

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Saturday, June 1 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, June 1 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

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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.

Monday, June 3, 2024

PA Day Crafts and Activities

Date and Time: Monday, June 3 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop by the children's area in the Main Branch for crafts and activities that will encourage kids to learn, play, and explore. While supplies last.

Tech Time

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Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, June 3 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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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Do It Like da Vinci!

Date and Time: Monday, June 3 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Kids ages 6 - 12 invited to participate in a fun, hands-on STEM workshop, at the Library! Leonardo da Vinci was an accomplished artist and skilled architect - and you can be too. Paint to explore solubility, absorption, and surface tension. Become an inventor by taking our structure-building challenge, and creating a catapult. Discover the joy of combining science and art. This program is being offered in collaboration with [Scientists in School](#).

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, June 3 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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Call 519-752-4568 ext.3645 for information.

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 4 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Join us every Tuesday 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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Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 4 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

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Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 5 10:30 am - 11:00 am

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The program will offer a range of activities, including art therapy, movie nights, and other recreation-based events. In addition to these activities, there will be workshops on various topics, including goal-setting, self-identity, and communication skills. The goal of these workshops is to provide youth with the tools and resources they need to navigate the challenges of adolescence and develop into well-rounded adults.

We also understand that each youth has unique needs and aspirations, which is why we have included the option for 1:1 support with a youth outreach worker. These workers will be available to provide guidance, advice, and support to any youth who may need it.

For more information, contact Megan (Youth in Transition Worker – megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca), or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker - yow.jess@wesley.ca)

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Thursday, June 6, 2024

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Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)

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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.

Financial Support for Caregivers: Maximizing Tax Benefits and EI Assistance

Date and Time: Thursday, June 6 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

This 45-minute information session offers a detailed overview of Employment Insurance (EI) Caregiving Benefits, providing financial aid to those assisting critically ill or injured individuals. Attendees will gain insight into the qualification process, benefit duration, required documentation, and support available, aiming to enhance understanding and assistance for those in need of critical care or end-of-life support.

These sessions are part of the Healthy Aging Passport Program with the City of Brantford and are offered in collaboration with Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency at the Brantford Public Library.

A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, June 6 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, June 6 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, June 7, 2024

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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.

Housing Computer Lab

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A weekly drop-in program open to all ages for housing search computer support and rental system navigation.

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Community Connections

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

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Stay and Make Club

Date and Time: Saturday, June 8 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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.

Disclaimer: Activities are appropriate for ages 6 and up. Adult supervision recommended.

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Chess Club

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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.

Worldwide Knit in Public Day Event

Date and Time: Saturday, June 8 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Calling all knitters! Join us to observe World Wide Knit in Public Day on Saturday, June 8. No registration req

ired, just bring your knitting (or crocheting), sun protection and a comfortable chair. We'll provide light refreshments.

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, June 9 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 for more info and an orientation.

Monday, June 10, 2024

Tech Time

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Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 11 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Senior Storywriters is a creative writing group for seniors (55+). Through group discussion and peer support, participants will learn about the craft of writing, and practice turning story ideas into engaging narrative tales. Topics are decided upon by the group and led by a designated facilitator. Contact Heather at hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca to find out more or register.

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Main Book Club

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Upcoming titles:

April – Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

May – Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart

June – A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

July – Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese

August – We Spread by Iain Reid

September – The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

October – A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

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Beyond Grief: Navigating CPP/OAS Survivor Benefits and Taxes After Loss

Date and Time: Thursday, June 13 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

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Wondering what to do following the death of a loved one? Attend our 45-minute information session on survivor benefits within the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Old Age Security (OAS) for individuals who have lost a spouse, parent, or common-law partner. Learn about eligibility requirements, the application process, benefit amounts, taxes and receive guidance on claiming these benefits and managing affairs after a bereavement.

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April - [Mrs. Everything](#) by Jennifer Weiner

May - [Daughters of the Deer](#) by Danielle Daniel

June - [The Nine Tailors](#) - Dorothy Sayers

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Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, June 17 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.

Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, June 17 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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.

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

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, June 17 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.

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Call 519-752-4568 ext.3645 for information.

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 18 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Join us every Tuesday 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.

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

Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 18 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, June 18 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
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- Research tips
- Introduction to family history resources

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

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Kids Night Out

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 18 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!

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 19 10:30 am - 11:00 am

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.

Therapeutic Crafting

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 19 2:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

If you've ever wanted to learn more about yourself and others, counseling techniques, and psychotherapy but found it too intimidating or expensive, now's your chance! Discover therapeutic techniques with a registered psychotherapist while indulging in a mini craft.

Registration opens May 15.

Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 19 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.

Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 19 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Come join us for the Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space, a fun and engaging recreational program for youth aged 13-19 held at the Library's Main Branch! This program is designed to provide a safe and inclusive environment for youth to just hang out with one another and also participate in a variety of activities and workshops that promote skills building, personal growth, and community engagement.

The program will offer a range of activities, including art therapy, movie nights, and other recreation-based events. In addition to these activities, there will be workshops on various topics, including goal-setting, self-identity, and communication skills. The goal of these workshops is to provide youth with the tools and resources they need to navigate the challenges of adolescence and develop into well-rounded adults.

We also understand that each youth has unique needs and aspirations, which is why we have included the option for 1:1 support with a youth outreach worker. These workers will be available to provide guidance, advice, and support to any youth who may need it.

For more information, contact Megan (Youth in Transition Worker – megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca), or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker - yow.jess@wesley.ca)

How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 19 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, June 20, 2024

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, June 20 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.

Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Date and Time: Thursday, June 20 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Preschoolers can get creative with stories, songs and a craft!

Come Play! - EarlyON

Date and Time: Thursday, June 20 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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.

Tax Matters Demystified: Seniors' Guide to CRA Benefits and Credits for 65+

Date and Time: Thursday, June 20 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

In this 1-hour presentation, participants will gain insights into benefits, tax credits, and services offered by the CRA. Covered topics range from benefit and credit payments to protecting against scams, with a focus on optimizing tax benefits, managing tax affairs effectively, and safeguarding against fraud through utilizing services like My Account and direct deposit. Additional discussions include authorizing a representative for tax matters, posthumous tax affairs, and handling uncashed CRA cheques.

These sessions are part of the Healthy Aging Passport Program with the City of Brantford and are offered in collaboration with Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency at the Brantford Public Library.

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Thursday, June 20 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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A Place to Be

Date and Time: Thursday, June 20 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, June 20 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, June 21, 2024

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Friday, June 21 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, June 21 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.

Housing Computer Lab

Date and Time: Friday, June 21 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

A weekly drop-in program open to all ages for housing search computer support and rental system navigation.

Limited to nine spaces. In partnership with SOAR Community Services.

St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, June 21 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.

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

Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, June 21 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, June 22, 2024

Summer Reading Journal Take and Make Kit

Date and Time: Saturday, June 22 9:30 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street / 441 St. Paul Avenue

Adults can take home reading journal decorating kits. Each kit contains a journal and supplies to create mandala designs and your own motifs. Available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Kids and teens can get journals to decorate in the Library. Available on a first-come-first-served basis.

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Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, June 22 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.

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, June 23 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 for more info and an orientation.

Monday, June 24, 2024

Tech Time

Date and Time: Monday, June 24 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Happy Birthday Rags!

Date and Time: Monday, June 24 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

It's Rags' birthday and you're invited! Come celebrate our favourite Library dog's birthday with a bark-worthy storytime and celebration.

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Date and Time: Monday, June 24 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Brantford Native Housing

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 25 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.

Senior Storywriters

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 25 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Senior Storywriters is a creative writing group for seniors (55+). Through group discussion and peer support, participants will learn about the craft of writing, and practice turning story ideas into engaging narrative tales. Topics are decided upon by the group and led by a designated facilitator. Contact Heather at hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca to find out more or register.

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 25 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Alzheimer Society Social Café

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Thursday, June 27, 2024

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

Date and Time: Thursday, June 27 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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Pension Perspectives: Navigating Senior Benefits with Service Canada

Date and Time: Thursday, June 27 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Join our comprehensive 1-hour information session tailored for seniors, focusing on Service Canada Pensions. Explore eligibility, application procedures, benefit details, including CPP, OAS, GIS, survivor benefits, retirement planning resources, and more, to empower you in making informed decisions on securing financial support

in retirement.

These sessions are part of the Healthy Aging Passport Program with the City of Brantford and are offered in collaboration with Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency at the Brantford Public Library.

Come Play! - EarlyON

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A Place to Be

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Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

Friday, June 28, 2024

Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Friday, June 28 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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Shoot, Score, Science, and More!

Date and Time: Friday, June 28 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Kids ages 6 - 12 are invited to participate in a fun, hands-on STEM workshop at the Library. Jump, shoot, roll, and glide; can you find the science in sport? Take a test to discover where your dominance lies. Create a sculpture to investigate how throwing a ball affects your balance. Discover physics by engineering a better hockey puck and building a mini golf course. Join us as we shoot, score and explore the science of sport. This program is being offered in collaboration with [Scientists in School](#).

Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, June 28 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.

Housing Computer Lab

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

Saturday, June 29, 2024

D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, June 29 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.

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Summer Reading Kick-Off with Patricia Storms

Date and Time: Saturday, June 29 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

We're kicking off our popular Summer Reading Club with a visit from children's author, Patricia Storms! Please join us for an author talk and reading of Patricia's book "Moon Wishes", followed by an interactive craft.

This event is sponsored by the Family Literacy Committee of Brant.

<https://calendar.brantfordlibrary.ca>