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# Updates from YOUR LIBRARY

## PARKS PASSES

Our Parks Passes are back!

Library members can borrow day-passes to both Ontario Parks and Grand River Conservation Authority Parks.

The passes for both park systems are available at both the St. Paul and Main Branch on a first-come-first-served basis. People cannot reserve the passes in advance.

This is a great opportunity to get out and explore area parks!



## DISCOVER LOCAL DRAWS

We continue to support local businesses as our community navigates the impact of COVID-19.

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!

April: A prize from Le Chocolat du Savoie

May: A \$25 gift card from Nicol Florist

June: A \$25 gift certificate to Seventh Coffee Company



## NEW LINKEDIN LEARNING COURSES

Our LinkedIn Learning online video tutorial database has added dozens of new courses that you can watch for free with your Library membership.

These courses are available online 24/7 and range from beginner to advance. Practice files are also provided.

New courses are available in the following areas:

- Photography and video
- Front-end web development
- Art and design
- Marketing
- Leadership and management

[brantfordlibrary.ca/LinkedInLearning](http://brantfordlibrary.ca/LinkedInLearning)





## Calling all Brantford!

Which ward in Brantford will read the most this summer?

For the first-time ever, our annual summer reading clubs and contests will be joined by a community-wide reading challenge called "Read for Your Ward."

We're pitting ward against ward to see which area of Brantford can read the most this summer.

There will be great prizes up for grabs for various age groups (like previous years). Plus, there will be extra prizes available for people living in wards that are leading throughout the summer. A special event will be held for people living in the ward that reads the most!

Age categories:

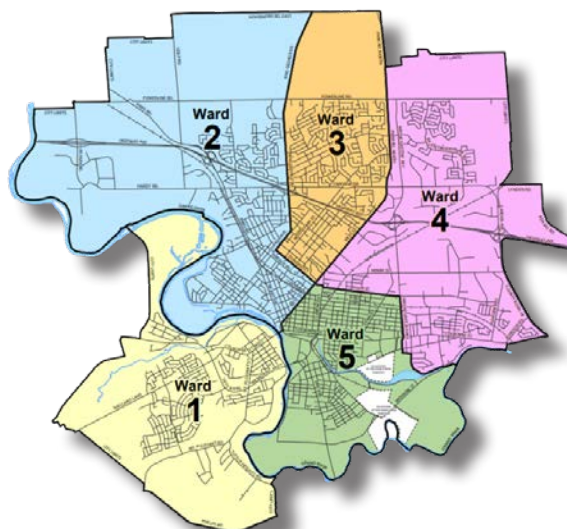
0-12 - TD Summer Reading Club

13-17 - Teen Summer Reading Contest

18+ - Adult Summer Reading Contest

From **July 4 to August 26**, people can submit their reading by:

- Visiting a Library Branch and reporting to Library staff
- Submitting a ballot in the Library
- Submitting an online form through our website
- Reporting through our ReadSquared app



[Visit brantfordlibrary.ca/summerreading](http://brantfordlibrary.ca/summerreading)

### GET A READ FOR YOUR WARD LAWN SIGN

We have printed a limited number of Read for Your Ward lawn signs you can display on your property to inspire your neighbours to get involved.

These signs are available on a first-come-first-served basis in late June. Limit one per household. Watch our Facebook page for details on when they are available.

# Children's Events

Check program listings for locations, times and registration info. Program registration opens Tuesday, April 19 online, in person and by calling 519-756-2220 ext. 5 (Summer Read On Tutoring and Summer Reading Challenges excepted)



## SUMMER READ ON TUTORING

Boost your child's literacy, math and French skills with one-on-one tutoring! We have multiple two-week sessions in July and August for kids entering grades 2 to 6 in September.

Tutoring sessions will be held at the Main Branch (Mon- Fri) and the St Paul Branch (Tues - Sat) in these blocks:

- 1) July 4 – 16
- 2) July 18 – 30
- 3) August 2 – 13 (no session Monday, August 1)
- 4) August 15 – 27

While tutors are specially trained and have experience working with children, tutors are not qualified to work with children with special needs.

**Online registration opens Saturday, June 4 at 9:30 a.m.**

Visit [www.brantfordlibrary.ca/summertutoring](http://www.brantfordlibrary.ca/summertutoring)



## Marvelous children's events every Monday!

On Mondays in July and August, we'll host a live performer, author, artist, or guest speaker at our Main Branch that kids and families will love! Registration is not required. All events run from 2:30 - 4 p.m.

| Date      | Performer   |
|-----------|---|
| July 4    | Summer Reading Kick-off!<br>Featuring live music by a one-man steel drum band.                                |
| July 11   | Presentation by Nadia L. Hohn, award-winning local children's author  |
| July 18   | Nature's Ninjas, an amazing touring exhibit featuring live animals presented by Little Ray's Nature Centre    |
| July 25   | Christmas in July, a dance party  |
| August 8  | Minion Monday! featuring a meet and greet with Minion characters, games, activities, and face / hand painting |
| August 15 | Magic Show by Lucas Wilson, Canada's ONLY FOUR TIME Guinness World Record holding Illusionist!                |
| August 22 | Orbax and Pepper Do Science, a LOUD, MESSY and WEIRD science show   |

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## SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOL VIRTUAL PA DAY EVENTS

These virtual hands-on workshops presented by Scientists in School are the perfect way to spend the June 6 PA Day. For kids ages 6-12. **Registration required** to reserve a science bag. Bags can be picked up at the Main Branch between June 1 and 6. Participants can follow along with the videos at home or in our Children's Programming Room.

### Ride n' Roll with Science

Welcome to the amusement park - where we'll be bumping, spinning, zipping and rolling! Discover the actions and reactions of bumper cars. Explore the forces at work when you spin. Create a zipline while investigating gravity. Design a roller coaster to meet a challenge. It's all about the physics of riding 'n' rolling!

Monday June 6 / 10 a.m. /

Live Virtual Event (can watch in our programming room)

### Science Meets Art!

Discover what happens when science meets art! Explore perception as you use shadows, colour, motion, and light to create art from science. You'll make a puppet, a spinning top and a kaleidoscope, as well as design your own galaxy. "The greatest scientists are always artists as well!" (Albert Einstein)

Monday June 6 / 2 p.m. /

Live Virtual Event (can watch in our programming room)

## WEEKLY CHILDREN'S EVENTS

### Kids Night Out

Drop-in for hands on activities and explore challenges with science, technology, engineering, art and math.

Tuesdays May 3-31 / 6:30 p.m. / Main

### Kids Can Fly: Launch Pad

Drop in for songs, stories and activities

Wednesdays May 4-25 / 10 a.m. / Main

### Chess Club

Members of the Brantford Chess Club offer instruction and tips.

Saturday May 14 & 28 / 2:30 p.m. / Main

### Family Storytime (Drop-In)

Join us in our upgraded Children's Area for stories, songs, and rhymes!

Mondays beginning July 4 / 10:30 a.m. / Main

### Story Garden - Outdoor Storytime

Enjoy garden-inspired stories, songs and activities in the backyard of our St. Paul Branch (inside if raining)

Tuesdays beginning July 5 / 10:30 a.m. / St. Paul

### Season of Kindness

Nurture our children's generosity. Each week kids and families can create something special for a community partner in need. Then share the experience of donating and making a positive change in our community! Take and Make kits will also be available for you to create at home, then bring back to the Library for us to donate for you!

Tuesdays beginning July 5 2:30-4 p.m. / Main

### Playdate in the Square

A playdate in Harmony Square! Every week we'll bring giant games, bubbles, treats, and more. Weather-permitting.

Wednesdays beginning July 6 / 12 p.m. Harmony Square

### Come Play! - EarlyON

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 6, with their parents/caregivers are welcome to join us for a free play and inquiry-based program.

Thursdays beginning April 14 1:30-3:30 p.m / Main

## AGES 9-12

### Tween Club

Calling all Tween readers! Join us every Thursday this summer to discuss our favourite reads in July and explore creative writing in August. Register once to attend all summer long. The Tween Club is for ages 9-12. Registered.

Thursdays beginning July 7

2:30-4 p.m. / Main

Log your summer reading between July 4 - August 26 [brantfordlibrary.ca/summerreading](http://brantfordlibrary.ca/summerreading)



# Gardening Events (Kids & Adults)

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## GARDENING EVENTS FOR ADULTS

### Starting Seeds

A gardening expert will explain how to start plants from seeds and provide tips that will make your gardening efforts a success. This event will be outside next to our new community garden bed at the St. Paul Branch. Registered. Wednesday, May 25 / 2 p.m. / St. Paul

### Recipes from our Garden (online video)

Alana and Chris will share recipe ideas inspired by items from our new St. Paul Branch community garden. Video posted Friday, May 27

### Saving Seeds

A gardening expert will explain why it's important to save seeds and share tips on how to harvest and store seeds. This event will be outside next to our new community garden bed at the St. Paul Branch. Registered. Wednesday, August 17 / 2 p.m. / St. Paul

### Volunteer at the St. Paul Garden

Help us grow the new garden at our St. Paul Branch. Visit [www.brantfordlibrary.ca/volunteer](http://www.brantfordlibrary.ca/volunteer)

## GARDENING EVENTS FOR KIDS

### The Story Garden - Outdoor Storytime

Families will enjoy garden-inspired stories, songs and activities in the backyard of our St. Paul Branch (inside if raining) Tuesdays beginning July 5 / 10:30 a.m. / St. Paul

### St. Paul Taste Test

Take a taste of fresh picks from our garden! This August, pick up test-sized portions of veggies, fruits, and herbs from St. Paul Branch to enjoy. Free while supplies last. Dependant on growing conditions and harvest availability. August 1 - 26 / St. Paul



## HOME AND GARDEN DIGITAL MAGAZINES

Enjoy a variety of Home and Garden magazines on your computer, tablet or smart device with our PressReader and OverDrive (Libby app) services.

**PressReader** has the magazine Canada's Local Gardener and the U.S.-based magazines Birds and Blooms, Country Living and Farm and Ranch Living. You can set PressReader to automatically download the latest issue of your favourite newspaper or magazine.

**OverDrive and its Libby app** has the magazines Gardeners World, House and Garden, Amateur Gardening, The English Garden and more.

Visit the Library or the Library's website for links to these services and instructional videos.

If you need more help, drop into a Tech Time session or book a one-on-one session with a Library staff person.

# Adult Events

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## UNITY IN DIVERSITY SERIES

Throughout this free bi-weekly series, community members will share their diverse experiences through stories and conversations. Presented by Brantford Public Library and Nova Vita. **Register online for each event.**

May 12: Spring Sault (Six Nations Tourism) - Reconnecting with Culture for a Successful Future

May 26: Leigh Hill - Spirit & Fire Conversation Part 2

June 9: Mani Malhotra - Hinduism

June 23: Feather Maracle (Six Nations Public Library) - Indigenous Voices

6:30 - 8 p.m. / Zoom

## BEST FURRY FRIENDS: A PET APPRECIATION AND CARE SERIES

This series will provide valuable info for current and prospective pet owners. **Registration required for each event.**

### Pet Discovery with the Brant County SPCA

Are you thinking about adopting a pet or wondering how to support local pet rescue and adoption services? Ali Gilgen from the SPCA will talk about what our local SPCA offers! Registered.

Thursday, May 12 / 2 p.m. / St. Paul

### Pet Appreciation with the Therapeutic Paws of Canada

Debra Hutchison from Therapeutic Paws of Canada will talk about her organization, the work the dogs perform, and share heartfelt stories. One of Debra's canine colleagues may also greet gentle participants. Registered.

Thursday, May 19 / 2 p.m. / St. Paul

### Pet Care with Beattie Animal Hospital

Dr. Alyssa Lima from Beattie Animal Hospital and a friendly Australian Shepherd will demonstrate how to check teeth, trim nails, and assess for a healthy body condition. Registered.

Thursday, May 26 / 2 p.m. / St. Paul

## INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE MEDICINE SERIES

Bir Kaur Khalsa (Accupuncturist, Warrior Spirit Healing Arts) leads this three-part series that explains how traditional Chinese medicine can be used to help improve your mental and physical health. **Registration required for each event.**

### Improve Your Energy with Traditional Chinese Medicine

Wednesday, May 18 / 10 a.m. / St. Paul

### Improve Your Sleep with Traditional Chinese Medicine

Wednesday, June 15 / 10 a.m. / St. Paul

### Improve your Digestion with Traditional Chinese Medicine

Wednesday, July 13 / 10 a.m. / St. Paul

## WRITING AND READING

### Writers 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@brantford-library.ca for info. Registered

Monday, May 30 / 6 p.m. / Main

Monday, June 27 / 6 p.m. / Main

Monday, July 25 / 6 p.m. / Main

Monday, Aug. 22 / 6 p.m. / Main

### Summer Canadian Reads

Alana recommends Canadian must-read titles for the summer in this YouTube video.

Posted May 20

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## HEALTH AND GENERAL INTEREST

### Magic of the Night Sky

Join us at the Main Branch for an in-depth look at the night sky with David T. Chapman. Participants will see amazing footage of northern lights, the rings around the moon, and intense thunderstorm activity. Together we'll watch shooting stars, a waterspout caught over Lake Erie, and more.

Wednesday, May 4 / 6:30 p.m. / Main

### Yoga in the Library

Wind down with yoga at the St. Paul Branch. Drop-in to join Catherine Labrecque-Rowntree (Sacred Spaces) in exploring that day's choice of gentle yoga, chair yoga, or even outdoor yoga (weather permitting). If you have them, bring your own mat and sun block.

Fridays from June 6 to 24 / 12 p.m.

St. Paul

### Community Connections

Join us for a weekly adult drop-in program designed to link people to community resources and provide a helping hand. There will be coffee, snacks and conversation.

Fridays / 2-4 p.m. / Main

## CRAFTING MEET-UPS

### St. Paul Crafters Circle

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.

Bi-weekly on Thursdays beginning May 5 / 6-7:30 p.m. / St. Paul

### Worldwide Knit in Public Day

Drop in and help us observe World Wide Knit in Public Day in style. Weather permitting, we're settling in for an afternoon of companionship and needlecraft on the St. Paul branch lawn. Bring your knitting or crocheting, a sunhat or SPF, and lawn chair! Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, May 19 / 12-3 p.m. / St. Paul

### Painted Sign (A DIY with Silhouette Workshop)

Come create a painted sign using a stencil created with the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter, which allows you to design and cut precise shapes from paper, vinyl, fabric and other thin crafting materials. Learn why it's a favoured tool for making cards, crafts, personalized stickers of various styles and sizes, and more.

Materials provided.

Tuesday, May 24 / 6:30 p.m. / Main

## SUMMER READING JOURNAL TAKE AND MAKE KIT

Start your summer reading journey with style. Create and decorate your very own summer reading journal.

Starting July 4, Take & Make kits will be available at both Main and St. Paul branches on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Drop in to pick up yours before they're gone!

## IN-PERSON CRAFTING WORKSHOPS

Join us at the St. Paul Branch for these light-hearted craft workshops led by Library staff at the St. Paul Branch.

**Registration required for each event.**



### Wooden Coasters

Make a cute watermelon-inspired wooden coaster.

Wednesday, May 4 / 2 p.m. / St. Paul



### Macrame Key Chain

Learn how to create a simple macrame key chain.

Wednesday, May 18 / 10 a.m. / St. Paul



### Recycled t-shirt Produce Bag

Bring an old t-shirt and we'll help you turn it into a reusable produce bag!

Wednesday, August 3 / 2 p.m. / St. Paul