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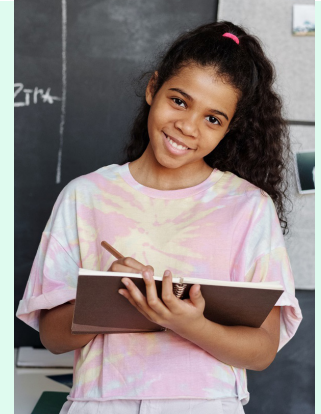
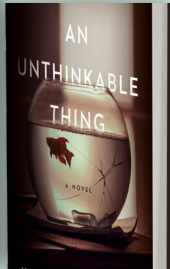
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News & events at the Brantford Public Library

September - December 2022

## AUTHOR SERIES: IN-PERSON AND ONLINE EVENTS

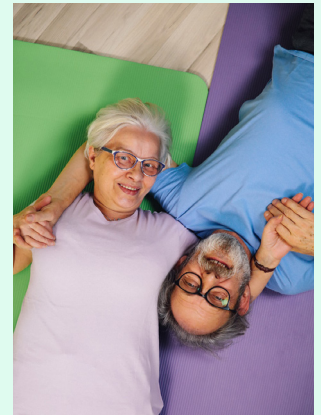
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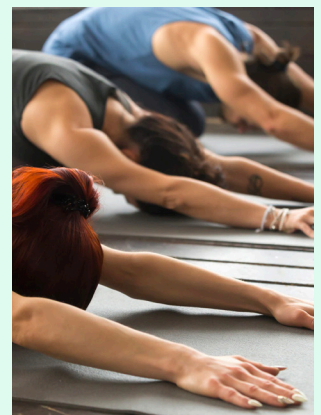
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## GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN



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## Library Closures

Monday, Sept. 5

Monday, Oct. 10

Friday, Sept. 30

Saturday, Dec. 24 (closes at  
12:30 p.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 25

Monday, Dec. 26

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Saturday, Dec. 31 (closes at  
12:30 p.m.)

## Brantford Public Library Board Members

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# Updates from YOUR LIBRARY

### SUMMER READING RECAP

This newsletter was created before our Summer Reading contests wrapped up.

However, we wanted to thank all adults, teens and kids who participated and submitted their reading for their respective age categories and for the inaugural Read for your Ward contest. After the first week alone, there were more than 3,300 books read!



Check our website to see which ward read the most.  
[www.brantfordlibrary.ca/summerreading](http://www.brantfordlibrary.ca/summerreading)

### DISCOVER LOCAL DRAWS

We continue to support local businesses as our community navigates the impact of COVID.

To support local businesses, we are holding draws every month where Library members can win great prizes. Anyone who joins the Library or uses their membership throughout each month is automatically entered into the monthly draw.



Here are the upcoming prizes. The more you use the Library, the better your chances of winning!

September: \$25 gift card to Brant Food Centre

October: \$25 gift card to From Scratch Bistro (formerly Brantford Bagel Babe)

November: Cinnamon Buns from Lidz.Cinabunz

December: \$25 gift card to Charcuterie Etc.

### SUMMER READ ON TUTORING WRAP UP

This past summer, we were thrilled to provide two weeks of free summer tutoring to nearly 150 local children through our Read On Summer Tutoring Program.

Children were paired for two weeks of one-on-one tutoring in subjects such as literacy, math and French.

The Read On Summer Tutoring program has been running for more than 30 years. Registration for kids in grades 2-6 will open in Spring 2023.



# Updates from YOUR LIBRARY

## LIGHT THERAPY

As the days get shorter (and colder), remember the Library offers options for light therapy.

Members can borrow a light therapy lamp, or people can stop by the Main Branch and use a light therapy station.

The in-Library lamps are available on a first-come-first-served basis, while the loanable light kits can be reserved with your Library membership through the online catalogue or by calling or visiting the Library.

What is light therapy?

Light therapy mimics sunlight to enhance mood, energy, sleep and focus.



## NEW BOOK CLUB IN A BAG SETS

We are adding new books to our Book Club in a Bag service.

This service allows people to reserve book sets several months in advance to start their own book club. Each book set has ten copies of the same title and are available to borrow for seven weeks.

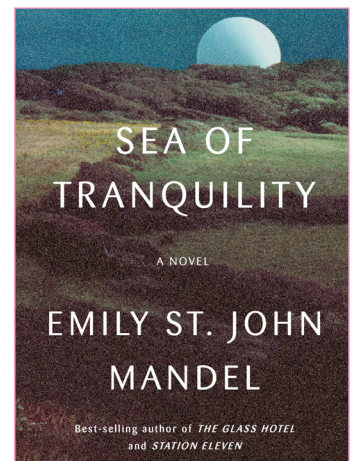
There are more than 150 titles available through the service. While most are for adult book clubs, there are a few options for youth and teens.

New book sets added recently include:

How High We Go in the Dark by Sequoia Nagamatsu

The Book Sea of Tranquility by Emily St. John Mandel

Check our online booking tool for a full list of titles available.



## CHECK OUR ONLINE CATALOGUE

Our online catalogue has some amazing features. Along with being able to search and request books, DVDs and other items, the catalogue also features a lot of great reading suggestions.

These suggestions come in the form of staff-created lists and read-a-like suggestions based on the item you've searched for. For example, when searching for Michelle Good's book Five Little Indians, the books Glass Beads, All the Quiet Places and Bearskin Diary are recommended.

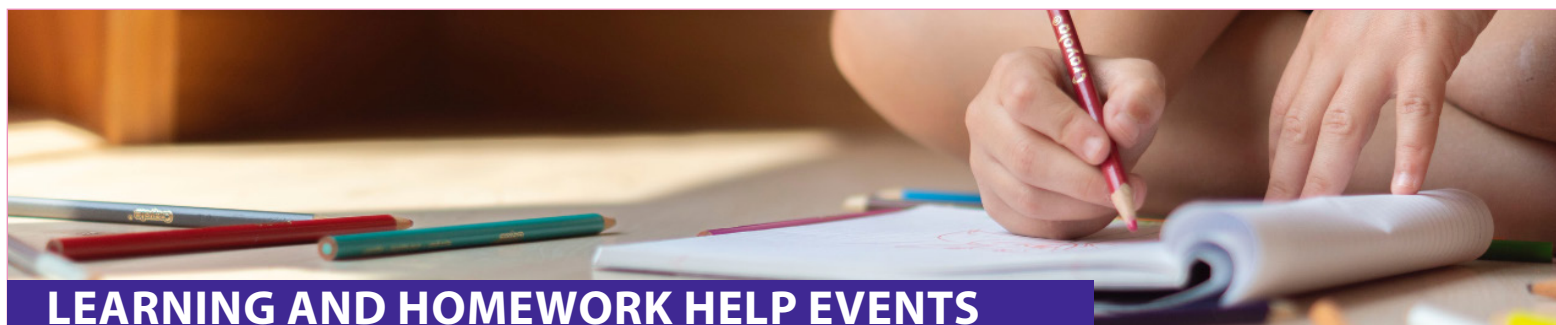
Visit the online catalogue today:

[www.brantfordlibrary.ca/catalogue](http://www.brantfordlibrary.ca/catalogue)



# Children's Events

Check program listings for locations, times and registration info. Program registration opens Monday, August 15 online, in person and by calling 519-756-2220 ext. 5



## LEARNING AND HOMEWORK HELP EVENTS

The Library is pleased to partner with the Laurier Students for Literacy Club to offer unique opportunities for Brantford children and youth to build on academic skills, improve their confidence and gain an appreciation for lifelong learning. Fall term runs from September 26 to December 2. The winter term runs January 30 to April 7. No program October 11-14 and February 21-24 due to university closure.

### Homework Help Drop-In (Grades 3-8)

Students in Grades 3 through 8 can drop-in for homework help with a university student volunteer from the Laurier Students for Literacy Club.

**Email [lsflclub@gmail.com](mailto:lsflclub@gmail.com) for registration information for one-on-one tutoring.**

Monday and Thursday / 5 - 7 p.m. / Main

Tuesday and Wednesday / 4 - 7 p.m. / Online via Zoom

### Book Buddies (Grades 2-6)

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. We also offer sibling groups, so parents may register more than one of their children to be paired with a buddy.

**Email [lsflclub@gmail.com](mailto:lsflclub@gmail.com) for more information. Registration is required.**

Monday to Thursday / 4 - 7 p.m. / Main

Monday to Thursday / 4 - 7 p.m. / Online via Zoom

### Reading Club (Grades 7 and 8)

Students in Grades 7 and 8, will meet once a week to read a novel and participate in comprehension activities. Students will be matched into a small group based on reading level.

**Email [lsflclub@gmail.com](mailto:lsflclub@gmail.com) for more information. Registration is required.**

Monday to Thursday / 4 - 7 p.m. / Main and Online



### Come Play! - EarlyOn

Come play with Early On facilitators as we learn and explore through art, music, physical movement and sensory play to build imagination, language, social relationships, growth and development.

Parents/caregivers and kids from birth to age six are welcome to join at the Main Branch for a free play and inquiry-based program.

Thursdays / 1:30 - 4 p.m. / Main Branch

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Pups to the Rescue! (PA Day)

Chase is on the Case! Join us for some PA Day fun where you can make your own badge, learn how to draw your own character, and participate in other amazing Paw Patrol activities!

Friday Oct. 7

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / Main

### Pottery Palooza (PA Day)

Come and paint your very own pottery bowl at the Library! Choose from a variety of techniques for your masterpiece, from dots and lines to patterns and stamping!

Friday Oct. 7

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. / Main

### Remembrance Day (PA Day)

Spend Remembrance Day at the Library. In the morning, you can complete a self-directed Remembrance Day craft. In the afternoon, we will have a short program starting at 2:00.

Friday Nov. 11 / Main

### Holiday Photos

Bring your family and friends to the Main Branch for a FREE Holiday Photo from a professional photographer from Newtown Images! Create your own picture frame with us too!

Tuesdays Nov. 22, Nov. 29, Dec. 6

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. / Main

### 'Twas the Night Before Christmas Storytime

Join us for a special holiday storytime reading of 'Twas the Night before Christmas.

Saturday Dec. 24

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. / Main

### Holiday Programs

Drop by the Library between December 28 and January 6 for a variety of fun and creative crafts!

Week of **December 28 - 31**: The New Years' Eve themed activities will surely get our youngsters excited for NYE celebrations! Week of **January 3 - 6**: Start the New Year with Gingerbread Science and other winter activities!

Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31 & Jan 3, 4, 5, 6 / Main

## WEEKLY CHILDREN'S EVENTS

### Baby & Me Storytime

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.

Mondays Sep. 12 - Dec. 19

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. / Main

### Preschool Storytime

In this weekly storytime hosted every Wednesday at St. Paul and Thursday at Main, 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.

Wednesdays Sep. 14 - Dec. 21

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. / St. Paul

Thursdays Sep. 15 - Dec. 22

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. / Main

### Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Preschoolers ages 3+ will enjoy this 45-minute kindergarten readiness program focusing on curriculum milestones, STEM learning and social skills! Parents & caregivers must remain in the Library and can observe through our glass children's program room!

**Registration is required**

Tuesdays Sep. 13 - Nov. 29

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. / Main

### Kids Night Out (Main / St. Paul)

Drop-in at Main on Tuesday nights and 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!

Tuesdays Sep. 13 - Dec. 20

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. / Main

Wednesdays Sep. 14 - Dec. 21

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. / St. Paul



## JUICE BOX BOOK TALKS PODCAST

### Juice Box Book Talks Podcast

Parents and kids will love this monthly podcast covering books for kids grades 1-8. Hosted by Liana and Laura of the Brantford Public Library, each podcast will be accompanied by a list of links to the books/eBooks/Audiobooks in our catalogue. This means you can download it straight to your phone or place a hold on it to pick up at our Main or St. Paul Branch right away. Check out all episodes on the Library's web page.

Monthly / Online



# Adult Events

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## AUTHOR SERIES: IN-PERSON AND ONLINE EVENTS



### Nicole Lundrigan

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Main Branch - Doors at 6:30 p.m. **Registered.**

Join us for a wine and cheese event at our Main Branch featuring Nicole Lundrigan.

Nicole is the author of several critically acclaimed novels, including *Hideaway* (shortlisted for an Arthur Ellis Award), *The Substitute*, and *Glass Boys*. Her work has appeared on Best Of lists in *The Globe and Mail*, *Amazon.ca*, *Chatelaine*, *Now Magazine*, and others.



### Heather O'Neill

Tuesday, Nov. 15

Live online event - 7 p.m. **Registered.**

Join us for an online discussion with Heather O'Neill.

Heather recently won the Paragraphe Hugh MacLennan Prize for Fiction for *The Lonely Hearts Hotel*, which was longlisted for CBC Canada Reads and the Women's Prize for Fiction. Her previous work, including *Lullabies for Little Criminals* and *The Girl Who Was Saturday Night*, won CBC Canada Reads and the Danuta Gleed Literary Award and been shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction, the Orange Prize for Fiction, and the Scotiabank Giller Prize.

## WRITING AND READING EVENTS FOR ADULTS

### Lifescapes Memoir Writing Series

What are your stories? Are you ready to tell them? We meet biweekly from fall until spring for instruction and peer support, then publish an annual anthology of short memoirs every summer. For more information and to register, contact Robin at [rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca).

Sep. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 22, Dec. 6, Dec. 20 / 2:30 p.m. / Main

### Writer's Support Circle

Sit down with members of the Brantford Writer's Circle, a group of writers who meet as equals in a friendly exchange of ideas about each other's work. Contact Robin at [rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) for information about this program! All questions welcome.

Sep. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28 / 5:30 p.m. / Main

### New Year Canadian Reads

Check our YouTube page January 9 for a video highlighting some of the biggest Canadian titles coming in 2023.

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## FOR THE LOVE OF BRANTFORD PODCAST

For the Love of Brantford is a biweekly podcast exploring the evolving story of our community. Hosts Nathan Etherington (Brant Historical Society), Mandy Samwell (Eagle Place Community Association), and Zile Ozols (Brantford Public Library) look at past, present, and future events that impact Brantford and our community.

New episodes posted on [www.brantfordlibrary.ca/flb](http://www.brantfordlibrary.ca/flb)

## SENIORS@BPL PRESENTS

Events planned specifically for seniors by our Seniors@BPL committee.

### A Tour of the Canadian Military Heritage Museum

In honour of Remembrance Day, the Seniors @BPL invite you on a guided tour with Bob Ion, Chair of the Canadian Military Heritage Museum. Attendees are responsible for transportation to and from the Museum. **Registered.**

Wednesday, Nov. 16 / 2:30 p.m.

Canadian Military Heritage Museum

### A Seasonal Celebration!

Come enjoy refreshments, live music, and a special presentation from town crier David McKee.

Registration is NOT required, though we encourage you to RSVP

[acumberbatch@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:acumberbatch@brantfordlibrary.ca)

or call 519-756-2220 ext. 3321

Wednesday, Dec. 14 / 2:30 p.m. / Main



## CREATIVE AND CRAFTY EVENTS

Get creative, learn a new skill and connect with your fellow community members!

### St. Paul Crafters Circle

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.**

Biweekly

Sep. 15 - Dec. 29 / 6:00 p.m. / St. Paul

### Craft Follow-Along

Pick up a Take & Make kit and follow-along at home with these easy-to-make crafts. Take & Make kits will be available while supplies last at the Main and St. Paul branches starting on the day listed.

Monday, Oct. 17 - DIY Scrub

Monday, Nov. 14 - Teacup Candles

Monday, Dec. 12 - Holiday Wrapping

### Holiday Sign DIY

Create a painted holiday-themed sign using a stencil created on the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter! We'll provide everything needed (while supplies last). **Registered.**

Tuesday, Dec. 6 / 6:30 p.m. / Main

-OR-

Wednesday, Dec. 7 / 6:30 p.m. / St. Paul

### Intro to 3D Design and Printing

We'll show you how to create a simple 3D object using free online software and how to prepare and submit your design for printing at the Library.

**Registered.**

Tuesday, Sept. 27 / 6:30 p.m. / Main

### Create a Custom Wood Sign: A Two-Part Workshop

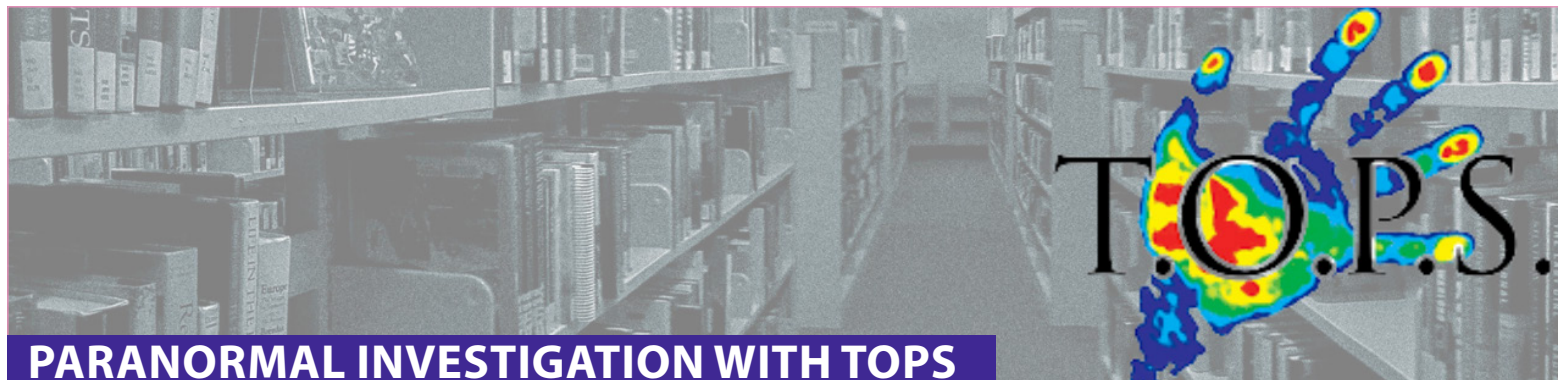
In this two-part series, you will learn how to use our Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machine and design your own wood sign. **Registered.**

Tuesday, Oct. 18 & 25 / 6:30 p.m. / Main



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## PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION WITH TOPS

### TOPS Investigation

Ever wondered what lurks in the Library after hours? Here's your chance to find out!

Join The Ontario Paranormal Society for a presentation and introduction to paranormal investigation. Small groups and two rounds of investigations will allow each participant the opportunity to learn professional techniques, use real equipment, and ask questions of veteran investigators.

Space is extremely limited for this unique, one-evening-only experience. Tickets are \$25 per participant. Register through the Library's Event Calendar or in person at the Main and St. Paul branches.

#### Registered.

Saturday, Oct. 22 / 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. / Main

## HEALTH, LANGUAGE AND GENERAL INTEREST

### Yoga in the Library

Wind down the week with a session of yoga at the St. Paul library! Drop in to join Catherine Labrecque-Rowntree (Sacred Spaces) in exploring that day's choice of gentle yoga, chair yoga, or even yoga out by the garden if the weather is nice. If you have them, come prepared with your own mat and SPF protection.

Weekly starting Sep. 2 / 11:00 a.m. / St. Paul

### English Conversation Circle

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.

Weekly starting Sep. 6 / 6:00 p.m. / Main

### Bell City Strummers

Tune your ukulele and join us for 90 minutes of music, song, and fun! Everyone is welcome. This group starts with beginner level material and more advanced players will enjoy opportunities for harmony or solos. New members should email Robin at [rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca](mailto:rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca) to introduce yourself and a brief orientation. A limited number of ukuleles and music stands will be available to borrow.

2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month  
2:00 p.m.

## ST. PAUL SPEAKER SERIES

This speaker series will focus on aspects of housing, from landlord and tenant rights to buying and selling your home in today's market. **Registered.**

### Landlord and Tenant Rights

Join Michael Dow (Community Legal Clinic - Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk) to discuss landlord and tenant rights.

Thursday, Oct. 20 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul

### Real Estate Market and Fraud

Local realtor CC Alexander (Sutton Team Realty) will share practical advice on avoiding real estate fraud and help you better understand the current real estate market.

Thursdays Nov. 3 & 17 / 2:00 p.m. / St. Paul

