giller Prize.

Heather will join us from her hometown of Montreal, where she currently lives and raises a daughter.

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, February 16 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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Come play with us as we learn and explore through art, music, physical movement and sensory play to build imagination, language, social relationships, growth and development.

All babies and children from birth to age six and their parents/caregivers are welcome to join us at the Main Branch for a free play and inquiry-based program.

Fun activities will include messy art, storytelling, and a group song circle. We might get messy and we might get loud, but we will always have fun!

This is a drop-in program. No registration is required.

A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, February 16 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, February 16 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.

An Art and Wine Evening with Nicole Alexander

Date and Time: Thursday, February 16 6:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Celebrate Black History Month by supporting local black businesses! Nicole Alexander is a self-taught visual artist whose works in the mediums of oil, acrylic, and watercolour reflect a unique AfroCaribbean vibe. Join Nicole for an art lesson, sip some wine and enjoy some soothing music. Attendees will receive a free canvas and paint at the workshop.

Wine will cost extra.

Registration begins December 12.

Learn more about Nicole on her [Facebook page](#).

Friday, February 17, 2023

Book a Librarian

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Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, February 17 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 17 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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

St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, February 17 2:00 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.

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Upcoming titles:

January - [The Measure of a Man](#) by Sidney Poitier

February - [A Man Called Ove](#) by Fredrik Backman

March - [Behold the Dreamers](#) by Imbolo Mbue

April - [Greenwood](#) by Michael Christie

May - [A Good Girl's Guide to Murder](#) by Holly Jackson

June - [The Thursday Murder Club](#) by Richard Osman

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Saturday, February 18 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, February 18 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Members of the Brantford Chess Club offer basic instruction and tips on how to improve your game during this drop-in event. Held on the following Saturdays: January 20, February 3, February 17, March 2, March 16, March 30, April 13, April 27.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Expectant and New Mothers Network: Circle of Security

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 21 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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- Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem
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To register, or for more information, please call (519) 209-3574 or email capc@niwasa.ca.

Cancelled - Tuesday Afternoon Book Club

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Lifescapes

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 21 2:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

What are your stories? Are you ready to tell them?

We meet biweekly from fall until spring for instruction and peer support, then publish an annual anthology of short memoirs every summer. For more information and to register, contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca.

Featured topics and resources will be updated on the [Lifescapes page](#).

Book a Librarian

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Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Computer Basics

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 22 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Brant Skills Centre instructors will teach you the basics of using a computer.

February 22 - Computer Basics

March 1 - Internet Basics

March 8 - Online Storage

Registration begins December 12.

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 22 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Thursday, February 23, 2023

Parker's Project Open House - POSTPONED

Date and Time: Thursday, February 23 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Visit the Parker's Project Open House at the Main Branch of the Brantford Public Library on Thursday, February 23.

All parents are welcome to come on their own or bring their entire family. There will be warm drinks and snacks available and a lot of information on Parker's Project and other resources available around the city.

There are three time slots available to attend. Email parkersproject@woodview.ca to register for your preferred time slot. Walk-ins are also welcome!

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Finding Your Balanced Diet - POSTPONED TO MARCH 2

Date and Time: Thursday, February 23 2:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Registered dietician Melissa Siegel, from the [Grand River Community Health Centre](#), will speak about maintaining health with a balanced diet (and what that means).

Also in this series:

March 23 -- **A Customized Self-Care Plan Workshop**, with Magdalena Bentia, [Grand River Community Health Centre](#)

April 13 -- **Muscle and Joint Health** ([Holistic Healing Arts Centre](#))

April 27 -- **The Health Implications of Inflammation, Stress, Lifestyle, and Nutrition** ([Holistic Healing Arts Centre](#))

Registration begins December 12.

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Friday, February 24, 2023

Book a Librarian

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Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, February 24 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 24 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 25, 2023

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Saturday, February 25 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, February 25 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Dungeons & Dragons is back at Brantford Public Library! Registration is required. This group is for ages 10-16. No experience required.

D&D is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game which lets players create their own character, use their imagination, interact with other characters, and make decisions to overcome challenges. An experienced Dungeon Master (DM) will guide you through the game, serve as referee and storyteller, and keep you engaged in a linked series of adventures (commonly referred to as a "campaign").

This program is currently full. Please email pdoliska@brantfordlibrary.ca to be added to the waiting list.

An Exploration of Art with Art For All

Date and Time: Saturday, February 25 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come join us for an afternoon of solo and collaborative art-making, using a medley of paint, pastels, beads, and more. All skill levels and ages welcome.

Sunday, February 26, 2023

CBC Music Jam Squad

Date and Time: Sunday, February 26 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

For ages 8-13. One parent or guardian must accompany each participant.

CBC Music's Jam Squad is coming to Brantford Public Library on February 26! In a 60-minute workshop, the Jam Squad will help you create music in GarageBand. Tablets will be provided, all you need is your creativity! This workshop is brought to you by [CBC Music](#). Register at <https://form.jotform.com/jamsquad/registration>

Three sessions to choose from on Sunday, Feb. 26:

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

4-5 p.m.

Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, February 26 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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 for more info and an orientation.

Monday, February 27, 2023

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, February 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!

This program is a live, in-person event to be held at the Main Library in accordance with all applicable COVID guidelines, including physical distancing and the wearing of face coverings.

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Expectant and New Mothers Network: Circle of Security

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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- Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

To register, or for more information, please call (519) 209-3574 or email capc@niwasa.ca.

Create a Custom Wood Sign (Group 1)

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

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us for a two-part workshop where you will first learn how to use the Library's Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter to create a stencil design, and then use that design to customize a small wood sign! All materials provided. In Part One of this series, learn the basics of creating designs using Silhouette Studios software and create a custom stencil design for your sign. In Part Two of this series, use your design from Part One to customize your very own small wood sign to take home. Participants in Part One will automatically be registered to return for Part Two. **Registered**

Registration begins December 12.

Reading Club (Grades 7 and 8)

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street and Online

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Homework Help Drop-In (Grades 3-8)

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Students in Grades 3 through 8 can drop-in for homework help with a university student volunteer from the Laurier Students for Literacy Club.

The program runs Mondays and Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Main Branch and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. online through Zoom.

Email lsflclub@gmail.com for registration information for one-on-one tutoring.

Book Buddies (Grades 2 to 6)

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Struggling readers, Grades 2 to 6, will be paired with a university student volunteer from the Laurier Students for Literacy Club. A regular weekly meeting time will be assigned for this one-on-one session. We also offer sibling groups, so more than one child can be paired with a buddy.

The program will run Monday to Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Main Branch as well as online via Zoom.

Email lsflclub@gmail.com for more information. Registration is required.

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28 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
- Using online databases
- Accessing our digital collection and online tools
- Searching and using our online catalogue
- Finding books
- Research tips
- Family history research

One-on-one sessions will be held at our Main Branch.

Note: Library staff are unable to assist with troubleshooting personal computers/laptops, installing software, typing documents and forms and online purchases.

Kids Night Out

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Kids ages 6 - 12 can drop-in at Main on Tuesday nights for hands-on activities and explore challenges with science, technology, engineering, art and math. We invite you to challenge your brain critically and creatively!

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28 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 Bookworms

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 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 for more information.

Create a Custom Wood Sign (Group 2)

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us for a two-part program where you will first learn how to use the Library's Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter to create a stencil design, and then use that design to customize a small wood sign! All materials provided. In Part One of this series, learn the basics of creating designs using Silhouette Studios software and create a custom stencil design for your sign. In Part Two of this series, use your design from Part One to customize your very own small wood sign to take home. Participants in Part One will automatically be registered to return for Part Two. **Registered**

Registration begins December 12.