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Your Guide to Programs and Services at the Brantford Public Library

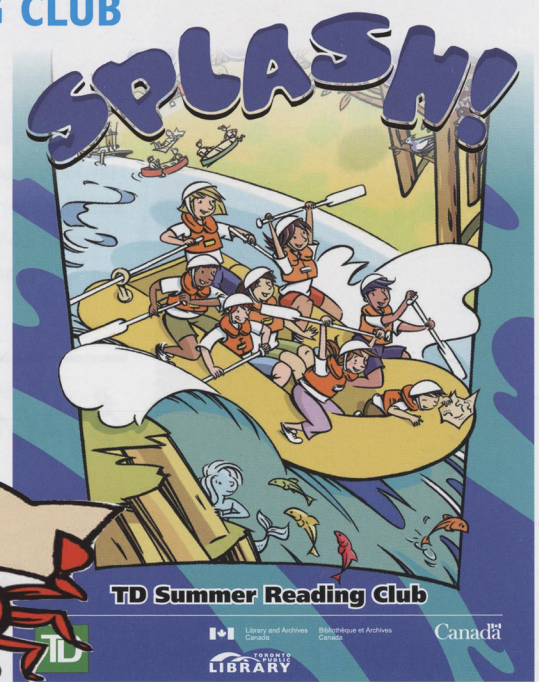
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## TD SUMMER READING CLUB

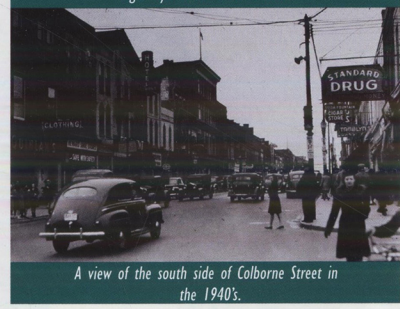
**T**he TD Summer Reading Club is a FREE fun-filled program that encourages children to read throughout the summer months - JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT! Beginning on June 28, children can pick up their SPLASH! logbook at either Brantford Public Library location and start reading. Keep track of all the great books you read and visit us at the library to collect great prizes. And if you're wondering what to read next - no problem! We're happy to help you pick out books that are just perfect for you.



## BRANTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY DATABASE LAUNCHES JUNE 16



*South Market St. circa 1898-1900. One of the many floods to regularly hit this area of town.*



*A view of the south side of Colborne Street in the 1940's.*

The City of Brantford and the County of Brant are steeped in history. Brantford Public Library invites you to take a walk down memory lane by visiting our Local History Database.

Explore Brantford's rich industrial heritage or discover some fascinating facts on some of the local citizens who have made this a vibrant and exciting city.

From full length books and historical photographs, to special edition newspapers and early high school yearbooks, the BPL has something for all who have a common interest in our community. The Local History Database will officially launch on June 16. Stay tuned for more details.



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## JOIN US FOR SOME PD DAY FUN ON MONDAY, JUNE 6

Library Bingo - 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 6-12

Main Library - Program Room

Join us for a library tradition. It's just like Bingo, but with words and pictures. Join in and win some fun prizes. Registration required.

PD Day Movie - 2:30 p.m.  
Main Library - Auditorium  
Yogi Bear - Rated PG (80 minutes)

Everyone's favourite pic-a-nic basket-stealing bear brings his meal-mooching ways to the movies in this live-action/CG-animated adventure starring Dan Aykroyd as the voice of Jellystone Park's famed troublemaker Yogi Bear and Justin Timberlake as the voice of Yogi's faithful pal Boo Boo.



## May & June Programs

### AFTER SCHOOL IS COOL

**Mondays**  
May 2 to June 13  
4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Something great for kids ages 8 to 12. This after school drop in program is a great place to sit back and relax. Join us for snacks, movies, board games, Wii and more.  
NOTE: NO SESSION ON MAY 23.

**CRAFTASTIC SATURDAYS**  
Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
May 7 to June 25

Hey kids, drop by our craft table on Saturday mornings at the Main Library and add a fun do-it-yourself craft to your library visit. Crafts are geared to kids ages 3 to 6.

### MOTHER'S DAY TEA

**Saturday, May 7 - 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages welcome

Hey kids! Bring Mom along and join us for stories, crafts and a special treat as we celebrate mothers and all of the awesome ladies in our lives.

### FATHER'S DAY BASH

**Saturday, June 18 - 2:30 p.m.**  
All ages welcome

The perfect time to celebrate good old Dad. Ask Dad to come with you and join in the fun. We'll have some stories, crafts and a special treat to show how much we appreciate the special men in our lives.

## Special Events

Special events are FREE, but tickets are required. Tickets will be available for The Amazing Corbin show on June 7. Tickets for Owen Anderson will be available on July 5. If you obtain tickets but have a change of plans and can't attend, please call us at 519-756-2220 to let us know so that other children will have the chance to attend.

### THE AMAZING CORBIN

**SPLASH! A WATER MAGIC SHOW**  
JULY 6 - 2:30

#### MAIN LIBRARY

Not your typical magic show. During Splash! The Amazing Corbin performs some wet and wild water magic and actually tells you how some of the magic is done. Appearing umbrellas, disappearing water, colour changing and solidifying water fill the show.

Great magic, great music, and audience involvement. This is one fun show!



### OWEN ANDERSON

**THE MAGIC SPLASH SHOW**  
AUGUST 25 - 10:30

#### MAIN LIBRARY

He's a crowd favourite! Don't miss The Magic Splash Show as magician Owen Anderson brings his special brand of magic and trickery to BPL.



## May & June Storytimes

RR - Registration is Required DI - Drop In

PROGRAM	AGES	DETAILS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Shake, Rattle and Read	0-3 years	Moving and grooving with songs, rhymes and stories to encourage language and development and early reading skills.	Wednesdays DI May 4 to June 29	1:30 p.m.	Main Library
Family Pajama Storytime	2 - 6 years	Almost ready for bed? Join us for a weekly family pajamas storytime. Pajamas are encouraged, teddy bears are welcome and fun is a must!	Wednesdays DI May 4 to June 15	6:30 p.m.	St. Paul Branch
Drop in Family Storytime	2 - 5 years	Families, friends and children will enjoy a relaxed setting with rhymes, stories, songs and fun. NOTE: NO STORYTIME ON JUNE 2	Thursdays DI May 5 to June 30	10:30 a.m.	Main Library

**Family Drop In (formerly BCNU's Room to Grow program):** A public health nurse will be available to meet with pregnant women and parents of children 0-6 years. Services are FREE and non-judgmental. This is a social time to meet with other families in your community. In partnership with Brant County Health Unit. Thursday mornings (May 5 to August 25) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Main Library Program Room. CHECK OUT THE NEW TIME!



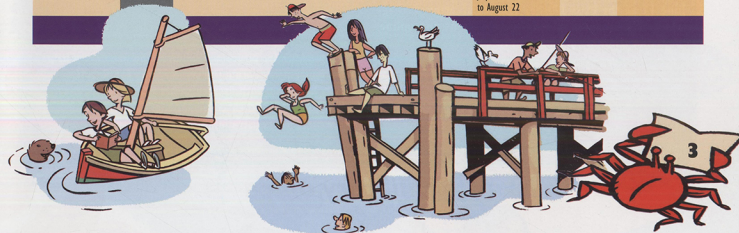
Brantford Public Library is a proud partner of BEST START Brantford-Brant

**Best Start Family Drop In:** Come play at the library. This Friday drop-in program is special together time for you and your kids (ages 0-6). Enjoy stories, interactive play, crafts and fun! In partnership with the Family Counselling Centre of Brant. Just drop in. Friday afternoons (May 6 to August 26) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Main Library Program Room.

## Summer Storytimes

RR - Registration is Required DI - Drop In - Registration begins on June 7, 2011

PROGRAM	AGES	DETAILS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Shake, Rattle and Read	0-3 years	Moving and grooving with songs, rhymes and stories to encourage language development and early reading skills.	Wednesdays DI July 6 to August 24	1:30 p.m.	Main Library
Drop in Family Storytime	2 - 5 years	Families, friends and children will enjoy a relaxed setting with rhymes, stories, songs and fun.	Thursdays DI July 10 August 18	10:30 a.m.	Main Library
Tent Tales	2 - 5 years	Join us for family storytime outside (weather permitting). Registration is required. Families are welcome to register for one or multiple sessions. (For July, registration begins June 7 and for August programs, registration begins on July 5.)	Wednesdays BR July 6 to August 24	10:30 a.m.	St. Paul Branch
Family Pajama Storytime	2 - 6 years	Almost ready for bed? Join us for a weekly family pajamas storytime. Pajamas are encouraged, teddy bears are welcome and fun is a must!	Monday DI Tuesdays DI July 4 to August 22	7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Main Library St. Paul Branch





## Stories Under the sun

It's time to get outside and enjoy the sun. This summer at the Main Library we're doing just that. Join us at the west side of the Main Library and enjoy some great Stories Under the Sun. Don't worry, we'll also provide shade, and if it starts to rain - no problem! We'll just take it inside. This 45 minute program includes stories and crafts (ages 3 to 6). **JUST DROP IN**

Monday, July 4 - 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
Monday, July 18 - 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
Monday, August 8 - 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
Monday, August 22 - 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.



### COMIC ART WORKSHOP WITH FREEZE DNA - JULY 13 - 2:00 P.M. AGES 9 - 14, REGISTRATION REQUIRED

In this workshop students will learn how to draw different original comic art characters, facial expressions and cartoon characters that they might have seen on TV! Registration begins on June 7.

### SUMMER HELP FOR STRUGGLING READERS AND MATHEMATICIANS...AND WE MAKE IT FUN!

#### READ ON (July 4 to August 26)

What can you do to help your child boost reading and math skills and have fun during their summer vacation? For over 21 years, our Read On program has provided one-on-one tutoring for struggling students in grades 2-6. Registration starts Saturday, June 11 at the Main Library. The registration package will be available at both library locations and online beginning Monday, June 6, 2011.

We know that your summer schedule can be hectic. This summer, we have two drop-in Read On Clubs to make sure that kids get the help they need.

#### READ ON CLUB - St. Paul Avenue Branch Library

Saturdays (July 9 to August 20) - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This club is for kids who find reading a challenge (grades 1 to 3). It's full of games, fun, literacy activities and time for one-on-one reading. No registration is required. Just drop in!

#### ESL READ ON CLUB - Main Library

Thursdays (July 7 to August 18) - 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. A fun program for newcomer children who need extra help with their English during the summer. The ESL Read On Club is full of fun with literacy games and activities that will help kids with their conversational English, reading and writing. No registration required. Just drop in!

## FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT!

### FAIRY TALE THEATRE

Monday, August 8 to Thursday, August 11 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Friday, August 12 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Let's put on a show! We're looking for kids (ages 8-12) to bring a fairy tale themed story to life. What a great way to get in touch with your inner performer. The program is free, but kids need to be available to come every day that week to learn lines, make costumes, sets and props. Oh, and you must be ready to have FUN. We have space for 20 kids and EVERYONE is welcome to join us for the performance on August 12 at 2:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



### "DIVE INTO READING" - BOOKMARK CONTEST

Design a bookmark that shows Brantford kids why you like to "Dive Into Reading" and enter to win great prizes. Contest deadline is Friday, September 2, 2011. Pick up an entry form (starting June 28) at either library location or online at [brantford.library.on.ca](http://brantford.library.on.ca)

### "SPLASH" READING BINGO - JUNE 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2

Reading is a cool thing to do on hot summer days. There are lots of ways and places to read, so drop by and pick up a SPLASH Reading Bingo Card or visit us online. This program is for kids ages 3-12. Each bingo square suggests a fun reading activity. Complete a line of squares and BINGO! Return your form to the Main or St. Paul Avenue Branch Library to receive your reading prize.

## Summer drop in programs

**CRAFTERNOONS** (ages 3 - 4)  
Fridays - 2:30 p.m. - July 8- August 26  
St. Paul Avenue Branch

Drop in each week and try out a fun new craft. Every week is a surprise. Free while supplies last.

**SPLASH! MOVIES** - Come and beat the heat!

Main Library Program Room

2:30 p.m. - dates below

Come with your favourite pillow and a snack (no nuts please)

and join us for a free movie on our big screen.

July 4 *Finding Nemo*, 100 min., rated G

July 11 *AguaMare*, 104 min., rated PG

July 18 *Shark Tale*, 90 min., rated PG

July 25 *Nim's Island*, 96 min., rated PG

August 8 *The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep*, 112 min., rated PG

August 15 *Free Willy: Escape from Pirate's Cove*, 102 min., rated PG

August 22 *Little Mermaid*, 83 min., rated G

### FRIDAY FAMILY FILMS

Main Library Auditorium

2:30 p.m. - dates below

Come with your favourite pillow and a snack (no nuts please)

and join us for a free movie on our big screen.

July 8 *Tangled*, 100 min., rated PG

July 15 *Gulliver's Travels*, 85 min., rated PG

July 22 *Yogi Bear*, 80 min., rated PG

July 29 *Gnomeo and Juliet*, 84 min., rated G

August 5 *Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, 113 min., rated PG

August 12 *Iron Legacy*, 125 min., rated PG

August 19 *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*, 96 min., rated PG

Check online for regular program updates.

[brantford.library.on.ca](http://brantford.library.on.ca)



## Summer Fun Registered Programs

Sign up for our jam packed, fun filled summer programs. These 45 minute programs (unless otherwise indicated) include crafts, activities, stories and so much more. Registration is required for these programs. Registration for July programs begins on June 7, and registration for August programs begins on July 5. For more information or to register, drop by the library or call 519-756-2220.

### JULY - REGISTRATION BEGINS ON JUNE 7, 2011

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| 5  | 2:30 p.m. - Sh-sh-Sharks! (ages 6-8) - Main Library Program Room                   |
| 7  | 2:30 p.m. - Superheroes (ages 9-11) - Main Library Program Room                    |
| 12 | 2:30 p.m. - Rainbow Fish (ages 6-8) - Main Library Program Room                    |
| 14 | 2:30 p.m. - Myth Busters and Urban Legends (ages 9-11) - Main Library Program Room |
| 14 | 2:30 p.m. - Silly Sidewalk Chalk (ages 5-8) - St. Paul Avenue Branch               |
| 19 | 2:30 p.m. - I Spy Seashore (ages 6-8) - Main Library Program Room                  |
| 21 | 2:30 p.m. - Desert Island Survivor (ages 9-11) - Main Library Program Room         |
| 26 | 2:30 p.m. - Pout Pout Fish (ages 6-8) - Main Library Program Room                  |
| 28 | 2:30 p.m. - SingStar (ages 9-11) - Main Library Program Room                       |

### AUGUST - REGISTRATION BEGINS ON JULY 5, 2011

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| 2  | 2:30 p.m. - Commotion in the Ocean (ages 6-8) - Main Library Program Room             |
| 4  | 2:30 p.m. - Pirates Ahoy! (ages 9-11) - Main Library Program Room                     |
| 9  | 2:30 p.m. - Beach Party (ages 6-8) - Main Library Program Room                        |
| 11 | 2:30 p.m. - SpongeBob's Underwater Adventures (ages 9-11) - Main Library Program Room |
| 11 | 2:30 p.m. - Water Games (ages 5-8) - St. Paul Avenue Branch                           |
| 16 | 2:30 p.m. - Under the Sea (ages 6-8) - Main Library Program Room                      |
| 18 | 2:30 p.m. - DDR (Dance Dance Revolution) (ages 9-11) - Main Library Program Room      |
| 23 | 2:30 p.m. - Hawaiian Luau (ages 6-8) - Main Library Program Room                      |





## SUPER SESSIONS FOR SPRING & SUMMER

### SUMMER HOT STUFF 4 TEENS

PROGRAM	AGES	DETAILS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
You Pick the Flick	11 to 18	Vote in the poll on the teen section of our webpage and we'll show the movie with the most votes. Come for the free movie, stay for the free food.	May 11 June 8 July 5 August 3 August 31	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Main Library
Harry Potter Party		Harry Potter fans won't want to miss this party! We'll be watching the latest movie on the big screens. Come dressed as your favourite character to win a prize. Free snacks and lots of fun! REGISTRATION REQUIRED	June 1	6:00 p.m.	Main Library
Library Bingo		Come play some good old fashioned Bingo, with a library twist of course. Refreshments and prizes. REGISTRATION REQUIRED	June 27	7:00 p.m.	Main Library
Ice Cream Party		Warm out by the heat! Want to cool down with your friends? Cool down at the library! Stop by the library and make yourself an ice cream sundae! REGISTRATION REQUIRED	July 16	2:00 p.m.	Main Library
Got Game?		Drop in for this open gaming session. Come play Rock Band or Win with your friends in our air conditioned auditorium. DROP IN	July 27	2:00 p.m.	Main Library
Henna Tattoos		Are you mad about Henna? Come out to the library and get a free Henna tattoo! REGISTRATION REQUIRED	August 10	3:00 p.m.	Main Library
Anime Fest		We'll be screening all your favourite anime shows and clips, drinking delicious Bubble Tea, and munching on some free snacks. REGISTRATION REQUIRED	August 17	2:00 p.m.	Main Library

TO REGISTER FOR ANY PROGRAM CALL 519-756-2220

### TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB

Our annual Teen Summer Reading Club is back with a brand new twist! Read any book, graphic novel or magazine, and then pick up a ballot or fill in the online form and tell us what you thought about what you read. Submit your ballot either in person or online and be entered to win weekly draws for awesome prize baskets full of great stuff. Read a "mystery book" for bonus entries into the weekly draws. The more you read, the better your chances to win! You could win the grand prize (drawn at the end of summer) for a \$100 gift card to Lynden Park Mall!

### MURDER MYSTERY THEATRE CAMP AUGUST 22-27

Would you like to participate in BPL's first ever summer theatre camp for teens? We're putting on a Murder Mystery show and need actors and crew members. If you're interested in theatre or what goes on behind the scenes, this is the program for you! To participate you must be able to attend all rehearsals. Rehearsals run from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The dress rehearsal runs from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday's performance is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. We'll do a final rehearsal on Saturday before the performance. Be sure to invite your family and friends! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### SUMMER JOB WORKSHOP MAY 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

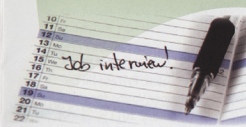
Don't know what to put on your resume? Not sure how to make the right first impression during a job interview? Come out to this free workshop to get tips and tricks to help with your resume and interview skills. Registration is required. The workshop will be held at the Main Library located at 173 Colborne Street.

### INSPIRED INK JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 31

To celebrate BPL's amazingly awesome Poet Laureate Collection, we're having our third annual Inspired Ink Contest! Teens ages 12 to 18 can enter. For more info, go online and visit the teen section of our webpage. Submit your poem or short story online and win prizes!

### TEEN ART CONTEST MAY 1 TO MAY 31

Are you a budding artist? Do you love to paint or draw? Are you a photography whiz? Then this is the contest for you! Submit your artwork in any or all of the three categories (anime, contemporary, or photography) during the month of May and you could be one of the winners! Prizes for the winner and runner up in each category. Teens may submit one piece of art per category.



### TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (T.A.G.)

TAG is BPL's Teen Advisory Group - an enthusiastic group of teen volunteers. At our monthly meetings we discuss teen collections and programs, plan events, work on our newsletter, and more. Come out and enjoy snacks, meet great people, contribute ideas and earn volunteer hours! T.A.G. is on hiatus for the summer, but meetings will resume in September. New members and new ideas are ALWAYS welcome.



### THE VAULT

The VAULT (Voices of Articulate, Unique and Lively Teens) is the T.A.G. newsletter. Written by teens for teens, it includes all sorts of great book, movie and music reviews and recommendations, original writing, a list of upcoming programs, general library news of interest to teens and much more. Each issue is different! Check out our latest issue on the teen page of our website, and look for Fall 2011 issue this November.

### TWEEN COMPUTER PROGRAMS

#### MOVIE MAKING - JULY 27 AT 2:00 P.M.

Main Library, Computer Lab  
Learn how to edit video, add sound and special effects to your own movies.  
Registration is required, space for 9 participants.  
Registration begins on June 7.

#### PHOTO EDITING - AUGUST 24 AT 2:00 P.M.

Main Library, Computer Lab  
Discover online tools for editing, transforming and sharing your favourite photos.  
Registration is required, space for 9 participants.  
Registration begins on July 5.



## BASIC COMPUTER COURSES

### INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Tuesday, May 3, 1:30 -3:00 p.m.

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab

This introductory course for the absolute beginner teaches basic computer skills including how to use a mouse and keyboard, computer terminology, plus how to get onto the Internet. Registration is required. Only 9 spaces available.

### INTRODUCTION TO EMAIL

Tuesday, May 10, 1:30 -3:00 p.m.

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab

When you register, an email account will be set up for you. At the class, you will log into your new Email account and learn how to send and receive email and more. Basic computer skills required. Registration is required. Only 9 spaces available.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Tuesday, May 17, 1:30 -3:00 p.m.

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab

When you register, an email account will be set up for you. At the class, you will log into your new Email account and learn how to send and receive email and more. Basic computer skills required. Registration is required. Only 9 spaces available.

### INTRODUCTION TO FACEBOOK

Tuesday, May 24, 1:30 -3:00 p.m.

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab

Set up your own Facebook account, find friends, upload photos, and choose privacy settings. Basic computer skills required. Participants must have a current, active email account. Registration is required. Only 9 spaces available.

### INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD

Tuesday, May 31, 1:30 -3:00 p.m.

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab

Learn how to create, format, spell check, save, and print a Word document. Basic computer skills required. Registration is required. Only 9 spaces available.

## TO REGISTER CALL

519-756-2220

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### EVERGREEN AWARD

The Evergreen Award was added to the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading Program in 2005. It gives adult library patrons the opportunity to vote for their favourite work of Canadian fiction or non-fiction. The nominated titles for 2011 are:

- *Amphibian* by Carla Gunn
- *Annabel* by Kathleen Winter
- *Dahanu Road* by Anosh Irani
- *Death Spiral* by James V. Nichol
- *Far to Go* by Alison Pick
- *A Man in Uniform* by Kate Taylor
- *Night Shift* by Brian Goldman
- *Room* by Emma Donoghue
- *Still Missing* by Chevy Stevens
- *The Tiger* by John Vaillant

Start reading now and be ready to enter the monthly prize draw. For every title you read you may fill out a ballot for a chance to win a fantastic prize basket. Prizes will be awarded monthly from May to September. Voting for the Evergreen award will take place in October 2011.



### ADULT SUMMER READING

It's free, easy, and open to all BPL card holders 19 years or older. From June 27 to September 3, read books and submit your review/ ballot at the library or online. All eligible "Book Lovers" prize. The more books you read the more chances you have to win.

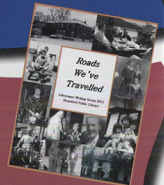


### LIFESCAPES BOOK LAUNCH

Wednesday, June 1 - 7:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

Fifteen Brantford adults and seniors have been writing diligently since September in the Lifescapes Memoir Writing Program. Please join us for the launch of their book, *Roads We've Travelled*. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served.



### GARDENING WITH MARK

Wednesday, May 4 - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

The City of Brantford grows a wide variety of annuals and perennials for use in the City's beautiful gardens. Join Mark Meloun, lead hand of Horticulture Operations, Brantford Parks and Recreation and learn how to create colourful, low maintenance gardens. Find out the best new plants being grown in the Parks and Recreation greenhouses and take home a FREE PLANT! Registration is required.

### EATING FOR ENERGY

Wednesday, May 18 - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

What would your life be like with an abundance of energy and vitality? What foods are best to eat to increase your energy? This dynamic, interactive workshop will help you to tap into the vibrant energies available through our food choices. Through this workshop you will learn:

- the foods to eat to increase your energy
- the foods you should reduce to prevent energy leakages
- the lifestyle choices that will revitalize you.

Presented by Rachel Assuncao, Health Coach. Registration is required.

### ANCESTRY.COM LIBRARY EDITION: Advanced Search Techniques

Wednesday, May 11 - 7:00 p.m.

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab

Join us for some great hands-on training in advanced search techniques on Ancestry.com Library Edition. Basic computer skills required. Registration is required - only 9 spaces available.

### GENEALOGY: GETTING STARTED

Thursday, June 16 - 7:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

Topics will include: gathering family data; record keeping techniques including family group sheets and pedigree charts; genealogical database programs; standards of genealogical evidence; and introduction to Ancestry.com. Registration is required.

### ST. PAUL KNITTERS CIRCLE

St. Paul Avenue Branch Library

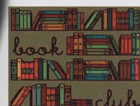
The St. Paul Library will host an informal knitting group on the first and third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Drop in with your knitting projects for company, conversation, tea, and advice from other knitters. Meeting dates: May 5, May 19, June 2 and June 16. Drop in.

### Learn the Strategies of: CANADA'S YOUNGEST RETIREE

Monday, July 11 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

Come and meet Derek Foster who left the rat race at the age of 34. His simple investing approach allowed him to become a millionaire in his 30s - but is simple enough for any 6 year old to understand. Take this rare opportunity to listen to Mr. Foster and ask any questions you want. This presentation might change your financial future. Drop in.



### THE BRANTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

This club meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium - located at 173 Colborne Street. Upcoming titles are:

APRIL 28: *How to Be a Canadian* by Will Ferguson

MAY 26: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

### THE ST. PAUL READERS' CIRCLE

This club meets on the third Friday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Avenue Branch Library - located at 441 St. Paul Avenue. Upcoming titles are:

MAY 20: *The Bishop's Man* by Linden MacIntyre

JUNE 17: *American Jennie* by Anne Sebba

### WELLNESS WITHIN BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Discover, expand and explore the depth of your mind-body connection. We will read and then discuss a variety of books focusing on the power of the mind in overall wellness. Meetings will take place in the Main Library Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. In partnership with Dr. Lisa Vickery of Harmony Chiropractic. Upcoming title:

JUNE 2: *The Four Agreements* by Miguel Ruiz

### BOOK CLUB IN A BAG

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## GREAT SUMMER READS

Ah, summer. Time to get away from your busy life and escape the city - even if it is only through a good book! If you are one of the fortunate few who will travel this summer, remember a good book is just as important to pack as sunscreen. So whether you're off to the cottage, a sandy beach, or jet setting across the ocean, here are some great reads to enjoy.

### COTTAGE READS

The peace and serenity of the lake is a perfect setting for a nice long read; and you won't have to worry about carrying your book too far! Try one of these epics: *Fall of Giants* by Ken Follett is the first part of a trilogy that takes place in the early 20th century. Follow the fates of five interrelated families in this whopping 900+ page saga. There are a number of epic classics, like Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace* or Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* which both weigh in at over 1000 pages. You can even go back to ancient times with *Roma* by Steven Saylor (a mere 500+ pages) or to medieval England with Ken Follett's *Pillars of the Earth* (900+ pages). Have you noticed all these epic books are historical fiction? If luging these monster reads is too much, most of them are also available in e-book format!

### BEACH READS

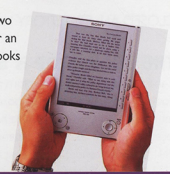
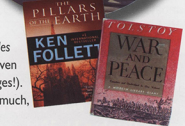
There's nothing more relaxing than the sun on your skin, the tide by your feet, and the soft sand all around you. For the beach, you want your mind to relax as much as your body with light hearted and pleasant books. *The Shopaholic* series by Sophie Kinsella (and other books by her) are great light reads. Sophie Kinsella presents a very humorous take on shopping addictions and other life-stressors, and turns them into a great read.

*Water for Elephants* by Sarah Gruen is a quick read and an interesting look into the life of a circus in the 1930s. You can also read the letters in *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer, set on the German-occupied island of Guernsey during World War II.

### JET-SETTERS

Long waits at airports, long flights, and beautiful days on your dream vacation are all the perfect opportunities to read. Any of the books mentioned earlier would suit you just fine, but why carry two or three books when that space could go towards souvenirs to bring home? Grab an mp3 player or an e-book reader and download some great titles from our digital catalogue! You can easily fit more books than you need and only take up the space of a DVD! Brilliant!

No matter where you go this summer, a book is a necessary companion. Whether you're going to England for real, or just in the pages of *Her Fearful Symmetry* (by Audrey Niffenegger), enjoy the warm months to come!



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June 20 to September 6, 2011

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Wednesday to Friday	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

\*Sunday hours resume on October 16, 2011

**Main Library Community Information Commons (THIRD FLOOR) after hours access 9:00 p.m. to Midnight Monday-Thursday - ends on April 28, 2011 and will re-open on October 11, 2011.**

### St. Paul Avenue Branch

#### Library

441 St. Paul Avenue  
Brantford, ON N3R 4N8  
519-753-2179



Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

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