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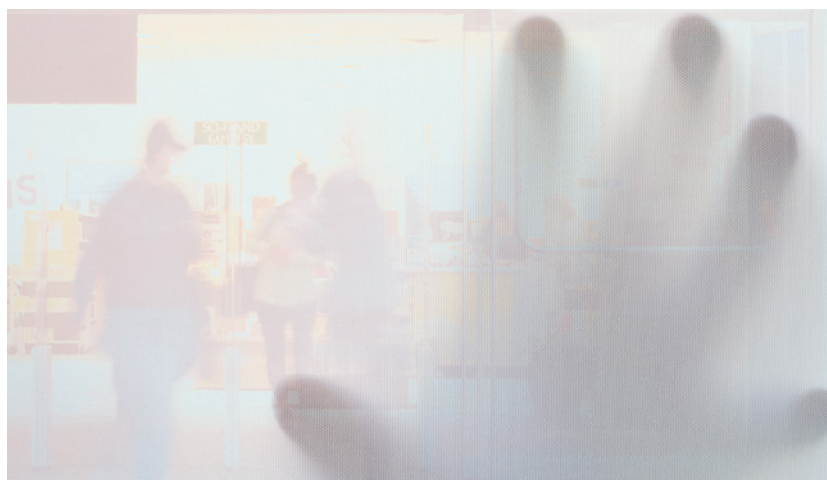
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Be a LIBRARY HERO!

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Together, with my kids, I've grown into a fan of superhero movies and comic characters.

At home, we talk about what superpower we would each choose. This got me thinking that having a good library is kind of like a superpower for an entire community.

Just like superheroes have a range of powers, the library is useful in so many ways to a range of community members. We have a welcoming space, where you can connect with others who have shared interests, in our programs, events and meeting rooms. We have resources in all formats, for all ages and stages: for developing readers; lifelong literary lovers; researchers; technology enthusiasts; creative souls; financially disadvantaged; volunteers; employers and employees who want to grow professional skills; busy commuters; travelers; newcomers; and so on!

October is Canadian Library Month and October 20-26 is Ontario Public Library Week. During this month (and beyond) we would love it if everyone in our community could be a Library Hero. All it takes to be a Library Hero is to use the library (access this superpower!) and tell others about how libraries add value to your life and help make Brantford a great city to live, work and play. Don't keep this superpower a secret like the comic heroes. Have you read a good book? Have you taken a LinkedIn Learning online course? Did you try a new library resource – like cloudLibrary eBooks and audiobooks? Spread the word!

Thank you to the local businesses and organizations who are already Library Heroes. Those listed below sponsored our annual TD Summer Reading Club, which had around 1,400 participants!

Rae-Lynne
Brantford Public Library CEO/Chief Librarian



Rae-Lynne Aramburo

The TD Summer Reading Club was supported by:

- Boston Pizza
- Booster Juice
- Brantford Red Sox
- Brantford Twin Valley Zoo
- Crock A Doodle
- Dairee Delite
- Echo Bowl
- Kidtastic Adventures
- Laurier Brantford YMCA
- Lynden Park Mall
- Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts
- SC Johnson
- The Works Gourmet Burger Bistro
- Westfield Heritage Village

**TD
Summer
Reading
Club**



Kid's Events

Fall session runs from September 9 to November 29. Programs run for 30-45 minutes and are drop-in, unless marked "Registered." Registrations can be made in person or online at brantford.library.on.ca beginning September 3, 2019.

PRESCHOOLERS

STAR Storytime

Your child is a STAR! Join us for a fun, interactive storytime based on the Every Child Ready to Read® early literacy program, where we incorporate the elements of Singing, Talking and Reading into our fun activities.

[Mondays / 10:30 a.m. / Main Branch](#)

Get Ready for Kindergarten

Preschoolers ages 3+ will enjoy this Kindergarten readiness group focusing on Pre-K skills and activities. Parents are asked to remain in the library during the program while their child participates independently. **Registered.**

[Session 1: Tuesdays / 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. / Main Branch](#)
[October 8 to November 26](#)

[Session 2: Wednesdays / 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. / Main Branch](#)
[October 9 to November 27](#)

Baby & Me (Ages 0 to 2)

Babies start learning right from birth! Join us for this baby storytime focusing on baby-parent bonding, rhythm and rhyme, interactive stories and songs. After storytime, stay and play with us and meet other families.

[Wednesdays / 10:30 a.m. / Main Branch](#)

[Thursdays / 10:30 a.m. / St. Paul Branch](#)

Little Movers

Stretch, sing, dance, and jump along in this storytime perfect for active young children. We'll explore great stories, songs and some creative movements that are fun for all!

[Thursdays / 10:30 a.m. / Main Branch](#)

Sandbox Science

Join us for our interactive STEM storytime for toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays and a hands-on activity.

[Fridays / 10:30 a.m. / St. Paul Branch](#)

PARENTING AND FAMILIES

Family drop-ins run year round.

EarlyON Family Drop-In (Ages 0 to 5)

Parents/caregivers and their children can learn about healthy pregnancy, breast feeding, healthy child development, attachment, school preparation, and more. In partnership with EarlyON Family and Child Centre.

[Tuesdays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

Stay & Play EarlyON Family Drop-In (Ages 0-6)

Come play and learn through activities that foster children's expression and readiness to learn and promotes a strong foundation for lifelong learning. In partnership with Brant Family and Children's Services

[Thursdays / 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

EarlyON Drop-in for Grandparents and Grandchildren

Grandparents and grandchildren, let's play, sing, and have fun while learning and making friends! In partnership with Brant Family and Children's Services.

[Wednesdays / 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. / Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4](#)
[Main Branch](#)

SPECIAL FAMILY EVENTS



Ocean Discovery Zone - Science Literacy Week

Join us for a week-long celebration of science! Discover the science behind ocean wildlife, ocean exploration and ocean health. Hands on activities and interactive technology will bring the ocean to life.

[September 16 to 20 / 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

Sensory Ocean Exploration - Science Literacy Week

Explore the science and stories of the ocean through hands on sensory activities, songs and books in this interactive program for preschoolers and their caregivers.

[Friday, September 20 / 10:30 a.m. / Main Branch](#)

Dr. Seuss and Rhyming Fun

The more that you read, the more things you will know! Come explore the many books of Dr. Seuss and the rhyming that makes them so much fun to read! There will be crafts, snacks, activities, and so much more! In partnership with Laurier Students for Literacy.

[Friday, November 29 / 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.](#)
[Main Branch](#)

Kid's Events

READING AND HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help Drop-In (Grades 1 to 8)

Elementary school students, Grades 1 to 8, can drop-in for homework help with a university student volunteer from the Laurier Students for Literacy Club. Please e-mail LSFLclub@gmail.com for more information.

Runs from September 23 to November 28, except when closed October 14 to 18 for University Reading Week.

[Mondays to Thursdays / 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

Rendez-vous for Learning

Improve your child's French reading skills by pairing them with a French Immersion High School student. For Grades 1 to 3. In partnership with the Canadian Parents for French - Brantford Chapter. E-mail cpfbrantford@gmail.com for more info. **Registered.**

[Sundays / October 20 & 27, November 3, 10, 17 & 24](#)

[December 1 & 8 / 1:30 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

Book Buddies

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. Pre-registration is required. LSFL will be holding in-person fall registration sessions. There will be a registration limit of 10 per day. The waitlist will be available after spots have been filled. We may place children in sibling groups depending on the demand of the program. Program runs from September 23 to November 28, except when closed October 14 to 18 for University Reading Week.

[Registration dates: Saturday, August 24](#)

[11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

[Saturday, September 7 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / Main Branch](#)



PA DAY ACTIVITIES

Stories Everywhere

Look around and you'll find stories everywhere! We'll start our adventure in storytelling with fun read alouds for everyone from preschoolers to school age kids. Next, we'll discover how you can create stories from unexpected inspiration like games, random objects and decorated stones.

[Friday, September 13 / 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

Go Big or Go Home

Join us for a morning of your favorite games and make it a PA day to remember! Get twisted up in Twister, lost in the Candyland forest, stumped by a life size Tetris and more! We'll have giant versions of these games!

[Tuesday, October 8 / 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

[Friday, October 11 / 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

DIY Art & More

Tech free and fabulous! This event focuses on DIY projects, and a community art project to be displayed in the library.

[Friday, November 15 / 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

Discovery Zone

Explore our pop-up activity zones on your PA Day!

September 13 - Story Zone

October 8 & 11 - Play Zone

November 15 - DIY Zone

[10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. / Main & St. Paul Branch](#)

Movie Party

Snuggle up with family, hang out with friends and try some fun activities while you enjoy a newly released movie!

[September 13, October 8 & 11, November 15](#)

[2:30 p.m. / Main Branch](#)



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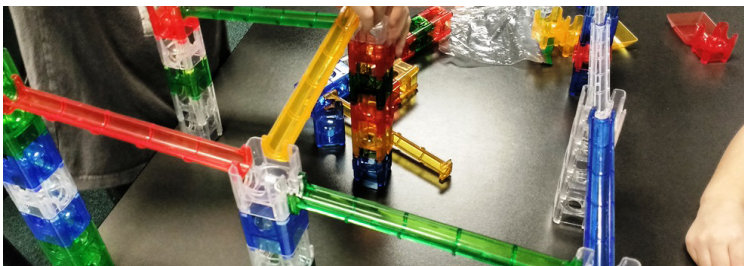
Fall session runs from September 9 to November 29. All programs are drop-in and run for 45 min to 1 hour unless otherwise noted.

AFTER SCHOOL AND EVENINGS

Kids STEAM Club

This club welcomes kids 6+ who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math to explore different tech toys and activities. Kids will have a chance to create, build, solve and play in this fun, hands-on and interactive program. You can't spell STEAM without TEAM so bring a friend and work together to solve problems and complete challenges!

Tuesdays / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch



Cardboard Creations

Think out of the box to create something unique with cardboard and other everyday items. Use your creative thinking and your making skills to try a new cardboard creation challenge every week!

Wednesdays / 4:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Little Picassos

The creations of your imagination come to life with art! Experiment with creative making, crafting, and painting. Come dressed to get messy!

Thursdays / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

HALLOWEEN EVENT

Library Trick or Treating

Join the Laurier Students for Literacy team for a spooky themed library event. A scavenger hunt you have to complete will lead you to the yummiest treats! For even more fun, wear your Halloween costumes! We will be wearing ours! In partnership with Laurier Students for Literacy.

Friday, October 25 / 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. / Main Branch

GAMES & GAMING

Interactive Game Exhibit

Drop-in for an interactive game exhibit featuring games designed by local high school students. Student game designers will share their design process and encourage hands on play with their unique games. In partnership with the BCI Laurier Program, Laurier Library and Laurier Game Design and Development Program.

Friday, November 8 / 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Chess Club

Members of the Brantford Chess Club offer basic instruction and tips on improving your game. Great for kids and adults!

Saturdays / Sept. 21, Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 2, 16, & 30, Dec. 14

2:30 to 4:00 p.m. / Main Branch



BORROW VIDEOGAMES!

You can borrow Xbox, Playstation and Wii videogames for up to three weeks with your Brantford Public Library card.

To see the full collection, visit our online catalogue and search the name of the videogame system you are looking for. For example, if you have an Xbox, search for the term "Xbox".

Or, visit either the St. Paul or Main Branch to browse the collection.

Kid's Events

Join in on the festivities happening at the library all through the month of December. Our holiday events are drop-in and fun for the whole family.

HOLIDAY STORYTIMES

Mistletoe Monday

Join us for some fun holiday themes stories, songs and activities.

[Mondays / December 2 & 9 / 10:30 a.m. / Main Branch](#)



Jingle Bell Babies (Ages 0-2)

Visit us for some fun-filled holiday stories, interactive songs and rhymes.

[Wednesdays / December 4 & 11 / 10:30 a.m. / Main Branch](#)

[Thursdays / December 5 & 12 / 10:30 a.m. / St. Paul Branch](#)

Tinsel Time

Let your holiday spirit shine while we share in the spirit of the season with festive stories and songs.

[Thursdays / December 5 & 12 / 10:30 a.m. / Main Branch](#)

Festive Fridays

Join us for holiday themed stories and activities.

Friday, December 6 - Rockin' Reindeer

Friday, December 13 - Charlie Brown Christmas

[Fridays / December 6 & 13 / 10:30 a.m. / St. Paul Branch](#)

Christmas Tales at Glenhyrst

The lights at Glenhyrst are a beautiful part of the holiday season in Brantford. Bring the family and join us in the gallery for some Christmas stories and songs to add to the holiday feeling. In partnership with Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant.

[Wednesdays / December 4, 11 & 18 / 6:30 p.m.](#)

[Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant](#)

HOLIDAY STEM & ART EVENTS

Kids Night Out – Let it STEM! Let it STEM!

Want to create Christmas mosaics using Lego, code our Robot Mouse to reach Rudolph, construct a Christmas tree with Makedo, bring snowy scenes to life using Quiver and build a Mini Cup Christmas Tree? Join us for our Holiday themed Kids Night Out program guaranteed to get you into the festive STEM spirit!

[Tuesdays / December 3 & 10 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

DIY Holiday Gifts

Create unique DIY holiday gifts using our tech tools and your creativity.

Wednesday, December 4 – DIY Felt Succulent Planters

Wednesday, December 11 – DIY Screen Printed Totes

[Wednesdays / December 4 & 11 / 4:00 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

Little Picassos Holiday Edition

Join us for our holiday version of Little Picassos. Experiment with creative making, crafting and painting to get ready for the holidays.

Thursday, December 5 – Christmas Cards

Thursday, December 12 – Christmas Ornaments

[Thursdays / December 5 & 12 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch](#)



BORROW MAKER ITEMS!

Learning to code can be a fun activity for the whole family. The Library has several kits and tools available for people of all ages and abilities.

Check out one of these items today:

- Arduino
- Raspberry Pi
- Ozobots
- Makey Makey Go
- Micro:Bits



Kid's & Teen Events

Join in on the festivities happening at the library all through the month of December. Our holiday events are drop-in (with the exception of Slime Making) and fun for the whole family. Register online at brantford.library.on.ca beginning September 3, 2019.

FAMILY HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holiday Photos

'Tis the season for a new photo with those you adore! Drop-in to have your photo taken by Stef of Newtown Images.

Tuesdays / November 19, 26 & December 3 / 6:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Gingerbread Party

Show off your creativity and decorate your own gingerbread cookie. We'll also make a giant Gingerbread House mural!

Monday, December 23 / 2:30 p.m. / Main Branch

The Night Before Christmas

Children young and old are welcome as we read The Night Before Christmas and spread some holiday cheer with stories

and songs.

Tuesday, December 24 / 10:30 a.m. / Main Branch

Holiday Movie & Scavenger Hunt

First we watch Elf! Then we explore the library with an Elf scavenger hunt. We will provide a peanut free snack!

Friday, December 27 / 2:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Slime Making

Learn to make slime and customize your slime with special add-ins like glitter. **Registered.**

Saturday, December 28 / 10:30 a.m. / Main Branch

Snowglobe Stories

As the snowflakes outside begin to fall, join us for a wintery storytime. We'll share stories, songs and create our own snowglobes to celebrate the beauty of winter.

Monday, December 30 / 10:30 a.m. / Main Branch

TEEN EVENTS

Youth Advisory Group Meetings

Earn volunteer hours helping to develop our youth programs and services. These meetings will have pizza and games! Contact Anna at aflaherty@brantford.library.on.ca for info.

Mondays / Sept. 16 & 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 11 & 25, Dec. 9 & Dec. 23
6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Youth Opportunities

Get involved at your library and earn volunteer hours! Drop-in to our monthly Youth Volunteer Info Session to learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Library.

Wednesdays / Sept. 11, Oct. 9 & Nov. 6 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Youth Café (Ages 16 to 26)

This drop-in group gives young adults a safe space to hang out, have fun and learn new skills with friends. Enjoy activities and snacks. Program runs all year with our Child & Youth Worker. In partnership with Wesley.

Wednesdays / 5:30 p.m. / Main Branch

D&D Startup

Interested in playing D&D? Local D&D experts will show you the ropes!

Fridays / 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. / Main Branch

Tween Club

Join us on Saturdays for fun tech, craft, and food related activities!

September 28 – Sphero Art

October 26 – Zombie Barbies

November 23 – Blind Food Challenge

December 7 – Hack this Christmas Painting

Saturdays / Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23 & Dec. 7 / 2:30 p.m.
Main Branch

Chess Club

Members of the Brantford Chess Club offer basic instruction and tips on improving your game.

Saturdays / Sept. 21, Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 2, 16, & 30 & Dec. 14
2:30 to 4:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Adult Events



BELL CITY AUTHOR SERIES

Wine and cheese events featuring Canada's best authors

Each Bell City Author Series event includes a glass of wine and cheese, an author talk and a book signing. Tickets are \$10 for each event. Or, buy tickets for the whole series and save! Tickets go on sale August 2.

Thursday, September 5

Farah Heron & Jessica Westhead

Farah Heron and Jessica Westhead kick the series off. Heron's latest book *Chai Factor* is a romantic comedy and Westhead's books and short stories have earned multiple nominations and awards, including landing on *The Globe and Mail* Top 100 book list.

Thursday, November 21

Emma Donoghue

Donoghue's 2010 book *Room* was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and adapted into an academy award nominated film. Since she has written bestselling books *The Wonder* and *Frog Music*. Her upcoming book - *Akin* - will be released this fall.

Thursday, January 23

Alicia Elliott

Alicia Elliott is a Tuscarora writer living in Brantford. Her best-selling first book, *A Mind Spread Out On The Ground*, was released this March to critical acclaim. She has also written many award-winning essays and her short fiction has been selected for many influential short story anthologies.

Thursday, April...

Author To Be Announced

We are working with book publishers to secure the best possible author for our April event. Stay tuned for details.



PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION AND DINNER

Have you ever wondered what lurks in the Library after dark?

Here is your chance to find out!

Join The Ontario Paranormal Society for an evening of professional paranormal techniques.

Enjoy a dinner catered by Strodes BBQ and Deli followed by an introductory level investigation and debrief. Space is limited so register early! Tickets go on sale September 3 and can be purchased for \$26. Ages 16+.

Friday, October 25 / 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. / Main Branch

8 Saturday, October 26 / 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. / Main Branch

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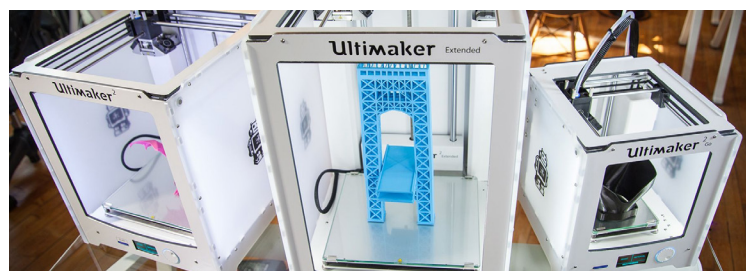
TECHNOLOGY

Tech Time

Need assistance with eBooks and Audiobooks, or using your device? Bring your gadget -- tablet, e-reader, cell phone, laptop, or MP3 player -- and we'll help get you started.

Mondays / 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Thursdays / Sept. 12, Oct. 24, Nov. 21, Dec. 12 / 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. St. Paul Branch



3D Printing Certification Program

This certificate program is mandatory for anyone who wants to create 3D printing jobs over 1 hour. Certification is open to people age 13+. No experience needed. **Registered.** Email info@brantford.library.on.ca or visit our website for upcoming sessions.

Virtual Reality Certification Program

Learn how to use VR in the library. Sessions available for individuals or small groups (up to 6). Participants age 16+ will be certified to use the VR independently on future visits. **Registered.** Email info@brantford.library.on.ca or visit our website for upcoming sessions.

Introduction to Learning 24/7

Learn about the many online services and free databases offered by the library, including world-class learning opportunities in almost every area imaginable.

Registered.

Tuesdays / September 17 or November 12 / 2:00 p.m.
Main Branch

Introduction to Digital Archiving

Do you have important photos or documents to preserve digitally? Our new large format scanner can convert photos into digital images and paper reports into searchable electronic documents. Get started on your digital archive with this 1-hour workshop. **Registered.**

Tuesdays / October 15 or December 3 / 2:00 p.m.
Main Branch

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Learn how to create, format, and save a word processing document. **Registered.**

Tuesdays / September 24 or November 26 / 2:00 p.m.
Main Branch

Introduction to Smartboards

Smartboards are everywhere - at school, at work, and at the library! Learn how to set them up as portable monitors, explore touchscreen features, and develop confident presentation skills. **Registered.**

Tuesday, October 1 / 2:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Learn how to create, format, and save an Excel workbook. **Registered.**

Tuesdays / October 29 or December 10 / 2:00 p.m.
Main Branch

Introduction to 3D Design and Printing

Learn the basics of 3D printing. Participants will learn how to design a simple object and find designs online. **Registered.**

Tuesday, September 24 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch or
Wednesday, November 6 / 11:00 a.m. / Main Branch

Introduction to LinkedIn Learning's Lynda.com

Learn how to access the world's leading online learning platform for free with your Library card. Get help registering for an account and find tutorials that meet your personal and professional goals. There's content for anyone wanting to learn about business, software, technology, and creativity. In partnership with Contact North. **Registered.**

Thursday, October 24 / 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Smart Home Technology

Could your home systems and appliances have the capability of remote monitoring and access? Learn more about being connected to the Internet of Things.

Tuesday, October 22 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

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PODCASTING AND FILMMAKING

Documentary Making 101: A Series

Join veteran filmmaker Jeff Sterne for this three-part series.

Registered.

Upcoming topics:

September 19 - Pre-production: Review some common approaches to the documentary form and what you'll need just to reach the production stage.

October 3 - Preparing for Post-production: Discuss the difficulties of telling a story with captured sound and image, then preparing that footage.

October 17 - Preparing for Distribution: Gain insight into what it takes to lock picture and sound, and get your project to an audience.

Thursdays / Sept. 19, Oct. 3 & Oct. 17 / 6:00 p.m. / Main Branch

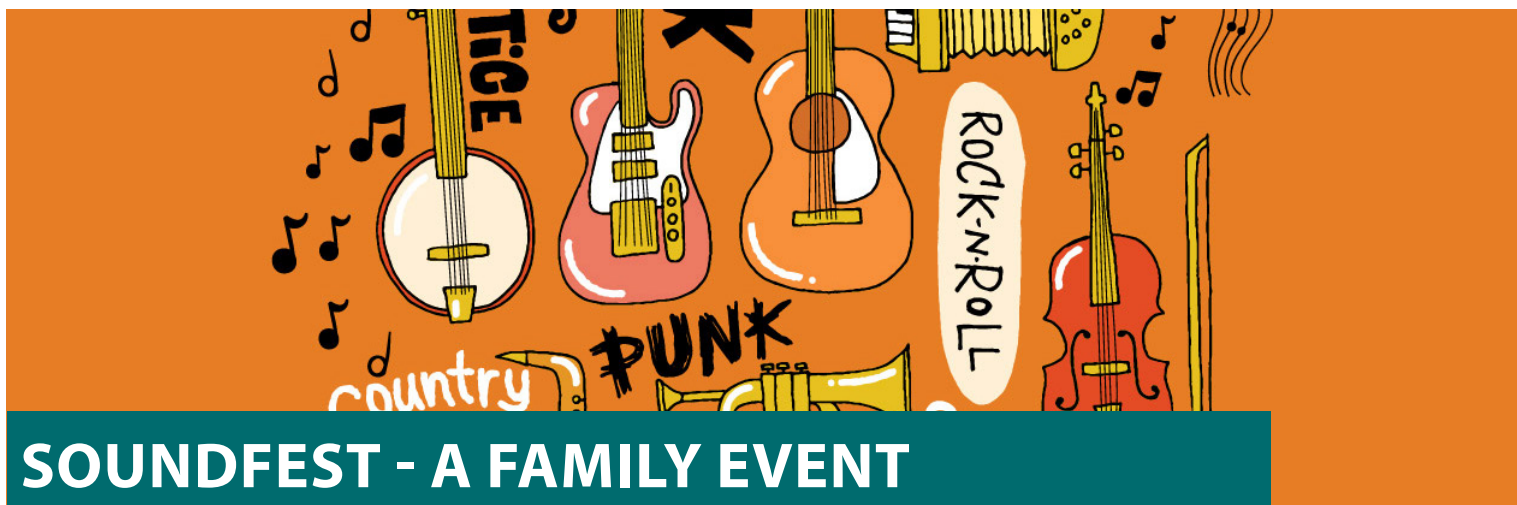


Podcasting 101

Do you have something to say? Make your voice heard through podcasting. Robert Lavigne has been creating podcasts for over a decade. Join him in lively discussion and discover the best equipment, techniques and inside tips for making your own podcast. **Registered.**

Tuesday, October 15 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Wednesday, November 20 / 2:00 p.m. / Main Branch



SOUNDFEST - A FAMILY EVENT

Let's make some noise in the Library!

Calling all rock stars! Join us for a special MakerSpace event where we'll be experimenting with sound.

Design your own rock star logo, make some weird sound effects, make a music video with green screen and more! This is a great event for the whole family.

Saturday, October 19 / 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. / Main branch.



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ARTS, CULTURE AND READING

Main Book Club

Contact arowe@brantford.library.on.ca for more information. **Registered.** Upcoming Titles:
September 26 – The Gown, Jennifer Robson
October 24 – Indian Horse, Richard Wagamese
November 28 – By Chance Alone, Max Eisen
Thursdays / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

St. Paul Readers Circle

Contact rharding@brantford.library.on.ca for more information. **Registered.** Upcoming titles:
September 20 – Washington Black, Esi Edugyan
October 18 – The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde
November 15 – Woman 99: A Novel, Greer Macallister
December 20 – State of Wonder, Ann Patchett
Fridays / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Brantford Reading Group

Contact rharding@brantford.library.on.ca for more information. **Registered.** Upcoming topics:
September 10 – Orientation
October 8 – The Girl Who Smiled Beads: a Story of War and What Comes After, Clemantine Wamariya
November 12 – Behold the Dreamers, Imbolo Mbue
December 10 – Alias Grace, Margaret Atwood
Tuesdays / 6:30 pm / Main Branch

Writer's Support Circle

Sit down with the Brantford Writers' Circle, a small group of authors who meet as equals in a friendly exchange of ideas about each other's work. **Registered.** Contact Robin at rharding@brantford.library.on.ca for more information.
Mondays / Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16 / 6:00 p.m.
Main Branch

English Conversation Circles

This program is for newcomers to Canada, 18 years and older, who want to improve their English speaking skills and make new friends. A partnership of YMCA Immigrant Settlement Services – YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford and Brantford Public Library, supported by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Call 519-752-4568 ext. 3645 for information.
Tuesdays / September 10 to December 17 / 6:30 p.m.
Main Branch

Lifescapes

What are your stories? We meet biweekly for writing guidance and support before publishing an annual anthology of short memoirs. **Registered.** Please contact rharding@brantford.library.on.ca for information about joining.
Tuesdays / Sept. 24, Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 17
2:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Lifescapes 2019 Anthology Book Launch

Did you contribute a memory to this year's Anthology? Come celebrate and share your story with the other authors! Family and friends welcome. RSVP Robin at rharding@brantford.library.on.ca.
Saturday, September 28 / 2:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Act Here. Love Now. : How Stories Lead to Action

If we impact our neighbourhoods, we will transform our cities. And if we transform our cities, we will change the world. Hear Layne Beckner-Grime (Remember Us; Act Here. Love Now) share her experiences and lessons learned from gathering and sharing stories around the world. A special Lifescapes presentation.
Tuesday, October 5 / 2:30 p.m. / Main Branch

How To Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Whether coaxing your kids to sleep at night or pitching an idea at work, it pays to be a persuasive and engaging storyteller. These supportive and interactive workshops feature the Brant Story Time Entertainers. **Registered.**
Wednesdays / Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18 / 6:00 p.m.
St. Paul Branch

Ukulele Group

Bring your ukulele and jam! Perfect for ukulele enthusiasts of all skill levels. (Basic instruction and a limited number of instruments available.) In partnership with Musical Motion and Brantford Parks & Recreation.
Sunday, September 29 / 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
TB Costain-SC Johnson Community Centre
Sundays / Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 15 / 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Main Branch

Speakers School

Strengthen your public speaking skills, meet people, and expand your creativity. Developed by Carrie Sinkowski, Community Developer for the Brant-Haldimand-Norfolk Community Legal Clinic. **Registered.**
Thursdays / Sept. 12, 19, 26 & October 3, 17, 24
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / Main Branch



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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Strengthen Your Mind

This 6-week learning series provides valuable information for those interested in enhancing their memory. Class time will also be used to practice your skills and challenge your brains. **Registered.** Contact Laurie Ball of the Alzheimer Society of Brant to register at 519-759-7692.

Tuesdays / September 3 to October 8 / 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m.
Main Branch

The Pursuit of Wellness: A Series

Discover natural, economical and convenient options for reducing stress, boosting your immune system, and finding healthy ways to feel your best.

Join Wellness Coach and author Leanne Giavedoni for free interactive and informative workshops. **Registered.**
Topics and dates:

Let's Talk Women's Health (And Those Hormones!)

Thursday, September 19 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Thursday, September 19 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Understanding Pain and Ways to Manage It Naturally

Thursday, October 17 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Thursday, October 17 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Six Steps to Improve Emotional Health and Feel Better

Thursday, November 14 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Thursday, November 14 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Restorative Meditation

Relieve stress and tension! Enjoy guided mantra meditations led by representatives from Lotus Meditation.

Mondays / September 9, October 7, November 11,

December 9 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Dream into Action:

A Transformational Workshop Series

You've found your purpose in life ... now what? Learn how to transform your vision of your future into a goal, turn your plans into action, and make the changes that will allow you to succeed. Featuring Success Coach Steve Bredschneider. **Registered.** Upcoming topics and times:

Goal Setting and Achieving

Saturday, September 28 / 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

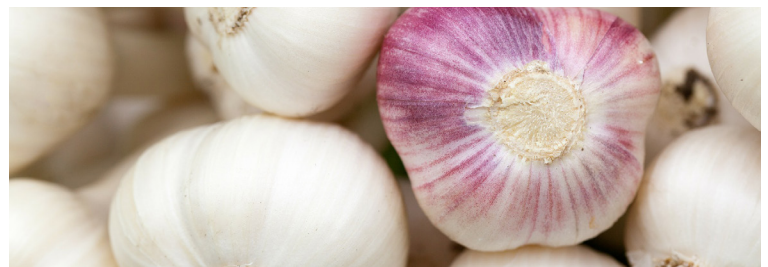
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Closing the Knowing/Doing Gap

Saturday, October 12 / 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Displacing the Paradigm

Saturday, October 26 / 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. / Main Branch



Growing Garlic: Easier Than You Think!

Come learn how to grow, harvest, and store this popular, pungent bulb with Bob Romaniuk Sr. of the Brant County Garlic Company.

Saturday, October 19 / 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Lifelong Learning Month

The City of Brantford is celebrating Lifelong Learning throughout the month of October. This is a time to discover what your community has to offer! Local organizations are offering free events all month long. For more information about the activities and how to be a participating organization:

<https://brantford.library.on.ca/lifelong-learning-month/>



Adult Events

Programs requiring registration are marked "Registered". Register online at brantford.library.on.ca beginning September 3, 2019.

GENEALOGY AND HISTORY

Genealogy Club

Learn tips and tricks to researching your family tree with these themed sessions. The Genealogy Club meets every 4 weeks -- just drop in.

[Wednesdays / Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 4](#)

[1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

Save the Evidence: Enduring Lessons from Mohawk Residential School

The Brantford Public Library welcomes Carley Gallant-Jenkins, Outreach Coordinator, Woodland Cultural Centre, who will speak about the Save the Evidence Program and the renovations that are taking place at the Mohawk Institute. There will be a door prize for an Orange Shirt Day tee shirt.

[Tuesday, September 17 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

Ancestry.com: An Introduction

New to Ancestry.com, or having trouble navigating the site? Let's get your search moving. **Registered.**

[Wednesday, September 18 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch](#)

Military Records: An Introduction

Most Canadians have ancestors who served in the military during both World Wars and earlier conflicts. Let us help you learn more about their service. Topics will include: searching online military service records, Attestation Papers, War Diaries, the London Gazette, Canadian Virtual War Memorial and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. **Registered.**

[Wednesday, October 23 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch](#)



Only a fraction of the Brant Museum & Archives collections make it into public exhibits. Get an inside peek with these 1-hour interactive displays and presentations on special topics. Upcoming topics:

September 18 - Brantford's Industry

To recognize the 125th anniversary of Labour Day: take a step back to when Brantford was an industrial powerhouse. We'll talk about the Cockshutt Plow Co., Massey's, Verity's, and more. Plus, see highlights from 135 years of public library service in your community.

[Presentations: 11:00 a.m. / Main Branch](#)

[2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch](#)

October 23 - Crimes and Criminals

Dive into some weird and shocking criminal cases from Brantford's history. It's your turn to play detective, as some of these cases are still unsolved! In honour of Ontario Public Library Week, we'll share some of the best investigatory tools in the library for hunting down clues.

[Presentations: 11:00 a.m. / Main Branch](#)

[2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch](#)

November 20 - Remembrance

Examine artifacts from WWII, including helmets and hats, medals, soldier's kits and comforts. Brantford's contributions at Normandy will be discussed, marking the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Local history enthusiasts will also enjoy learning about library resources for finding genealogy and military records.

[Presentations: 11:00 a.m. / Main Branch](#)

[2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch](#)

December 4 - Auld Lang Syne

Enjoy New Years customs and celebrations from around the world, artifacts from a traditional North American new year celebration, and an invitation to upcoming Christmas festivities.

[Presentations: 11:00 a.m. / Main Branch](#)

[2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch](#)

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SENIORS EVENTS

Senior Safety Resource Fair

The Brantford Public Library and the County of Brant Public Library are bringing together service providers from across the spectrum of safety and well-being, with a particular focus on issues of interest to seniors in Brantford and Brant County. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday, November 6 / 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
TB Costain/SC Johnson Community Centre

Financial Safety: A St. Paul Speaker Series

Financial security provides the basis for a healthy life -- one with reduced stress and improved wellbeing. Learn how to identify and protect yourself against the dangers and common mistakes people make with their financial safety.

Registered.

Upcoming Topics:

Mass Marketing Fraud and Cybercrime Awareness

Featuring Brock Godfrey, Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

Thursday, September 26 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Cautious Consumerism

Understanding Identity Theft and How to Recognize and Report Fraud -- featuring Amanda Martin, CCS Financial Educator

Thursday, October 3 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

What the CRA Wishes Every Senior Knew About Tax Related Scams

Featuring a representative from CVITP/Canada Revenue Agency

Thursday, October 10 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch



SENIORS @ BPL EVENTS

The Seniors @ BPL committee is a group of older adults that plan senior-specific events for the Brantford Public Library.

It's Not Right: Recognizing and Dealing with Elder Abuse

DeAnna Renn, Public Health Nurse, will share information about recognizing and preventing many different types of elder abuse, how to support someone who is being abused and where to go for help.

Wednesday, September 11 / 2:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Debbie Daggett Presents Cambrie's Little Boxes

You've seen the pretty little boxes everywhere -- now find out about the charitable organization that makes them, and why!

Wednesday, October 9 / 2:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Spotlight on Seniors and Social Isolation

Social isolation is a growing problem in Canada, and our seniors are especially vulnerable. Find out how you can be more engaged in your community! Presented by the Grand River Council on Aging.

Wednesday, November 13 / 2:30 p.m. / Main Branch

2019 Seasonal Celebration

Come celebrate the season with the Seniors @ BPL Committee! Featuring door prizes, refreshments, and a presentation by Lillia Docktree from the Brant Museum & Archives on Victorian Christmas at Myrtleville House. Entertainment by the Beckett Serenaders. Sponsored by Revera Charlotte Villa Retirement Living.

Wednesday, December 11 / 2:30 p.m. / Main Branch



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CRAFTING AND CREATIVITY

Knitting Circles

Drop-in for company, conversation, and advice from other knitters.

Thursdays / Sept. 5 & 19, Oct. 3 & 17, Nov. 7 & 21, Dec. 5 & 19
6:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Thursdays / Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 14 & 28, Dec. 12
6:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Crafternoons for Adults

Crafting experts will lead you in a family-friendly activity. Featuring:

Origami with Ron Robb

Thursday, October 3 / 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Thursday, October 10 / 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Hand Sewing with Joy Dingman

Thursday, October 17 / 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Want a place to do your own crafts? We'll have reserved space:

Thursdays / Oct. 3, 17, 31 / 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. / Main Library

Thursdays / Oct. 10, 24 / 4:00 to 7 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Holiday Cards

Kelley Pulham (aka the Craftin' Granny) will lead you in a card making activity. **Registered.**

Saturday, November 2 / 2:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Puzzle Exchange

Thursday, November 7 / 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Gift Boxes

Join Kelley Pulham (aka the Craftin' Granny) to make small gift boxes to use instead of wrapping or bags. **Registered.**

Saturday, December 7 / 2:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Yarn Pumpkins

Registered.

Wednesday, September 25 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Tuesday, October 1 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Corn Husk Dolls

Registered.

Wednesday, October 16 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Tuesday, October 29 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Recycled Paper Snowflakes

Registered.

Wednesday, November 13 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Tuesday, November 19 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Felt Christmas Ornaments

Registered.

Wednesday, December 11 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

Tuesday, December 17 / 6:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Cookie Decorating and Exchange

Registered.

Wednesday, December 4 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul Branch

ELECTION SERIES

In anticipation of the Canadian Federal Election, the Library is hosting a series of events to inform you about voting and civic engagement.

Information Booth - Main Branch

Throughout September and October, the Library will provide information about voting and the elections process. Materials and resource lists will be available for you to take home.

Barriers to Voting: Recognizing Challenges and Building Strategies

Learn about past and current barriers to voting and civic engagement. A panel of experts will discuss why we don't vote and how to change that.

Thursday, September 12 / 6:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Politics and the Media: From Fake News to Uneasy Alliances

Simon Kiss, Associate Professor of Digital Media and Journalism, talks about how fake news and disinformation impacts you and your government.

Tuesday, October 1 / 6:00 p.m. / Main Branch

Act Here. Love Now. : How Stories Lead to Action

Author Layne Beckner-Grime will share her experiences and lessons learned from gathering and sharing stories from around the world.

Tuesday, October 5 / 2:30 p.m. / Main Branch

Storytime: Special Edition

A special guest joins us for a storytime and will share their experiences and answer questions about governments.

Wednesday, October 23 / 10:00 a.m. / Main Branch

Welcome to Your Library!

LOAN PERIODS

Material	Limit	Loan Period	Renewals Yes/No	Holds Yes/No
Books	Unlimited	21 days	Y	Y
Bestsellers	Unlimited	7 days	N	N
Magazines	12	21 days	Y	N
CDs	Unlimited	21 days	Y	Y
Christmas CDs (Nov./Dec.)	Unlimited	7 days	Y	Y
Books on CD, Playaway & Video Games	12	21 days	Y	Y
DVDs	15	7 days	Y	Y
DVD Express	2	3 days	N	N
Playaway Views	5	21 days	Y	Y
LaunchPad & Vox Books	1	7 days	Y	Y
Maker Materials: Digital & Electronic Learning/Coding (Incl. Fitbit & Watt Readers)	1	21 days	Y	Y
Sewing Machine	1	14 days	N	Y
In Library Materials: iPad, Button Maker, Slide Converter, Virtual Reality Headset	1	3 hours	N	N
WiFi Hotspots & Laptops	1	7 days	N	Y
Book Club in a Bag	1	6 weeks	N	Y*
Curriculum Kit	1	6 weeks	N	N
Freecal Music Downloads	5/wk			
	3 hrs/day			
Overdrive cloudLibrary eAudiobooks & eBooks	25	14 or 21 days	Y	Y
Hoopla Streaming	4	----- ---	N	N

* To request, fill out online booking form on website.

HOURS & LOCATIONS

Main Library

173 Colborne Street
Brantford, ON N3T 2G8
519-756-2220

Monday to Thursday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed* (Sunday hours of 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. begin Oct. 20, 2019.)

St. Paul Branch

441 St. Paul Avenue
Brantford, ON N3R 4N8

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday to Thursday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

HAVE A QUESTION?

Text us at 519-805-3055 OR click on the green "ASK A QUESTION" tab on our homepage. We look forward to hearing from you!

RENEWALS

You will need your library card to check out and renew materials. Library material can be renewed

- Online
- By calling 519-756-2399
- At either Library branch

BOOK DROPS

The book drop is always open! All borrowed material may be returned via the book drop with the exception of any Maker item ie) Ozobots, Raspberry Pi Kits etc., Curriculum Kits, Sewing Machine and LaunchPads, WiFi Hotspots and Laptops. We have outdoor book drops at both library locations.

GETTING A LIBRARY CARD

Library cards are free for residents of Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations. Sign up online or at a branch. Two pieces of ID with your name and current address are needed to get a card.

CARDHOLDER AGREEMENT

When you sign your library card you agree to return all items borrowed, pay for overdue materials, and pay replacement and processing costs for lost or damaged items. If you lose your card there is a small replacement fee.