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BRANTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Your Guide to Programs and Services at the Brantford Public Library

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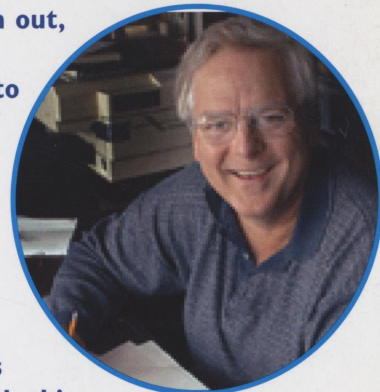


## BPL Launches new John B. Lee Poet Laureate Collection

April is Poetry Month - the perfect time to launch our newest acquisition - The Poet Laureate Collection. Thanks to the generosity of John B. Lee, the library has hundreds of new volumes added to its shelves. Mr. Lee's personal collection of Canadian Poetry was donated to Brantford Public Library and provides a rich new dimension to our existing poetry collections.

When asked what prompted him to make such a tremendous contribution to the Library, Mr. Lee responded, "I wanted to make a permanent contribution to the library in order to provide something of a lifeline for anyone toiling away at the lonesome craft. I recall my own youth when I was raiding the poetry section of the High School library in Ridgeway. I was thinking back to how important it had been for me to discover the works of Dylan Thomas, Irving Layton, Earle

Birney, Leonard Cohen, T.S. Eliot, and so on. I signed them out, took them home, read them cover to cover, and wrote and wrote and wrote..."



John B. Lee

On April 17th, Brantford Public Library will honour Mr. Lee as we officially launch this wonderful addition to Brantford Public Library. In Mr. Lee's own words: "Poetry slows us down. Deepens our regard. Lets us linger long enough to engage the heart, mind, body and soul in one surround."

Make sure you visit the poetry section and rediscover this beautiful art form. We all need to slow down.

## CALLING ALL TEEN WRITERS AND POETS

In honour of the launch of the Poet Laureate Collection, we are initiating a new contest - **INSPIRED INK** - for teens ages 12 to 18. Go online and visit the teen section [brantford.library.on.ca/teens](http://brantford.library.on.ca/teens) and read all the details. Submit your poem or short story online and win cash prizes.

## LIFESCAPES

Join us on June 23rd at 6 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium for the launch of the second anthology created by the participants of our Lifescapes memoir writing program. The next session of this popular writing program will begin in the fall of 2009. For current participants, the final meetings are April 7 & 21 and May 5 & 19.

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**WE'VE GONE HIGH TECH AGAIN!!!**

**B**rantford Public Library recently completed the installation of a new state-of-the-art tagging and inventory control system - Radio Frequency Identification (RFID). Customers will now experience shorter line-ups, faster service and will soon be able to check their materials out on their own on our new self-service machines (they'll be here soon!). RFID chip technology supports the checking in/checking out of large amounts of material at one time. It's fast, it's efficient and it's one more way we can serve you better.

Not only is RFID great for customers, it also provides the library with better security and helps us keep track of inventory.

**Celebrating 125 years**

Brantford Public Library  
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Throughout 2009 Brantford Public Library is celebrating its 125th Anniversary. Watch all year long for information about exciting special events, contests and more.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** - On September 27, 2009 Brantford Public Library, in partnership with the Family Literacy Committee of Brant, will be hosting a great family event in Brantford's Harmony Square. The "Literacy Festival in the Square" is a celebration of stories, words and

books. Come and enjoy the wonderful world of words and enjoy some great programs - there might even be anniversary cake!

**TOP TEN FAVOURITE BOOKS** - During 2009 we're asking Brantford residents, of all ages, to let us know their top ten favourite books of all time. Visit us online to submit your picks. We will announce our reading list in December 2009. One lucky winner will be drawn from all the entries received for our grand prize - a Sony Reader - the new generation of digital book!

**Documentary Film Series**

**GREAT FILMS...**The Brantford Public Library, in partnership with the Brantford Film Group, is thrilled to present some top-notch documentary feature films. Films are presented on the 3rd Thursday of the month from January through May 2009. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium at the Main Library.

<b>April 16</b>	<b>The Kid Stays in the Picture</b>	One of the great movie industry autobiographies becomes an equally compelling documentary film. <i>The Kid Stays in the Picture</i> charts the meteoric rise of Robert Evans, the Chief of Productions for Paramount Studios from 1966 to 1974. During his tenure he was responsible for bringing some of the greatest films of the era to the screen, including <i>The Godfather</i> , <i>Rosemary's Baby</i> , <i>Love Story</i> and <i>Chinatown</i> . He's not a pleasant man, but he has a story to tell.
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Encounters at the End of the World</b>	Maverick film-maker Werner Herzog travels to Antarctica to spend time with the thousand or so men and women who live and work on the most isolated place on the planet. <i>Encounters at the End of the World</i> won the award for Best Documentary at the Edinburgh International Film Festival. The film depicts the eccentricities of the residents and researchers at McMurdo Station, and the awesome beauty of the landscape that surrounds them.

**Matinee for Mommies**

Spend the afternoon watching a new release with other moms. Park your stroller in our auditorium, settle in and enjoy a great movie on our big screen. We even supply some treats. All in an ear-friendly environment. **DROP IN**

<b>Thursday, April 30</b> 1:00 p.m.	<b>Marley &amp; Me</b> 115 min - PG	
<b>Thursday May 28</b> 1:00 p.m.	<b>The Women</b> 114 min - 14A	

**JUST FOR KIDS**

**SPRING STORYTIMES** RR - Registration is Required DI - Drop In

PROGRAM	AGES	DETAILS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
<b>Born to Read</b>	<b>0-12 months</b>	Start the reading habit with your baby and meet new parents. Join us in a fun-filled program for babies and their caregivers. Each 20 minute session will include rhymes, stories, songs and hugs.	Fridays RR	10:30 a.m.	St. Paul Branch
<b>Busy Babies</b>	<b>6 - 17 months</b>	It's never too early to start the reading habit! Join us in a fun-filled program for little ones and their caregivers. Each 20 minute session will include rhymes, stories, songs and hugs.	Tuesdays RR	10:30 a.m.	Main Library
<b>Tales for Tots</b>	<b>1½ - 2½ yr</b>	Tots and their caregivers will enjoy this 20 minute action packed program filled with rhymes, stories and songs.	Tuesdays RR Wednesdays RR	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Main Library St. Paul Branch
<b>Family Storytime</b>	<b>2 - 5 yr</b>	Families, friends and children will enjoy a 30 minute program in a relaxed setting with rhymes, stories, songs and fun.	Thursdays DI Thursdays RR	10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Main Library St. Paul Branch
<b>Family Fun</b>	<b>2 - 5 yr</b>	Families, friends and children will enjoy a 45 minute program featuring a new theme each week with rhymes, stories, songs and a fun craft to take home.	Mondays RR	10:30 a.m.	Main Library
<b>Tales &amp; Tunes</b>	<b>3 - 5 yr</b>	Do you and your child like to sing, dance and clap your hands? Everyone will be singing, jumping and having a rollicking good time. We will learn about different music and instruments, make a craft and we'll read wonderful stories in this 45 minute music filled program.	Wednesdays RR	10:30 a.m.	Main Library
<b>On Your Own</b>	<b>4 - 5 yr</b>	A program for your child to attend all on their own. This weekly 45 minute interactive program includes stories, songs, and crafts. Adults must remain in the library during the program.	Tuesdays RR	2:00 p.m.	Main Library
<b>Family Pyjama Storytime</b>	<b>2 - 5 yr</b>	Almost ready for bed? Want to encourage your sleepy time imagination? Join us for a weekly family pyjama storytime. Pyjamas are encouraged, teddy bears are welcome and fun is a must! No registration is required, just drop in for some before bed fun.	Mondays DI	7:00 p.m.	Main Library

**SPRING SESSION:**  
Registration begins on Tuesday, March 24, 2009. The session runs from the week of March 30 to May 4, 2009.



**Patta Cake:** Come and join us. This is a fun program for you and your baby from birth to 18 months. Enjoy a musical circle time of baby bounces, songs and games, then an activity or special guest to follow. Just drop in. In partnership with Early Child Development Branch CAS. Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. - Main Library, Program Room

**Room to Grow:** 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. Nurses will answer questions to help parents learn more about their health and to help them make decisions about their family. This is a social time to meet with other families in your community. In partnership with Brant County Health Unit. Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. - Main Library, 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 Counseling Centre of Brant. Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Main Library, Program Room

**GREAT BOOKS FOR TODDLERS**

- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom - Bill Martin Jr.
- Owl Babies - Martin Waddell
- Chicken, Pig, Cow - Ruth Ohi
- Lola at the Library - Anna McQuinn
- Monkey and Me - Emily Gravett
- Hello, Day! - Anita Lobel
- Mommy's Best Kisses - Margaret Anastas
- One Tractor: A Counting Book - Alexandra Siy
- Ready for Summer - Marthe Jocelyn
- Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes - Mem Fox

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

# CHECK OUT THESE GREAT PROGRAMS

## DROP IN Homework Help Centre

Need help with your homework? Well sharpen your pencils - the Homework Help Centre is open for business. Homework helpers are here to help kids in grades 3 to 8 with their homework - including math and science. All it takes is a trip to the Homework Help Centre at the Main Library. 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](http://brantford.library.on.ca) for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: The room is available to Homeschoolers during regular school hours (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays). For more information on how to reserve the Homework Help Centre, please call 519-756-2220.

## DROP IN After School is Cool:

Something great for kids ages 8 to 12. This 45 minute after school drop-in program is a great place to sit back and relax. Join us for snacks, movies, board games, Wii and more. Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Main Library. (March 30 to May 4)

## DROP IN Kids Night Out:

A special night out just for the kids. Kids (age 9 to 12) are invited to join our new book club. Come share some really wonderful books and lively discussion on the last Tuesday of every month at the Main Library. Learn about great new books, hidden gems and must read classics. Meet kids who love to read...just like you.

Tuesday, April 28 - 6:30 p.m. Main Library  
Tuesday, May 26 - 6:30 p.m. - Main Library

## DROP IN Super Saturdays:

Kids (ages 5 to 8) are invited to enjoy stories, activities and a craft on Saturday mornings. Come and share in the fun. Space is available for 20 kids.

Saturday, April 4 - 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. - Easter Fun - Main Library  
Saturday, April 25 - 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. - Rainy Days - Main Library  
Saturday, May 2 - 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. - Mothers' Day Tea - Main Library  
Saturday, May 23 - 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. - Green Thumb - Main Library  
Saturday, June 6 - 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. - Get Ready for Summer - Main Library

## DROP IN Special PA Day Programs

No school? Cool! 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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24  
10:30 a.m. - Main Library Auditorium - Games Galore  
2:30 p.m. - Main Library Auditorium - Movie: Bolt - PG - 96 mins.

Check online for regular program updates  
[brantford.library.on.ca](http://brantford.library.on.ca)

## FOREST OF READING™

Visit us online ([brantford.library.on.ca](http://brantford.library.on.ca)) to see the nominated titles and reserve your copy today. For registered participants...it's time to vote!



## SILVER BIRCH (GRADE 3-6)

Saturday, April 18 - 2:30 p.m. - St. Paul

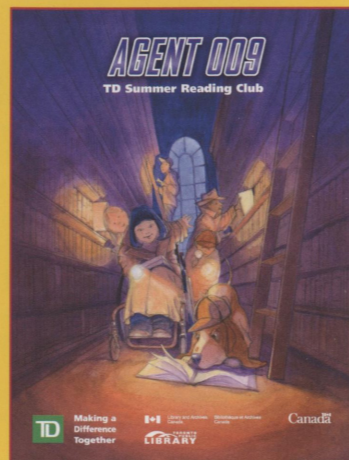
## BLUE SPRUCE ( GRADE SK-2)

Saturday, April 11 - 2:30 p.m. - St. Paul

# COMING SOON

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2009

Don't miss out this summer. Become a 009 Agent and join the TD Summer Reading Club. It is so easy! Starting June 26th pick up your reading log book at either Brantford Public Library location. Keep track of all the great books you read and visit us at the library to collect your prizes. Read whatever makes you happy. Not sure what to read next? We will help you find books that are just perfect for you.



## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOLS & TEACHERS

Help your students avoid summer literacy loss. Sign up today for the Agent 009 Class Visit Extravaganza. In May and June, your class has a special invitation to the library or, if you prefer, we will come to you. This great interactive presentation will get your students hyped to read all summer long and help them learn all about using their public library. There is no better time to make sure your students get a public library card. Call 519-756-2220 ext. 340 or visit online to book your visit. Don't miss out.

## READ ON

What can you do to help your child boost their reading skills and have fun during their summer vacation? For over 20 years Brantford Public Library's Read On program has provided one-on-one tutoring for struggling readers in grades 2 to 6. Registration starts Saturday, June 13. The registration package will be available at both library locations and online starting June 2, 2009.



## PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN

Speed Bumps - Internet Safety for Families

Parenting in the 21st Century means not only educating our kids about safety in the real world, but also in the online world. IM, Facebook, blogs - not sure how or where to start? Parents and children (ages 9 and up) are invited to the Main Library to learn some helpful ways to navigate safely through the Internet. Join us for one or all of these free, informative and interactive sessions.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Call 519-756-2220 to register.

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - INTERNET SAFETY: THE BASICS  
Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - CYBERBULLYING

# COOL STUFF 4 TEENS

COMING SOON...  
TEEN SUMMER  
READING

RR - Registration is Required DI - Drop In

PROGRAM	AGES	DETAILS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Got Game? Mario Kart and Dance Dance Revolution	11 to 18	Come on out and play some games on our PS2 and Wii, or enjoy some extra online gaming time in our computer lab.	April 8 DI	7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	Main Library
You Pick the Flick! Monday Teen Movie Nights	11+	You get to choose which movies we show for these special Monday night teen screenings. In the weeks before each date, vote in the poll at <a href="http://brantford.library.on.ca/teens">brantford.library.on.ca/teens</a> and then come out and watch the winning movie and enjoy some free snacks.	April 13 DI May 11 DI June 15 DI	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Main Library
Recycled Art: Jean-eology	11+	In honour of Earth Day, join us and learn how to recycle an old pair of jeans into anything. From a cool purse to a pencil case to a clip on pouch for all your electronic gadgets! Each participant must bring a pair of jeans to be cut up and 'recycled.'	April 22 RR	7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	Main Library
Free Comic Book Day ALL DAY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST	11+	Drop by either the Main Library or the St. Paul Avenue Branch and snag a brand new free comic book or graphic novel - while supplies last! BPL thanks Alternate Icons for sponsoring this event.	May 2 DI	Begins at 9:00 a.m.	Main Library
Beautiful Beads: Make Your Own Special Event Jewelry	11+	If you've got prom coming up - or any other special event - come and create some beautiful custom jewelry to match your dress!	May 6 RR	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Main Library
Got Game? Wii Sports and Rock Band	11 to 18	Come on out and play some games on our PS2 and Wii, or enjoy some extra online gaming time in our computer lab.	May 13 DI	7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	Main Library
Got Game? Wii Play and Sing Star	11 to 18	Come on out and play some games on our PS2 and Wii, or enjoy some extra online gaming time in our computer lab.	June 15 DI	7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	Main Library

TO REGISTER FOR ANY PROGRAM CALL 519-756-2220

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

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. New members are always welcome. Come out and enjoy snacks, meet great people, contribute ideas and earn volunteer hours! Meeting dates are listed below. All meetings run from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library unless otherwise noted.

April 11 - 2:30 p.m.  
May 9 - 2:30 p.m. (end of year pizza party).

T.A.G. takes the summer off, but we will be back in September 2009. For more information on T.A.G., check out our newsletter - The Vault - online. The Vault (Voices of Articulate, Unique and Lively Teens) is written by teens for teens. It includes all sorts of great book, movie and music reviews, recommendations and original writing.



RED MAPLE & WHITE PINE  
(VOTING - ALL WEEK)  
April 11-17, 2009

Attention Red Maple and White Pine readers! This is the week to cast your ballots and help choose the winning RM & WP books of 2009! Simply stop by the Main Library or St. Paul Avenue Branch and fill out a ballot at the Information Desk any time during this week to make sure your vote is counted. The winning titles will be posted on our website when they are announced.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR ADULTS

## GREAT PROGRAMS

### Fool Proof Gardening and Perennial Exchange

Diane Hutchinson from Walter's Greenhouses will be showing a variety of annuals, perennials, and shrubs, plus soil amendments, and other tools to help you grow a garden with ease. If you have been busy dividing perennials and have some to spare - bring them along for our first annual perennial exchange.

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

April 22 - 7:00 p.m. - Main Library

### Learn to Meditate

The purpose of meditation is to make our mind calm and peaceful. This course will include learning basic objects of meditation as well as posture, benefits, theory and function of meditation. Please join us for this special event presented by Kelsang Rabgye.

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

May 6 - 7:00 p.m. - Main Library

### Cell Phone Clinic

Having problems with your cell phone? Our tech-savvy teens from our Teen Advisory Group will provide hands-on training. They know their stuff!

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

April 25 - 2:00 p.m. - Main Library

### Wii Bowl at the Library

Join the BPL Bowling League. It's just like the real thing. Anyone can hold a *Wii* game controller and bowl from a standing or sitting position. The controller mimics the player's swing/throw and projects it on to our giant video screen. Join us - *Wii* will have a blast! **DROP IN**  
April 15 - 2:30 p.m. - Main Library  
May 13 - 2:30 p.m. - Main Library

### Tech Time - Main Library

Are you a computer beginner? Too shy to ask friends and family for help? Drop into our computer lab and practice your skills with other beginners. Help will be available at a BASIC level for a variety of topics including Internet searching and setting up an email account. **DROP IN**

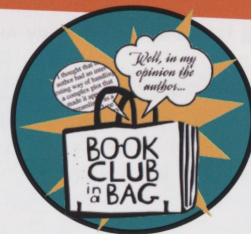
April 18 - 2:30 p.m. - Main Library

May 30 - 2:30 p.m. - Main Library

June 13 - 2:30 p.m. - Main Library

**TO REGISTER CALL  
519-756-2220**

## PROGRAMS FOR BOOK LOVERS



### BOOK CLUB IN A BAG:

Does your book group have trouble finding enough copies of a book for all of your members? The Brantford Public Library makes it easy. The 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. There are currently 25 titles to choose from. Some sets include both the book and the movie version of a title. For the title list and program details visit the Brantford Public Library website [brantford.library.on.ca](http://brantford.library.on.ca).

**LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS:** Do you love books? Do you love to talk about books? The Library runs two books clubs:

#### The Brantford Public Library Book Club

meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Main Library on Colborne St. Upcoming titles are:

April 30 - *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway

May 28 - *The Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill

**The St. Paul Readers' Circle** meets on the third Friday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Avenue Branch.

Upcoming titles are:

April 17 - The group will go to Stratford to see the play,

*Cyrano de Bergerac* by Rostand

May 15 - *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

June 19 - *The Sum of our Days* by Isabelle Allende.

**THE EVERGREEN AWARD** is the latest addition to the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading. It gives adult library patrons the opportunity to vote for their favourite work of Canadian fiction or non-fiction. The nominated titles for the 2009 Evergreen Award are:

- *Apple to Oysters: A Food Lover's Tour of Canadian Farms* by Margaret Webb
- *The Calling* by Inger Ash Wolfe
- *Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway
- *Coventry* by Helen Humphreys
- *Good to a Fault* by Marina Endicott
- *In Spite of Myself: a memoir* by Christopher Plummer
- *The Killing Circle* by Andrew Pyper
- *The Outlander* by Gil Adamson
- *Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth* by Margaret Atwood
- *Ragged Company* by Richard Wagamese

Start reading now and be ready to enter the monthly prize draw beginning in May 2009. 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 2009.



**ENGLISH CONVERSATION CAFE - DROP IN** 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. A partnership of Immigrant Settlement Services - YMCA of Brantford, the Literacy Council of Brantford and District, Brantford Public Library, through the generous support of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

**THE PROGRAM RUNS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AT THE MAIN LIBRARY AT 7:00 P.M.**

## RESOURCES FOR NEW CANADIANS

Moving to a new country can be both exciting and overwhelming. The opportunities of a new job, new friends and a new culture are balanced by the challenges of finding out what services are available and who to contact for help. The Library's web page offers a helpful list of Internet resources for new Canadians including the names and web page links of elected representatives at the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government. You can also find links to government services, citizenship practice tests and resources provided by Brantford Public Library. Check out the web page at [brantford.library.on.ca](http://brantford.library.on.ca).

Your Library also offers a section of free print material for new Canadians. These publications are designed to help you learn about this country. They include: *A look at Canada*, *A newcomer's introduction to Canada* and *How Canadians govern themselves*. These publications, as well as a printed list of your elected representatives, are available on the first floor of the Main Library.

# DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS

This spring the Library will be offering four basic genealogy and family history seminars. These seminars are designed for novice genealogists who are just getting started. Participants will become familiar with the principles of collecting, recording and compiling genealogical data. It's a great hobby - join us and discover your roots. **SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Call 519-756-2220 to register.

### GENEALOGY: GETTING STARTED

Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. - Main Library

Topics will include: gathering family data; record keeping techniques including family group sheets, pedigree charts. We'll also look at genealogical database programs and Ancestry.com.

### GENEALOGY: Government, Census and Church Records

Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. - Main Library

Topics will include: searching for birth, marriage and death registrations in government records and church records; census records; cemetery records; newspapers.

### GENEALOGY: Military Records

Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. - Main Library

Topics will include: searching records of military service including attestation papers, war diaries, The London Gazette, The Books of Remembrance and the Canadian Virtual War Memorial.

**GENEALOGY: Ancestry.com Advanced Search Techniques**  
Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. - Main Library  
Join us in the Computer Room on the third floor Community Information Commons for some great hands-on training in advanced search techniques on Ancestry.com. **NINE SPACES ONLY!**

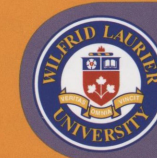
## INTRODUCING WEBFEAT something new @ your library

Go beyond Google...the Library has subscriptions to some 400 magazines and newspapers that you can find on the shelves. Electronically, though, the Library provides access to over 40,000 periodicals - and some of these subscriptions go back to the 1980's.

Searching all of those magazines, newspapers and journals took a bit of time. Well, now we've fixed that. Using WebFeat you can search all of our electronic periodical collections at once. Think of it as a more complete, more expansive version of Google News. There's no better resource for writing essays, pursuing interests, or settling bets.

You'll find the WebFeat search utility at the catalogue stations inside the buildings, and on the Library's web site. So, if you've got a bit of homework, or even if you're curious about who Madonna's been involved with over the last few decades - why not give WebFeat a try?

**LAURIER @ BPL**



Wilfrid Laurier University

**W**orried about your term papers or final exams? Need a few more sources, or a guide on how to write or manage your time? Remember the library can connect you to what you need when you need it.

**WRITING GUIDES:** If you need help organizing your material or citing your sources, come to the Laurier Brantford collection. Find books such as, *Just Write: An easy-to-use guide to writing at university*, and *A Writer's Handbook: Developing writing skills for university*. You'll also find online and print guides for MLA, APA and other citation styles. Start here to find what you need: [library.wlu.ca/citing](http://library.wlu.ca/citing).

**STUDY GUIDES:** Exams are coming up, and our books can help you get ready. In the Laurier Brantford collection you'll find titles like *How to Study: practical tips for university students* and *Getting straight A's: a student's guide to success*. The Brantford Public Library's collection can also help, with books such as *Test Taking Power Strategies*. And for online guides, choose "Writing Centre" or the "Study Skills" from the University's Learning Services website: <http://brantford.mylaurier.ca/skills.htm>

Need a few more good sources for that paper? Think you might have missed something? Ask the Laurier librarian on the third floor of the Brantford Public Library, or make an appointment: [brantfordlibrary@wlu.ca](mailto:brantfordlibrary@wlu.ca).

# Regular Hours and Locations WELCOME TO YOUR LIBRARY!

## 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 26, 2009

**Main Library Community Information Commons  
(THIRD FLOOR) After hours access 9:00 p.m. to Midnight  
Monday-Thursday - The service ends on April 30, 2009  
and resumes again on October 13, 2009.**

## 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

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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).

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.

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With your card you have access to over 230,000 items. Here's what you can borrow:

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- 2 encyclopaedia volumes
- 12 compact discs
- 12 DVDs. – DVDs are not renewable
- 12 books on CD, MP3 and CD-ROMs
- Unlimited number of Bestsellers
- 10 Overdrive downloadable e-audiobooks

Here's how long you can borrow it:

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

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