

## Friday, December 1, 2023

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### Book a Librarian

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### Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, December 1 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, December 1 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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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.

## Documentary Screening: Nothing Without Us

Date and Time: Friday, December 1 6:15 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 173, Colborne Street

Join us for a documentary screening of Nothing Without Us: The Women Who Will End Aids. Nothing Without Us tells the inspiring story of the vital role that women have played - and continue to play - in the global fight against HIV/AIDS.

Following the documentary, a panel discussion will share local perspectives and community responses to the impact of HIV/AIDS.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Documentary screening begins at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Register to attend this free event.

Each year, on 1 December, World Aids Day is an opportunity to show support for people living with HIV/AIDS. It celebrates the resiliency of communities affected by HIV/AIDS and calls leaders and communities across the world to continue their work on HIV/AIDS.

Presented in partnership with The Aids Network, Brantford Pride, Brantford Public Library, The Bridge, Laurier University Faculty of Education and Wesley.

## Saturday, December 2, 2023

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## Sounds of the Season: A Guitar Society of Brant Concert

Date and Time: Saturday, December 2 2:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

The [Guitar Society of Brantford](#) invites you to an afternoon of music at the Brantford Public Library! Come hear the sounds of the season on acoustic guitar, played in concert or in solos. No registration needed.

## Sunday, December 3, 2023

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### Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

Date and Time: Sunday, December 3 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](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more info and an orientation.

## Monday, December 4, 2023

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### Tech Time

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### Baby & Me Storytime (Main Branch)

Date and Time: Monday, December 4 10:30 am - 11:15 am

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## **Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles**

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## **Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

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### **Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)**

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 5 10:30 am - 11:15 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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### **Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Session 2 (Nov-Dec)**

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 5 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

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Preschoolers ages 3+ will enjoy this six-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 six-week session; the weekly program length is 60 minutes.

**Registration begins October 7.**

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## Holiday Photos

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 5 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Bring your family and friends to the library for a free holiday photo from photographer Celine Garneau!

## Paint a Holiday Sign (Parent and Child Edition)

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 5 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Parents/caregivers and their children (ages 10+) will each paint a Holiday sign using a stencil created with the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter. All materials provided.

Only one reservation is needed for both the caregiver and the child. Please provide the name and age of your child when you register.

**Registration opens Nov. 5.**

## Kids Night Out

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## Wednesday, December 6, 2023

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### Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 6 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.

### Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 6 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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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, December 6 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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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](mailto:megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca)), or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker - [yow.jess@wesley.ca](mailto:yow.jess@wesley.ca))

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## Kids Night Out (St. Paul)

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 6 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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## **Thursday, December 7, 2023**

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### **Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)**

Date and Time: Thursday, December 7 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, December 7 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.

### **A Place to Be**

Date and Time: Thursday, December 7 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

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## Paint a Holiday Sign

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Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

Come paint a holiday sign using a stencil created with the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter! This cutter lets you create precise shapes from paper, vinyl, fabric and other thin materials to make cards, crafts, personalized stickers and more. We'll provide everything you need.

**Registration opens Nov. 2.**

## St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, December 7 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, December 8, 2023

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## Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, December 8 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.

## Community Connections

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## Saturday, December 9, 2023

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### Stay and Make Club

Date and Time: Saturday, December 9 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.

## Book a Librarian

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## D & D Campaign

Date and Time: Saturday, December 9 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](mailto:pdoliska@brantfordlibrary.ca) to be added to the waiting list.**

## Chess Club

Date and Time: Saturday, December 9 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.

## **Monday, December 11, 2023**

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### **Virtual Craft for Adults**

Date and Time: Monday, December 11 9:30 am

Address: Online

Make & Take kits will be available at the Main Branch on December 11th and at the St. Paul Branch December 12th.

Follow along on the Library's [YouTube channel](#).

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## **Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

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### **Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)**

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## Seasonal Celebration

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 13 2:00 pm

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The Seniors@BPL Advisory Committee invites you to the annual seasonal celebration! Come enjoy refreshments, holiday music and a special presentation on pioneer Christmases from Nancy Carubba from the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead. Be sure to arrive early to enter into draw for some amazing door prizes.

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## Thursday, December 14, 2023



## Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)

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## Grand River Book Club

Date and Time: Thursday, December 14 2:00 pm

Address: 441 St. Paul Avenue

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](mailto: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, December 15 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.

## St. Paul Readers Circle

Date and Time: Friday, December 15 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](mailto: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

## Community Connections

Date and Time: Friday, December 15 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, December 16, 2023

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### Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Saturday, December 16 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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## Sunday, December 17, 2023

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## **Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group**

Date and Time: Sunday, December 17 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](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for more info and an orientation.

## **Monday, December 18, 2023**

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### **Tech Time**

Date and Time: Monday, December 18 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, December 18 10:30 am - 11:15 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, December 18 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.

## Tuesday, December 19, 2023

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### Baby & Me Storytime (St. Paul Branch)

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 19 10:30 am - 11:15 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.

### Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 19 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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### Kids Night Out

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 19 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

nce, technology, engineering, art and math. We invite you to challenge your brain critically and creatively!

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## Wednesday, December 20, 2023

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### Storytime at St. Paul

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 20 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.

### Alzheimer Society Social Café

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 20 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, December 20 3:30 pm - 5:30 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](mailto:megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca)), or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker - [yow.jess@wesley.ca](mailto:yow.jess@wesley.ca))

## Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 20 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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## Kids Night Out (St. Paul)

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 20 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!

## **Thursday, December 21, 2023**

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### **Crafty Kids Storytime (Ages 2-5)**

Date and Time: Thursday, December 21 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, December 21 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.

### **A Place to Be**

Date and Time: Thursday, December 21 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.

### **Book a Librarian**

Date and Time: Thursday, December 21 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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## St. Paul Crafters Circle

Date and Time: Thursday, December 21 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, December 22, 2023

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### Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Friday, December 22 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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## Yoga in the Library

Date and Time: Friday, December 22 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, December 22 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, December 23, 2023

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### The Night Before Christmas Storytime

Date and Time: Saturday, December 23 10:00 am

Address: 173 Colborne Street

Drop in for a special reading of The Night Before Christmas and some festive fun.

## Wednesday, December 27, 2023

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### Holiday Programs

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 27 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / 441 St. Paul Avenue

Drop by the Library between December 27 and January 5 for a variety of fun crafts and activities!

**Week of December 27-29:** The New Years' Eve-themed activities will surely get our youngsters excited for N YE celebrations!

**Week of January 2-5:** Welcome in the New Year with winter activities!

## Book a Librarian

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 27 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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## Thursday, December 28, 2023

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### Holiday Programs

Date and Time: Thursday, December 28 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / 441 St. Paul Avenue

Drop by the Library between December 27 and January 5 for a variety of fun crafts and activities!

**Week of December 27-29:** The New Years' Eve-themed activities will surely get our youngsters excited for N YE celebrations!

**Week of January 2-5:** Welcome in the New Year with winter activities!

## **Come Play! - EarlyON**

Date and Time: Thursday, December 28 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street

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## **Book a Librarian**

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## **A Place to Be**

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Address: 173 Colborne Street

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## Friday, December 29, 2023

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### Holiday Programs

Date and Time: Friday, December 29 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Address: 173 Colborne Street / 441 St. Paul Avenue

Drop by the Library between December 27 and January 5 for a variety of fun crafts and activities!

**Week of December 27-29:** The New Years' Eve-themed activities will surely get our youngsters excited for NYE celebrations!

**Week of January 2-5:** Welcome in the New Year with winter activities!

### Book a Librarian

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## Community Connections

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