

Monday, April 5, 2021

Juice Box Book Talks

Date and Time: Monday, April 5 12:15 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/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.

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Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Lifescapes Memoir Writing Workshops

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 6 02:30 pm

Address: Online

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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.

Monday, April 12, 2021

PJ Party

Date and Time: Monday, April 12 12:15 am

Address: Online

Put on your PJs and join us!

We'll make sleep masks, gratitude journals, and share other engaging activities to make, do and play at home! Pick-up a kit that has the supplies to make sleep masks, journals and more! You can also download a copy of the [Gratitude Journal](#).

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Be The Change: The easy guide to cooking vegan/vegetarian - Follow Along Video

Date and Time: Monday, April 12 12:15 am

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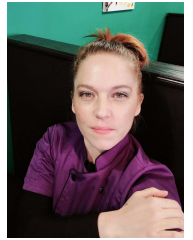
Join Rebecca Bate from Bistro Seven Restaurant in Brantford as she gives advice on preparing healthy, nutritious Vegan meals.

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 April 12 for a link to the video. More videos from the Library are available on the [Library's YouTube channel](#)!

Rebecca Bate Bio

Rebecca Bate owner and chef of Bistro 7 Eatery located in Brantford Ontario. A 20 year veteran at being vegan and cooking. A mother of 7 children. She has her master in health and fitness as well as sports nutrition. My passion is fueling the body with wholesome amazing foods. Finding the healthy spin on naughty foods is my specialty.



Discover Brantford with Rags

Date and Time: Monday, April 12 12:15 am

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Our storytime mascot Rags is taking an adventure around Brantford for the Spring Break.

See if you can guess where he is, and then learn about all the fun things you can do year-round in our own community! Don't miss our furry friend discovering fun, free and family-friendly places, and pick up an Activity Kit at the library with lots of fun activities to make your own fun with Rags at home!

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Connect with Letters, LED Cards & Artist Trading Cards

Date and Time: Monday, April 12 12:15 am

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Connecting with friends and family is always important but it is especially important if you're spending less time together in person.

Letter writing is a great way to be thoughtful, get creative and best of all connect. We'll help you get started writing your first letter!

Letters aren't the only thing you can send in the mail to connect with family and friends!

Have you ever heard of an Artist Trading Card? Learn what they are, how they work and how you can create Artist Trading Cards to send to a friend.

Greeting cards are another great way to connect and Amy's LED cards are extra special so you don't need a special occasion to send one. Follow along as we show you how to create a light up card to send some socially

distanced love.

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Creature Creations in “The Fabled Stables”

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Laura will be reading the first chapter of Willa the Wisp by March Break featured author Jonathan Auxier and illustrated by Olga Demidova.

This is the first book in Jonathan Auxier’s new emergent reader chapter book series “The Fables Stables.” There will be a craft activity kit to accompany the chapter reading in which children will be able to create their own one-of-a-kind creatures at home, with prompts and ideas from Laura.

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Virtual Author Visit with Nadia L. Hohn

Date and Time: Monday, April 12 10:30 am - 11:15 am

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Join us for a virtual author visit with Nadia L. Hohn!

Author of Malaika's Costume and Malaika's Winter Carnivale, Nadia L. Hohn will lead a fun and interactive virtual presentation followed by time for kids’ questions! Click the register button to sign up!

Registration is open until April 9, 2021. Registrants will receive a Zoom link and instructions on how to attend sent by email on April 10, 2021.

Missed the registration deadline? Email jrunstedler@brantfordlibrary.ca for a Zoom link to this virtual event.

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Dog Man Trivia

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 14 02:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Address: Online

Calling all Supa Buddies!

Help us celebrate the release of the 10th Dog Man book by Dav Pilkey with Dog Man Trivia!

Click the register button to sign up!

Registration is open until April 12, 2021. Registrants will receive an email on April 13, 2021 with information on how to join the Zoom event.

Part of our Spring Break activities!

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Missed the registration deadline? Email aflaherty@brantfordlibrary.ca for a Zoom link to this virtual event.

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Virtual Author Visit with Jonathan Auxier

Date and Time: Saturday, April 17 02:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Address: Online

Join us for a virtual author visit with Jonathan Auxier!

Author of favourite middle grade book [Sweep](#) and the new [Fabled Stables](#) series, Jonathan Auxier, writes fantastical stories that resonate with readers of all ages. During this virtual author visit, readers will learn about Jonathan Auxier's books and have a chance to ask questions too!

Click the register button to sign up! Registration is open until April 15, 2021. Registrants will receive a Zoom link and instructions on how to attend sent by email on April 16, 2021.

Missed the registration deadline? Email awoodhouse@brantfordlibrary.ca for a Zoom link to this virtual event.

Monday, April 19, 2021

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Address: Online

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Adult Recommended Reads - Video Upload

Date and Time: Monday, April 19 12:15 am

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Join Alana as she discusses her favorite books.

For more book recommendations, check out our [Reading Recommendations page](#).

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Wellness Book club – Online discussion - CANCELLED

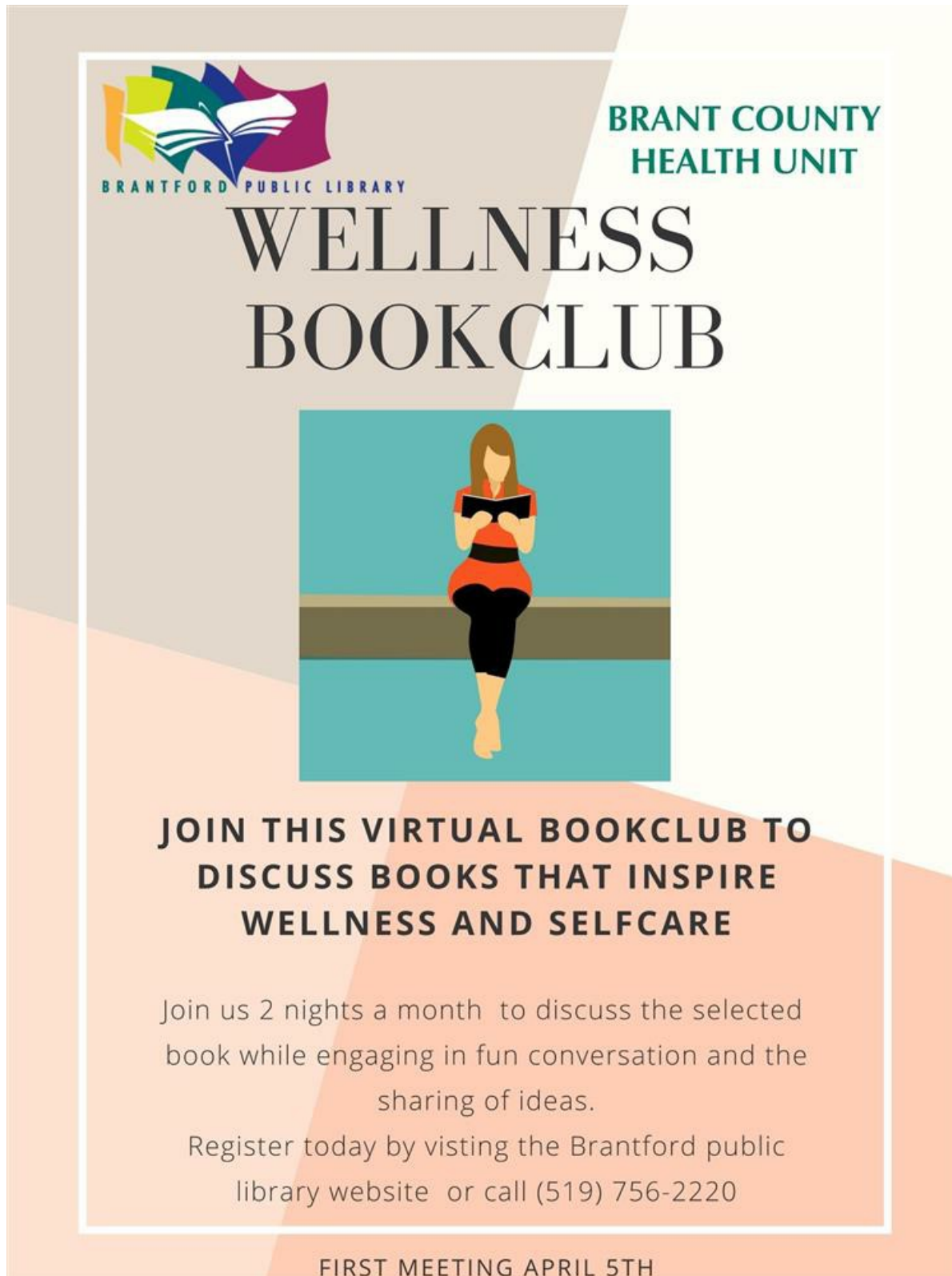
Date and Time: Monday, April 19 06:00 pm


Address: Online

Join Alana and Mandy (a Community Health Broker with Brant County Health Unit) in the virtual wellness book club. This book club selects a book every month that inspires discussion around wellness and self-care, with a bit of fun. We'll engage in fun conversation and exchange ideas on ways to integrate wellness, self-care and well-being into our daily lives.


Click "Register Online" to register now! After registering, you will receive updates and information on how to receive books and updates.

June - The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

A promotional poster for the Brantford Public Library Wellness Bookclub. The poster features a central illustration of a pregnant woman in a red top and black pants, sitting on a bench and reading a book. The background is a light beige with geometric shapes in shades of orange and teal. The Brantford Public Library logo is in the top left, and the Brant County Health Unit logo is in the top right. The title 'WELLNESS BOOKCLUB' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the illustration, there is text inviting people to join a virtual bookclub to discuss books that inspire wellness and selfcare. At the bottom, it states the first meeting is on April 5th.

 **BRANT COUNTY
HEALTH UNIT**

WELLNESS BOOKCLUB



**JOIN THIS VIRTUAL BOOKCLUB TO
DISCUSS BOOKS THAT INSPIRE
WELLNESS AND SELF CARE**

Join us 2 nights a month to discuss the selected book while engaging in fun conversation and the sharing of ideas.

Register today by visiting the Brantford public library website or call (519) 756-2220

FIRST MEETING APRIL 5TH

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

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Date and Time: Tuesday, April 20 02:30 pm

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Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Cautious Consumerism – Online Workshop

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 21 02:00 pm

Address: Online

Amanda Martin from the Credit Counselling Society will inform participants about ways to avoid the most common scams and fraud in Canada today. She will also explain the process of what to do if you become a victim of identity theft.

This workshop will take place on Zoom. After registering, you will receive an email the day before the workshop with information to access the workshop.

Monday, April 26, 2021

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Puff Ball Bunny - Follow-Along Video

Date and Time: Monday, April 26 12:15 am

Address: Online

Join Chris and learn how to make a Puff Ball Bunny!

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](#).

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Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Community Conscious: A Virtual Literary Salon

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 27 07:00 pm

Address: 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.



Thursday, April 29, 2021

Thursday Night Author Series ft. Karen McBride - Live Zoom Webinar

Date and Time: Thursday, April 29 07:00 pm

Address: Online

Join us for live online discussions with some of our country's hottest authors!

The April 29th event features author Karen McBride. Registration is required. Click the register button to sign up. Once you do, you will receive updates and information on how to attend through Zoom closer to the date of the event.

Karen is Algonquin Anishnaabe from the Timiskaming First Nation in the territory that is now Quebec. Growing up on the Rez meant the bush was her backyard and that backyard became all manner of places: Middle-earth, Hyrule, a world populated by zombies, and all things in between. She loves to write stories about truth and healing, but mostly about magic and myth. She hopes to continue to explore the themes and lessons taught to her through the oral tradition of her elders and ancestors. Her debut novel, *Crow Winter*, was shortlisted for the Ottawa Book Awards, the PMC Indigenous Literature Award, and the Sunburst Award for Canadian Literature of the Fantastic. She currently lives in Ottawa with her sister and their handsome little dog, Oscar

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