

Monday, May 1, 2023

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

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

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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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Guitar Society of Brantford Spring Concert

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The Guitar Society of Brantford invites you to an afternoon of music at the Brantford Public Library! Come hear Star Wars Medley by John Williams as arranged by Angela Churchill, La Loup, la Chevre, et le Chou by Annette Kruisbrink, 7 Dances which combines music dance styles from all over the world, Chamber Concerto RV 93 by Vivaldi, and some great solos.

Monday, May 8, 2023

Beeswax Food Wrap (Craft for Adults): Follow Along Video

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

Address: Online

Watch and learn how to make an environmentally friendly (and chic) reuseable food wrap out of fabric and bees wax. Follow-along video posted Monday, May 8 at brantfordlibrary.ca/crafting.

Take and Make kits will be available while supplies last at the Main Branch on May 8 and the St. Paul Branch on May. 9

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Juice Box Book Talks Podcast

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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 episodes on the Library's website. New podcasts monthly.

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Do you write poetry for fun? Are you a poet or aspiring poet in Brantford who is looking for like-minded individuals? Join us to share your poems on open poetry days, and enjoy the occasional presentation and discussion. Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca before your first visit for more information on participating.

[Register to attend](#)

Royalty Attends Brantford: A Presentation by Brian Moore

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Recognize the coronation of King Charles III by joining the Seniors@BPL committee for a presentation by Brian Moore (Brant Historical Society) that recounts various royal visits to Brantford/Brant from 1792-2010.

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Upcoming titles:

November 10 – [A Man Called Ove](#), by Fredrik Backman

December 8 – [Born on a Blue Day: A Memoir of Asperger's and An Extraordinary Mind](#), by Daniel Tammet

January 12 – [Firewall](#), by Henning Mankell

February 9 – [The Measure of a Man](#), by Sidney Portier

March 9 – [The Hound of the Baskervilles](#), by Arthur Conan Doyle

April 13 – [The Art of Racing in the Rain](#), by Garth Stein

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Saturday, May 13, 2023

Stay and Make Club

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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.

Kits available: December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 10.

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Chess Club

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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 7, January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15, April 29, May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24

D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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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").

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The first meeting to pick up the November selection and discuss future title selection will be on October 18. If you are interested in joining this book club and reserving your copy, please contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information.

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Kids Night Out (Main)

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 16 06:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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English Conversation Circles

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learn about Library services and talk about your community, culture and customs.

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Introduction to 3D Design and Printing (Makerspace Craft for Adults) - Live Workshop

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 16 06:30 p.m.

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Learn the basics of 3D design! We'll show you how to create a simple 3D object using free online software, and how to prepare and submit your design to be printed at the library. All materials supplied.

Please note that space for this program is very limited. If you wish to register more than two people from a family or group, please contact Amy at awoodhouse@brantfordlibrary.ca directly.

[Register for this event.](#)

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 17 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

In this weekly storytime hosted every Wednesday, preschoolers will develop a love for reading by learning easy rhymes, repeating phrases, exploring story props, and strengthening comprehension, together! Books from our collection will be carefully selected to help bring the learning home.

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

Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space

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No event May 24

Murder & Mystery Walking Tour

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 17 06:30 p.m.

Address: 65 Market Street

Follow the steps of true crime history in Brantford! Enjoy learning about local cases during this easy and informative walking tour created in partnership with the [Brant Historical Society](#).

Walking tour starts in Victoria Park.

The Tour is now fully registered. If you would like to be added to the waiting list please [click this link](#).

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Date and Time: Thursday, May 18 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, May 18 01:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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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 presented by Belonging Brant

Date and Time: Thursday, May 18 02:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, May 18 06:00 p.m.

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 19, 2023

Book a Librarian

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Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, May 19 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

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 19 02:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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, May 19 02:00 p.m.

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.

Upcoming titles:

September – [The Orphan Collector](#) by Ellen Marie Wiseman

October – [Deacon King Kong](#) by James McBride

November – [An Unsuitable Job for A Woman](#) by P.D. James

December – [The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry](#) by Rachel Joyce

January – [Five Little Indians](#) by Michelle Good

February – [Little Mercies](#) by Heather Gudenkauf

March – [The Rosie Project](#) by Graeme C. Simsion

April – [Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine](#) by Gail Honeyman

May – [Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace, One School at a Time](#) by Greg Mortenson

June – [If This is Your Land, Where Are Your Stories? Finding Common Ground](#) by J. Edward Chamberlin

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Discover Our MakerSpace Video Series

Date and Time: Saturday, May 20 09:30 a.m.

Address: Online

Discover Our MakerSpace is a five-part video series on some of the neat technology items you can borrow from our MakerSpace or use in-library! In each video, we will introduce a couple of items, demonstrate how to use them, and talk about significant people throughout history who work(ed) in fields like engineering, coding, and robotics. brantfordlibrary.ca/stemvideos

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Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Housing Search Computer Lab

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 23 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Address: 173 Colborne Street

This weekly program is open to all ages and incomes for housing search and rental income support.

Drop in - no registration is required. **Limited to nine spaces.**

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 23 01:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Preschoolers ages 3+ will enjoy this 8-week-long, kindergarten readiness program focusing on curriculum

milestones and social skills! Parents & caregivers must remain in the library and can observe through our glass children's program room! Register once for this 8-week session; the weekly program length is 45 minutes.

Registration begins March 20.

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Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Storytime at St. Paul

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Thursday, May 25, 2023

Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)

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Come Play! - EarlyON

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Friday, May 26, 2023

Book a Librarian

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Yoga in the Library

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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.

Community Connections

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

Saturday, May 27, 2023

CANCELLED - StoryJam LitFest

Date and Time: Saturday, May 27 09:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Address: 173 Colborne Street

-EVENT CANCELLED-

Youth ages 12-18 (along with an adult support person) can team up to participate in the inaugural StoryJam and create their own story.

Teams will meet at the Brantford Public Library beginning at 9 a.m. on May 27 and get four-and-a-half hours to develop and create their story.

Stories need to incorporate some sort of technology or digital tool. Once complete, the stories will be presented to a panel of judges that can provide feedback. Participation prizes will be provided to all teams.

Then, from 2:30-4 p.m., the public can visit the Main Branch to view the stories and meet the teams that have created them.

[Applications to participate in the StoryJam](#) will be accepted until May 19.

[Visit the StoryJam page for more information.](#)

D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, May 27 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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").

Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, May 27 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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 7, January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15, April 29, May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24

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Sunday, May 28, 2023

Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, May 28 02:00 p.m.

Address: Glenhyrst Gardens, 20 Ava Road

This group will meet at Glenhyrst Gardens for two months to play beginner to advanced songs on the ukulele. Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca to confirm what to bring and/or for directions.

Monday, May 29, 2023

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, May 29 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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.

Baby & Me Storytime

Date and Time: Monday, May 29 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join us every Monday for in-person rhymes, sensory development activities, motor skill methods, stories, and socializing among babies and caregivers. Books from our collection will be carefully selected with a particular theme in mind and available for borrowing.

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English Conversation Circles

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Tuesday, May 30, 2023

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Lifescapes

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 30 02:30 p.m.

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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Brantford Bookworms

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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.

Upcoming titles:

November – [February](#), by Lisa Moore

December – no meeting in December

January – [The Cutting Season](#)

February – TBD

March – TBD

April – TBD
May – TBD

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

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