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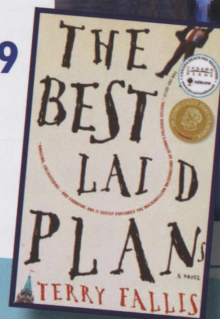
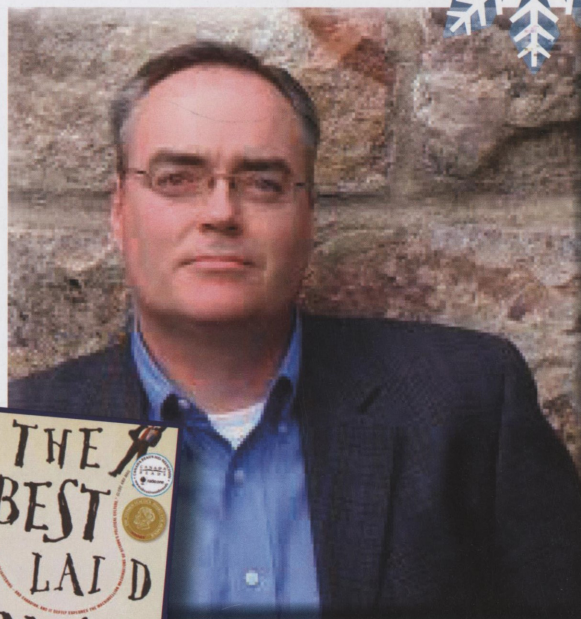
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BPL WELCOMES AWARD WINNING AUTHOR TERRY FALLIS

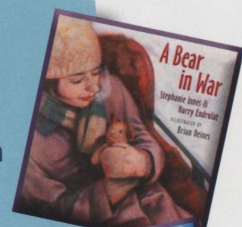
Celebrated author Terry Fallis will be at the Brantford Public Library for the meeting of the Brantford Public Library Book Club on March 29, 2012. Mr. Fallis will be discussing his book *Best Laid Plans*, winner of the 2008 Stephen Leacock Medal and the 2011 Canada Reads contest. Please join us as we welcome this popular, engaging and entertaining speaker to BPL for the first time.



THURSDAY, MARCH 29
7:00 p.m.
Main Library
173 Colborne St.

CELEBRATE FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Celebrate Family Literacy Day with us! Bring the family out to meet award-winning author Harry Endrulat. Mr. Endrulat has written many children's books including books in two popular series: Max and Ruby, and Franklin. A free book for every family too!



SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2012

1:00 p.m. - County of Brant Public Library - Paris Branch
 3:00 p.m. - Brantford Public Library - Main Library

A partnership with the Family Literacy Committee of Brant and the County of Brant Public Library.



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BPL Film Series

Join us on the third Thursday of the month in the Main Library Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. for some spectacular films.

January 19	The First Grader	This is the true story of an 84 year-old Kenyan villager and ex Mau Mau freedom fighter who fights for his right to go to school for the first time to get the education he could never afford.
February 16	Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie	Filmed before a live audience, David Suzuki, Canadian scientist, activist and environmentalist, delivers his last lecture and shares his thoughts on his life and legacy.
March 15	A Better Life	Carlos Galindo always dreamed of a better life for his wife and newborn son when he crossed the border into the U.S. But when his wife left him, Carlos's only goal became to make sure his son Luis was given the opportunities he never had. A story that follows father and son as they embark on a physical and spiritual journey where they discover that family is the most important part of the American Dream
April 19	Project Nim	Nim the chimpanzee made a name for himself when he became the focus of an experiment to prove that a chimp could learn to use language to communicate with humans. This experiment provided some interesting results that were equally inspiring and unsettling. Project Nim provides insight into the nature of both man and beast.



MEDICAL EXPENSES AND THE DISABILITY TAX CREDIT (DTC)

Thursday March 29, 2:00 p.m.

At this seminar, we'll show you the types of claims that qualify as medical expenses on your income tax return. We will also discuss the Disability Tax Credit, the Child Disability Benefit, and related deductions.

INCOME TAX AND BENEFIT RETURN

Thursday April 5, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday April 5, 7:00 p.m.

Let us show you how to prepare an income tax return! At this instructional hands-on session, you will learn how to report income, what deductions are available, and how to claim tax credits. Can't make it to our afternoon seminar? We're offering an evening session too.

CHILD AND FAMILY BENEFITS

Thursday April 12, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday April 12, 7:00 p.m.

Come in the afternoon or come in the evening – we'll have games and activities to entertain your children (age 4 and up) while you attend a seminar on:

- GST/HST Credit
- Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB)
- Children's Special Allowances (CSA)
- Disability Tax Credit (DTC)
- Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB)
- Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB)

Tax Seminars: Answers for Your Tax Questions!

We know filing your taxes can be confusing and intimidating, and mistakes can be costly. So let's work together to reduce tax-related anxiety. We're bringing in experts from the Canada Revenue Agency to guide you through commonly asked questions about filing, claiming tax credits, and many of the benefits that apply to you and your family. Each information session is free of charge but space is limited so be sure to register early. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL TAX SEMINARS.

NEWCOMERS TO CANADA

Thursday March 22, 7:00 p.m.

If you are new to Canada and to our tax system, this seminar is for you! Get information about: who needs to file a tax return, what documents are required, and who qualifies for our benefit programs.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CAFÉ

Practice your spoken English in a relaxed social setting. Newcomers to Canada, 19 years and older, who want to improve their English and make new friends are welcome. Call 519-752-4568, ext. 46 for more information. The program runs every Tuesday evening at the Main Library at 7:00 p.m.

A partnership of Immigration Settlement Services – YMCA and the Brantford Public Library, through the generous support of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.



LAURIER @BPL

New Mobile Site

The Laurier Library now has a mobile website with basic information about the Library. For Hours and Contacts, be sure to click on the Brantford tabs. The site also offers a mobile view of Primo and a list of databases which will continue to grow as more vendors produce mobile-friendly interfaces. We hope to add more functionality and features to the site in the coming months, based on observed usage and feedback. If you have a mobile device, visit us at library.wlu.ca/m/. You can email us your comments through the Contacts icon.

Podcasts

The library is pleased to announce a new podcast series. We plan frequent updates to feature interviews with staff and students, quick tips, and news items of interest to our users. Listen in: library.wlu.ca/podcast
Do you need a few more sources for your paper?
Think you might have missed something? Ask one of the Laurier Brantford librarians on the third floor of the Brantford Public Library. We're always happy to help!



MOHAWK COLLEGE Library is growing...again! We are happy to be starting our new partnership with Brantford Public Library. Mohawk Brantford (Odeon) students will now receive library support from a Mohawk College Library Information Services Technician when they visit BPL. Learning is a lifelong endeavour and this partnership is a great way to expose college students to their public library, a place where they can learn during and after their studies are completed at Mohawk.

Mohawk College Library service will include:

- Information and reference support from Nancy Whetstone (pictured below), a Mohawk College Library Information Services Technician.
- Access to a selected print and reserve collection and all Mohawk College Library e-resources.

In addition to the services offered at BPL, Mohawk College Library staff will visit the Odeon campus to provide in-class instruction to support student success.

Thanks to this partnership, we are sure that our students will also discover and benefit from the wonderful service and resources that Brantford Public Library provides during their time at our Odeon Campus.



Nancy Whetstone

Let's enjoy learning together.

Regular Hours and Locations

Main Library

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



Monday to Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday*	1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Sunday hours end on April 22, 2012

**Main Library Community Information Commons
(THIRD FLOOR) After hours access 9:00 p.m. to Midnight
Monday-Thursday - resumes on February 13, 2012 and
ends on April 25, 2012**

St. Paul Avenue Branch Library

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



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

CLOSED ALL STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

THE BOOK DROP is always open

Can't get to the library to return materials? Don't worry, the bookdrop is *always* open. All borrowed material may be returned via the book drop. We have book drops at both library locations, one at the St. Paul Avenue Branch (441 St. Paul Avenue) and two at the Main Library: front (173 Colborne Street) and back (Wharfe Street).

WELCOME TO YOUR LIBRARY!

Your Brantford Public Library card is free if you are a resident of the City of Brantford or if you pay household or business taxes to the City of Brantford. All you need to get a card is two pieces of identification with your name and current address. Once we have that, we'll issue your card and provide you with a PIN (personal identification number). A PIN is needed to view your account, place holds, renew materials online and use Internet computers.

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 materials. If you lose your card there is a small replacement fee.

With your card you have access to over 230,000 items.

Here's what you can borrow:

- Unlimited number of books
- 12 magazines
- 2 encyclopaedia volumes
- 12 compact discs
- 12 DVDs – DVDs are not renewable
- 12 books on CD, MP3 and CD-ROMs
- 12 console video games - not renewable
- Unlimited number of Bestsellers
- 25 Overdrive downloadable e-audiobooks

Here's how long you can borrow it:

- For most material, 21 days
- DVDs and video games, 7 days with no renewal
- Bestsellers, 7 days with no holds or renewals

You must have your library card to check out and renew materials. Unless otherwise specified, most materials may be renewed once, if not in demand. However, if an item has been requested by someone else, it cannot be renewed.

Library material can be renewed at the Library at any Public Access Computer; from the Library's website at brantford.library.on.ca, or by using our **Automated Telephone Renewal Service at 519-756-2399.**

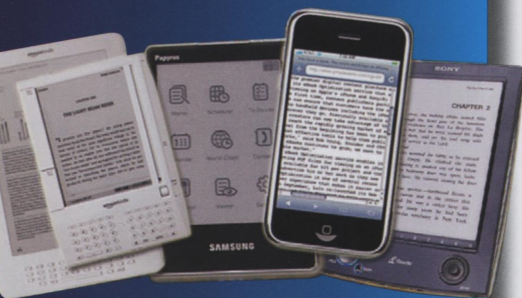
You must have a PIN (Personal Identification Number) to do your own renewals.

Check us out ONLINE
To renew your books, check your account, browse book titles in the collection, access great databases, and much more!
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Did you get an e-reader as a gift? Not quite sure how to use it yet?

We can help.

Check out the E-reader Fair

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
2:00 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY**

OR

Come to the T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group) Tech Clinics for one-on-one support for all of your gadgets.

**JANUARY 14 AND MARCH 10
2:00-4:00 PM.**

(for more information on the T.A.G. Tech Clinics, go to page 8)

GREETINGS

from the Chief Executive Officer
Rose Vespa

We are pleased to offer you an amazing slate of programs for the winter season of 2012. As we go through the process of renewing our strategic plan, we start off the New Year by ensuring that we continue to offer engaging programs and services that meet the changing needs of the community.

Our programming has never been more robust and diverse. Our e-resources are constantly expanding as is our support to you in adopting new technologies. If you decide to purchase an e-reader, or perhaps you've received one as a gift, we're here to help you figure it out through our workshops and Tech Clinics.

We continue to offer storytimes for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers, as well as March Break and special event programs for school-aged children. This winter we will also help answer your tax questions in a series of tax seminars.

Our academic partners are an important component to our service delivery. Not only do we work in partnership with Laurier Brantford to provide library service to their students, we are now partnering with Mohawk College to provide library service to their students located in the downtown.

And finally, we are just thrilled to host an author reading by award-winning Canadian writer Terry Fallis, the winner of the 2011 Canada Reads contest.

Follow us on Twitter, check us out on Facebook, visit our website or simply walk through the doors of the Main Library or St. Paul Avenue Branch – we've got something for everyone! In all that we do, the Brantford Public Library strives to be an inviting and welcoming space that fosters a love of reading and life-long learning.



Family Drop In: 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 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Main Library Children's Program Room.

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 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Main Library. Main Library Children's Program Room.

Brantford Public Library is a proud partner of BEST START BRANTFORD-BRANT

Just for Kids

WINTER SESSION: Registration begins on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

The session runs from the week of January 16 to February 20, 2012.

SPRING SESSION: Registration begins on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

The session runs from the week of March 26 to April 30, 2012. **RR - Registration is Required DI - Drop In**

PROGRAM	AGES	DETAILS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Born to Read	0-17 months	It's never too early to bring babies and books together. Come and meet other new parents and enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and bounces.	Tuesdays RR	10:30 a.m.	St. Paul Branch
Tales for Tots	1½ - 2½ yr	Tots and their caregivers will enjoy this 20 minute action packed program filled with rhymes, stories and songs.	Tuesdays RR Wednesdays RR	10:30 a.m.	Main Library St. Paul Branch
Shake, Rattle and Read	0 - 3 yr	This weekly 45 minute program consists of rhymes, songs, bounces, stories and activities for you and your little ones. It's also a great way to meet other moms.	Wednesdays DI	1:30 p.m.	Main Library
Family Fun	2 - 5 yr	Families, friends and children will enjoy this lively 30 minute program combining stories, puppets, rhymes, songs and fun.	Thursdays DI Saturdays DI	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Main Library Main Library
Tales & Tunes	3 - 5 yr	If you and your child like to sing and dance and play musical instruments, this 45 minute program is for you! Includes a musical craft each week to take home and enjoy.	Wednesdays RR	10:30 a.m.	Main Library
Pyjama Time	2 - 5 yr	Almost ready for bed? Want to encourage your sleep time imagination? Join us for a weekly family pyjama storytime. Pyjamas are encouraged and teddy bears are welcome.	Wednesdays DI	6:30 p.m.	St. Paul Branch
Movin' & Groovin'	3 - 6 yr	Move and groove with us as we enjoy stories, songs, games, movement activities and more in this 45 minute program.	Mondays RR	10:30 a.m.	Main Library
Twist & Shout	2 - 5 yr	Shake it up, shake it out! Come and join us for this energetic new program that includes music, movement and stories to enjoy.	Thursdays RR	10:30 a.m.	St. Paul Branch
Sleepy Time Movies	3 - 6 yr	Try something new just for our little library patrons! Sleepy Time Movies are super cute and super short (less than 30 minutes), so it's a great way to wind down before bed.	Mondays DI	6:30 p.m.	Main Library

We don't want you to lose your special library habit, so between the Winter and Spring storytime sessions, BPL is pleased to offer some special programs for you and the little people in your life.

MIGHTY MACHINES (ages 3-6)

Monday, February 27 - 10:30 a.m.

Main Library Children's Program Room

All revved up and ready to go? Join us for some special stories about the Mighty Machines. There will be stories, songs, a craft and a few surprises too!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

BUGS, BUGS, BUGS (ages 3-6)

Monday, March 5 - 10:30 a.m.

Main Library Children's Program Room

Come for a very buggy good time at the library. Please join us for some exciting stories, songs, rhymes and a bug-themed craft.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MUNSCH MADNESS (ages 3-6)

Monday, March 19 - 10:30 a.m.

Main Library Children's Program Room

Join us for some Robert Munsch inspired fun. We'll hear some great Munsch stories, sing some songs and make a craft to take home.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SHAKE, RATTLE & READ (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, February 29, March 7 & 21 - 1:30 a.m.

NOTE: There will be no program during March Break

Main Library Children's Program Room

This very popular weekly 45 minute program consists of rhymes, songs, bounces, stories and activities for you and your little ones.

DROP IN

PRESCHOOL CINEMA (ages 2-5)

Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15 and 22 - 10:30 a.m.

Main Library Third Floor Auditorium

Join us for some entertaining movies geared for your pre-schoolers.

Films will be 20-30 minutes long.

DROP IN

EASTER EGG HUNT WITH T.A.G. (ages 4-8)

Saturday, March 24 - 2:30 p.m.

Main Library Children's Program Room.

Join BPL's wonderful Teen Advisory (T.A.G.) members for an Easter egg hunt and make a special craft to take home.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration for these programs begins on FEBRUARY 14. To register, please call 519-756-2220.

Check out these Great programs

FOREST OF READING™

Join the Forest of Reading™ program at the St. Paul Avenue Branch. Brantford Public Library offers different reading programs from the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading™. Kids can register to take part in book clubs for Blue Spruce or Silver Birch awards - it's easy. Just read 5 of the Silver Birch books or 10 of the Blue Spruce books from the list of nominees. Meet with other kids and talk about the books. At the last meeting, join the party and vote for your favourite. For more information or to register, call 519-753-2179. ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE ST. PAUL AVENUE BRANCH

SILVER BIRCH

Saturday, January 21 - 2:30 p.m.
 Saturday, February 18 - 2:30 p.m.
 Saturday, March 17 - 2:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 14 - 2:30 p.m.

BLUE SPRUCE

Saturday, February 11 - 2:30 p.m.
 Saturday, March 10 - 2:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 7 - 2:30 p.m.

HOMEWORK HELP CENTRE

If you need some help with your homework or just a quiet place to study, this is the place to be! Laurier Students for Literacy are on hand to provide drop-in homework help (for students in grades 3 to 8) including math and science. The Homework Help Centre is located at the Main Library at 173 Colborne St. It's fully equipped with computers, a collection of textbooks, school supplies, study space and some great one-on-one support. Best of all...it's free! Call 519-756-2220 or visit us online at brantford.library.on.ca for more information. Homework Help Centre Hours: Monday to Thursday - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - RE-OPENS JANUARY 9, 2012.



DROP IN Skating and a Movie

Back by popular demand, Brantford's favourite way to beat the winter blahs. Make Saturday afternoons family fun time. Come downtown to Harmony Square to skate and then warm up and relax at the Main Library with a fun family film. Every Saturday from January 7 until February 25. DROP IN

FILMS START AT 2:30 P.M.

January 7 - Kung Fu Panda 2, Rated PG, 91 minutes
 January 14 - Mr. Popper's Penguins, Rated G, 94 minutes
 January 21 - Rango, Rated PG, 107 minutes
 January 28 - Winnie the Pooh, Rated G, 68 minutes

FEBRUARY FILMS TO BE ANNOUNCED

DROP IN After School is Cool

Here is something great for kids ages 8-12. This 45 minute after school drop in program is a great place to meet other kids, play board games and Wii, have a snack and hang out. Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Main Library beginning January 9 to June 18 (except February 20, March 12, April 9 and May 21).

DROP IN Craftastic Saturdays

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. Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. (January 7 to April 28, 2012)

DROP IN SPECIAL PA DAY PROGRAMS

Join us on your next PA Day and enjoy movies or games, or just hang out with us and check out some really great books, CDs and DVDs. We've got three PA days coming up: January 16, April 27 and June 4.

Wii @your library - Ages 6-12 at 11:00 a.m. at the Main Library
 PA Day Movie - All ages at 2:30 p.m. at the Main Library (film TBA)

DROP IN PROGRAMS FROM LSFL

Exploring Reptiles - Join the Laurier Students for Literacy for an afternoon and learn about different reptiles. We'll look at different reptiles in books and get the chance to get up close and personal with different reptiles. We've also got door prizes! Saturday, January 21 - 12:00 - 2:00, Main Library Auditorium

Superheroes - Join the Laurier Students for Literacy as we look at superheroes in books and in the community. There will be lots of activities for children ages 4 to 12. Kids will get a chance to meet a number of superheroes, and there will be door prizes. Saturday, March 10 - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Main Library Auditorium

Check online for regular program updates
brantford.library.on.ca



March Break programs

REGISTERED MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS

Registration begins February 28, 2012.

Stories for Spring: It's time to say goodbye to winter and ring in the spring with some great stories and songs. Stories geared for kids ages 2-5. Registration required.
 Tuesday, March 13, 10:30-11:00 am - Main Library
 Wednesday, March 14, 10:30-11:00 am - St. Paul Avenue Branch

Mother Goose on the Loose: Come and have fun with a program based on Mother Goose's traditional rhymes. Enjoy the story poems, songs and action rhymes that are filled with melody and movement and make a craft to take home. Ages 3-6. Registration required.
 Thursday, March 15, 10:30-11:15 am - St. Paul Avenue Branch

Scrapbook Fun: Bring your favourite photos and mementos and create a scrapbook of memories to treasure. Ages 9-12. Registration required.
 Wednesday, March 14, 2:30-3:30 pm - Main Library

Paper Airplanes: Join us as we discover some exciting paper airplane designs and have fun as we test them out. Ages 6-9. Registration required.
 Monday, March 12, 10:30-11:15 am - Main Library

Pyjama Party: Bring your giggles and pillows because the library is having a pyjama party! Put on your pj's and join us at the Main Library for movies, games and snacks. Ages 5-9. Registration required.
 Tuesday, March 13, 7:00-8:00 pm - Main Library

DROP IN PROGRAMS

Family Films

Come with your favourite pillow and a snack (no nuts please) and join us for a free movie on our big screen.
 Monday, March 12, 2:30 pm - Main Library
 Friday, March 16, 2:30 pm - Main Library

Read-a-thon (Ages 5-12) - March 10-19

Kids are invited to drop by the Main Library or the St. Paul Avenue Branch or visit us online and pick up a copy of the March Break Read-a-thon passport and entry form. Each time you read, keep track of the number of pages and have your parent or caregiver initial your entry. Contest deadline is Monday, March 19. The person who reads the most pages will receive a prize and one winner will be drawn from all of the entries received.

Read with Me: Reading Bingo (Ages 3-12) - March 10-19

Reading is an adventure and there are lots of ways and places to read. Kids are invited to drop by and pick up a Read with Me Bingo card or visit us online. Each bingo square suggests a fun reading activity. Complete a full line of squares and BINGO! Return your form to the Main Library or St. Paul Avenue to receive your reading prize.



Get up close and personal with reptiles and amphibians! This interactive hands-on show will feature some curious creatures, including turtles, lizards, spiders and snakes!

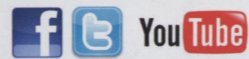
SPECIAL EVENT

LITTLE RAY'S REPTILES
 Thursday, March 15 - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 Main Library - 173 Colborne Street

This special event is FREE, but tickets are required. Tickets will be available on March 1st. 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.



COOL STUFF 4 TEENS



PROGRAM	AGES	DETAILS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Green Teens	11 to 17	Are you passionate about helping the environment and your community? Are you interested in learning about how to go green? Then you won't want to miss BPL's newest volunteer group for teens—the Green Teens! At our monthly meetings, we'll make green crafts and projects, and learn more about going green while earning volunteer hours. Meetings take place on Mondays at 7:00 pm at the Main library.	Jan. 16 Feb. 13 Mar. 12 Apr. 23	7:00 p.m.	Main Library
Game On Café		Come out to our Game On Café for free snacks and treats, good music and lots of board games! Bring your friends and come hang out in our auditorium. Play one of our games, or bring your own. The Café runs once a month on Monday nights, from 6:30-8:30 pm.	Jan. 30 Feb. 27 Mar. 26	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Main Library
Tween Book Club		Are you between the ages of 9 and 12? Do you love to read and talk about books? If this sounds like you, join us for our first ever book club just for tweens! We'll meet once a month to discuss books and have some fun with related games and crafts. And don't worry, you won't have to read anything you don't want to. Every month, we'll pick a different genre for the next month's meeting and we'll offer a wide variety of choices. Meetings are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.	Feb. 8 Mar. 7 Apr. 11	7:00 p.m.	Main Library
Valentine's Candy Raffle		Between February 1 and 15, come on down to the library for a chance to win a jar full of yummy candy! Fill out a ballot with one thing you love about the library, and your guess as to how many candies are in the jar for your chance to win. The closest guesser wins the jar!	Between Feb. 1 and 15		Main Library & St. Paul Branch
Anime Club		Anime AND free pizza!!!! No way! It might sound too good to be true, but it's not! Join us once a month for BPL's Teen Anime Club. We'll be screening some of the coolest anime around and munching on pizza. Newcomers are always welcome!	Jan. 25 Feb. 29 Mar. 28 Apr. 25	7:00 p.m.	Main Library
Summer Job Workshop		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, tricks and get help with your resume and interview skills. REGISTRATION REQUIRED	March 21	7:00 p.m.	Main Library

TO REGISTER FOR ANY PROGRAM CALL 519-756-2220

T.A.G

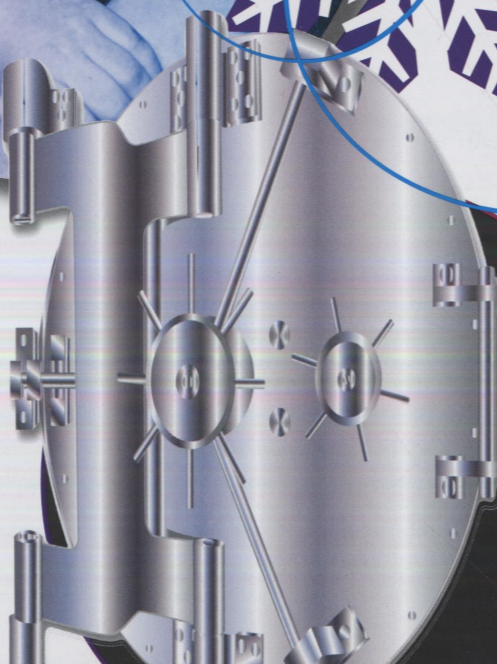
is BPL's Teen

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. New members are always welcome. Meetings take place on Saturdays at 2:30 pm at the Main library. Winter meeting dates: January 28, February 25, March 24, April 21, and our end of the year pizza party will take place on May 5.



VAULT

The **VAULT** (Voices of Articulate, Unique and Lively Teens) is the TAG 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. Check out our fall issue on the teen page of our website, and look for our Winter 2012 issue this February.



MARCH BREAK MOVIES

Looking for something fun to do over March break? We'll be showing hit movies on our big screen at 2:00 pm on March 14 & 15. Free popcorn!



Check out these amazing photographs from the Teen Photography Contest we ran in September.

What talent!



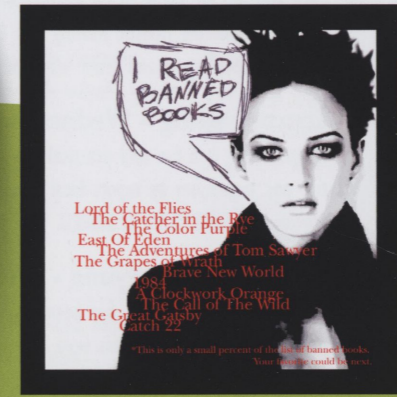
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FREEDOM TO READ WEEK

February 26 to March 3, 2012

Celebrate Freedom to Read Week by checking out our display of banned and challenged books. Have you read a banned or challenged book?

Add your first name and the book you read to our freedom wall display.

ART CONTEST APRIL 1-30, 2012

Are you a budding artist? Do you love to paint or draw? Then this is the contest for you! Submit your artwork during the month of May and you could be one of the winners! Prizes for the winner and runner up. Teens may submit one piece of art each.



DROP IN TEEN CAFÉ

WHERE: Brantford Public Library - Main Library

WHEN: Wednesday evenings - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

- snacks
- games (Wii, PS3)
- talk about issues affecting you
- meet our Child & Youth Worker
- dynamic guest presenters
- arts & crafts
- movie nights and more
- YOU DECIDE!

DROP IN TEEN CAFÉ

BOOK CLUB IN A BAG



The BPL Book Club in a Bag program provides sets of 10 copies of one book in a bag that may be checked out by local book clubs for a loan period of 6 weeks. Visit the library's website for a complete list and program details at: <http://brantford.library.on.ca/adults/bookbag.php>

BPL BOOK CLUBS

Do you love books? Do you love to talk about books? We do! The library runs three book clubs:

The Brantford Public Library Book Club

meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium on Colborne St. Upcoming titles are:

January 26: *Mistress of Nothing*

by Kate Pullinger

February 23: *Firewall* by Henning Mankell

March 29: *Best Laid Plans* by Terry Fallis

April 26: *Changing My Mind*

by Margaret Trudeau

May 31: *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

The St. Paul Readers' Circle

meets on the third Friday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Avenue Branch. Upcoming titles are:

January 20: *What the Dog Saw*

by Malcolm Gladwell

February 17: *The Day the Falls Stood Still*

by Cathy Marie Buchanan

March 16: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

April 20: *Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad

May 18: *The Boy in the Moon* by Ian Brown

Wellness Within Book Discussion Group

meets bi-monthly on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium on Colborne St. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming titles are:

January 30: *Who Will Cry when you Die*

by Robin Sharma

March 26: *The life we are born to live: A guide to finding your life purpose* by Dan Millman

Please phone 519-756-2220 for details and registration.

GREAT PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & SENIORS

TO REGISTER CALL 519-756-2220

Be Healthier, Feel Good! Post-Holiday De-stressing with Naturopathy Wednesday, January 25 - 7:00 p.m. - Main Library

Will 2012 be your year with less stress, a stronger immune system, and meeting your weight loss goals once and for all? Come to an information session by Dr. Angela Barry-Dignard, N.D. and Dr. Mary-Leah Albano, N.D. of the Holistic Healing Arts Centre. They will be discussing ways you can decrease stress, boost your immune system, and learn why you might not be losing weight. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Scrapbooking - Wednesday, February 22 - 7:00 p.m. - Main Library

Scrapbooking is a fun and practical way to preserve memories. Join us for a hands-on demonstration of tips and techniques by expert local scrapbooker, Tikvah Allarie. Space is limited so sign up early! Materials provided. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Origami for Everyone - Wednesday, April 18 - 7:00 p.m. - Main Library

Brantford's own Ron Robb has been making and teaching origami for over 50 years. Come out and see some fabulous displays of his work and learn for yourself the ancient Japanese folk art of paper folding. Master the basic folds that can then be combined in an infinite number of ways to create beautiful, intricate designs. REGISTRATION REQUIRED

T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group) Tech Clinics

January 14 & March 10 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Main Library

Come out to our free T.A.G. Tech Clinics and learn something new. Bring your MP3 player, tablet, e-reader, digital camera, cell phone, laptop or any other electronic device and one of our teen volunteers will give you a 30 minute lesson on how to use your equipment. Sign up today! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Lifescapes: A Seniors' Memoir Writing Program

Lifescapes is a writing program for seniors with life stories to tell. Over the course of six Tuesdays in January and February we're going to create a collection of those stories to be published in an anthology. The group will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Main Library on: Jan. 17, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 14, and Feb. 21. Everyone is welcome. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

BPL Genealogy Club - January 11, February 8, March 7 & April 4 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Main Library

Interested in tracing your family tree? Not sure where to start or perhaps you've hit a dead end in your research. The BPL Genealogy Club meets once a month on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Main Library. Learn about various resources that may help you with your research and talk to fellow genealogists. New members welcome! DROP IN.

St. Paul Knitters Circle

The St. Paul Avenue Branch 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, tea, and advice from other knitters. For ages 18 and up. Meeting dates: Jan. 5 & 19; Feb. 2 & 16; Mar. 1 & 15; Apr. 5 & 19. DROP IN

Scrabble Club

Tuesdays, January 31, February 28, March 27 & April 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Main Library

Beginners, intermediate and expert players all welcome! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



BASIC COMPUTER COURSES

The library offers a variety of introductory computer technology courses. This winter we will be offering the following seminars in 3 sessions for 45 minutes.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Tuesday: 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

(January 17, 24 and 31)

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab

This introductory course is offered for the absolute beginner and teaches basic computer skills including how to use a mouse, keyboard and computer terminology. We will also get you to the Internet. REGISTRATION REQUIRED - only 9 spaces available.

INTRODUCTION TO E-MAIL

Tuesday: 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

(February 7, 14 and 21)

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab

Learn how to set up your own e-mail account (Hotmail), send and receive e-mail, and more. Basic Computer skills required. REGISTRATION REQUIRED - only 9 spaces available.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Tuesday: 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

(February 28, March 6 and March 13)

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab

Learn to search the Internet, access websites and print information in this hands-on session. Basic computer skills required. REGISTRATION REQUIRED - only 9 spaces available.

INTRODUCTION TO WORD PROCESSING

Tuesday: 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

(March 20, 27 and April 3)

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab

Learn how to type, format, spell check, save and print a Word document. Basic computer skills required. REGISTRATION REQUIRED - only 9 spaces available.

INTRODUCTION TO FACEBOOK

Tuesday: 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. (April 10, 17 and 24)

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 e-mail account. REGISTRATION REQUIRED - only 9 spaces available.

Registration for ALL Adult programs begins January 4, 2012. TO REGISTER CALL 519-756-2220

BASIC GENEALOGY SEMINARS

The library offers a variety of basic genealogy and family history seminars designed for novice genealogists. This winter we will be offering the following seminars:

INTRODUCTION TO ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Wednesday, March 14 - 7:00 p.m.

Main Library Computer Lab

Are you new to Ancestry and having problems navigating around the site? If so, come in and learn some tips and tricks to get you started.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - only 9 spaces available.

CANADIAN VITAL STATISTICS ONLINE

Wednesday, March 21 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Main Library Computer Lab

Find out which provinces have their vital statistics online and how to find them.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - only 9 spaces available.

MILITARY RECORDS

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

Main Library Computer Lab

Most Canadians have ancestors who served in the military during both World Wars and earlier conflicts. BPL staff will help you learn more about their services. Topics will include: searching military service records online including Attestation Papers, War Diaries, the London Gazette and the Canadian Virtual War Memorial.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - only 9 spaces available.

GENEALOGY: SEARCHING FOR ANCESTORS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Wednesday, April 18, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Main Library Computer Lab

Learn how to find BMD Indexes and obituaries on the web.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - only 9 spaces available.