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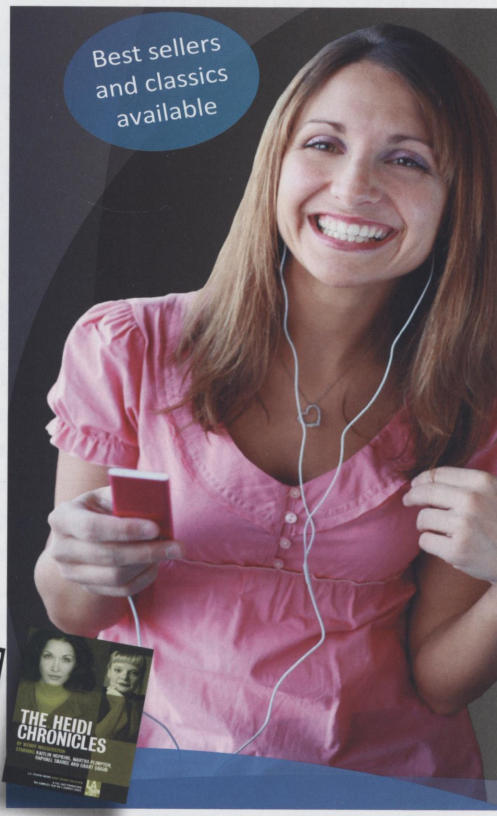
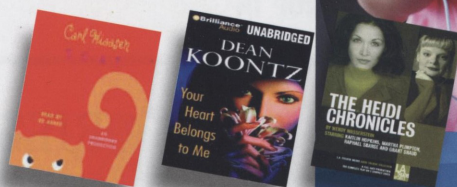
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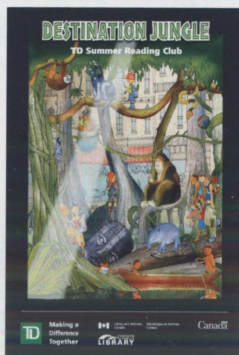
Summertime and the listening is easy...

Now that winter is just a memory, it's time to get out there and enjoy the spring and summer. We make it easy to enjoy a great book or relax with some fabulous music...and you don't even have to leave your yard. So put your feet up, grab a tall cool drink and plug in your MP3 player. The one you've loaded up with plenty of audiobooks and music from our fabulous online collections. Just visit the BPL website and away you go. Oh, and don't forget to wear your sunscreen!

Here's a few of our latest additions:



**TD Summer Reading Program
Destination Jungle**
June 29 to September 4
Kids ages 0-12



Join the TD Summer Reading Club and pick up your reading logbook at either Brantford Public Library location. Keep track of all the great books you read and visit us at the library to collect great prizes. Read whatever makes you happy. Not sure what to read next? We will help you find books that are just perfect for you!

NEW!! Jungle Book Theatre
Monday to Friday - August 23 to 27
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Main Library Auditorium

Come join our Jungle Book Theatre cast. This summer we're looking for kids (ages 8-12) interested in bringing stories to life. The program will run every morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Main Library. The program is free, but kids need to be available to come every day that week as we learn our lines, make the costumes, set and props and have lots of fun. All in one week! Space for 20 kids. All are welcome to join us for the performance - August 27 at 1:00 p.m.



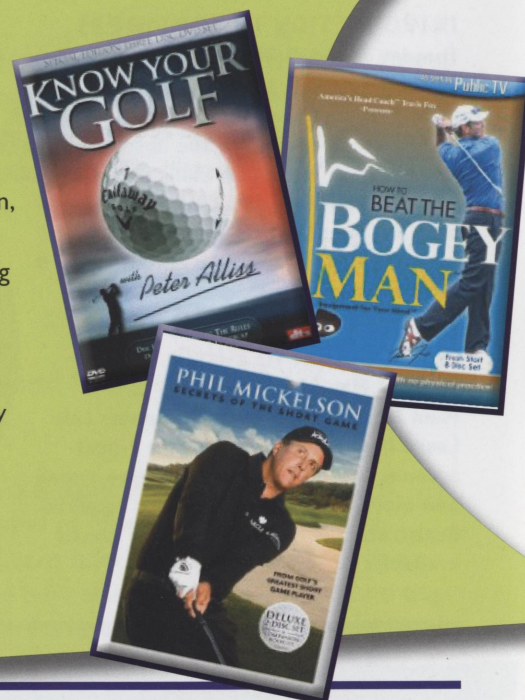
SWING INTO SPRING @ your library

Golf season is here again so drop into the library to prepare yourself. Imagine returning to those bright and sunny mornings, the manicured greens and the loud checkered trousers. Before you hit the course you might want to invest a few hours honing your game. After all, if you can't make the other players envious what's the point?

Brantford Public Library has a number of resources that can put you on the right track. *The Best Short Game Instruction Book Ever!* by David De Nunzio, *The Eight Step Swing* by Jim McLean, *Play Better Golf: A Step by Step Manual and Self Improvement Manual* by Steve Newel, and *Golf from the Ground Up* by Bob Mullen are all available at your library to get you back in the swing of things (pun fully intended).

Looking for additional material to complement the books you select? Come check out the variety of golf related DVDs. Titles include: *Secrets of the Short Game*; *How to Beat the Bogey Man*; *Know your Golf*; and *Ultimate Golf Training*.

Don't forget to browse the magazine area to find the library's selection of sports magazine like *Golf Digest*. And those checkered pants!! There are some things we can't help you with.



GET A HOBBY

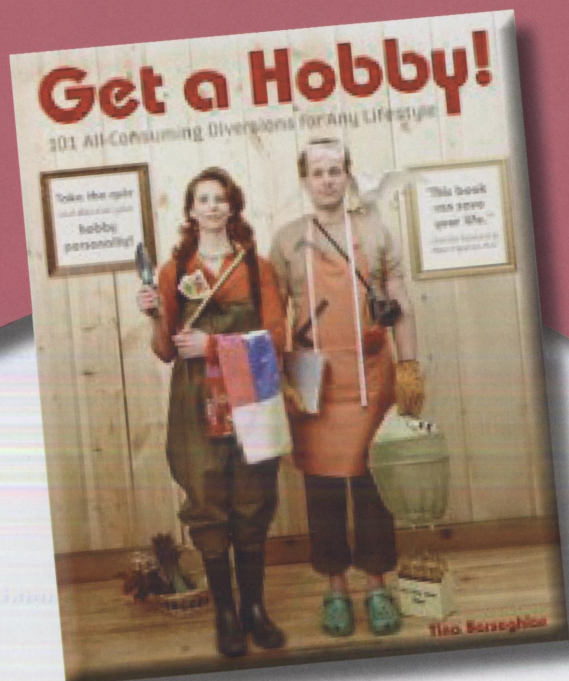
Well, yes, many people have such busy lives - we understand. But we're not talking to them right now, we're talking to those of you out there who really need to develop an interest. You know who you are. If you don't find something constructive to fill your time with you'll wind up with more cats than relatives - and that's just not healthy.

So before you end up surrounded by piles of newspapers and far too many pets, wearing that same old cardigan and those decidedly unfashionable glasses, take a deep breath and say, "I'm going to get a hobby."

Didn't that feel good? Don't you feel better already? The next step is a trip to the library. We'll introduce you to a whole range of hobbies. We have a broad selection of materials to immerse you in whatever hobby you'd like to explore: sketching, woodworking; chair caning, needle craft; gardening; digital photography - the list is

endless. You could learn a language; learn how to cook Thai; take up flower arranging or remodel your basement. You could learn how to grind the rust off your car and rebuild a fender, make mustard pickles or take up scrapbooking.

The possibilities are endless, but you'd better start soon - people are beginning to wonder about you.

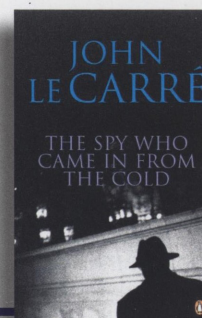


COMING SOON...BiblioCommons!

Sometimes you love a book so much you start walking up to strangers and saying "have you read this, have you read this?" There are pitfalls in this as you can well imagine. To address this, BPL is introducing BiblioCommons. This new layer in the BPL catalogue gives readers improved features in a social networking environment. Think of it as Facebook for readers.

You get to share your love of books, rate what you've read and see what others have to say via links to other networking sites like Facebook and Twitter. Best of all...you don't have to approach a stranger!

BiblioCommons arrives in May. Be sure to check it out.



Best book I ever read! I highly recommend it.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL

Word IN THE Square

A Family Literacy Festival

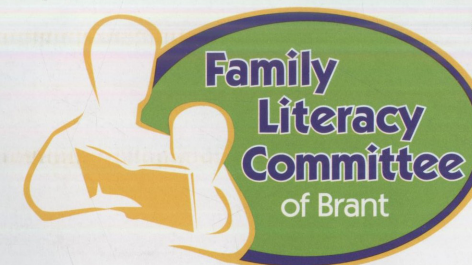
Sunday, October 3, 2010

Books • Music • Children's Activity Tent
Authors • Crafts • Children's Entertainment...and more.

Special appearance by Craig Kielburger founder and chair of Free the Children.

In 2009, Brantford Public Library, along with a great group of partners from the Family Literacy Committee of Brant, hosted the very first Word in the Square event in Brantford's Harmony Square. This annual celebration of literacy is ready for year 2 and we've got some great events happening. Join us in Harmony Square for some great family fun and don't miss Craig Kielburger.

Craig Kielburger is the founder and chair of Free the Children, a unique international development and youth empowerment organization. Since its founding in 1995, Free the Children has become the world's leading youth-driven charity, inspiring an entire generation to stand up and have their voices heard.



Craig Kielburger

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CAFE

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., but will change to a 6:30 p.m. start when the Library's summer hours begin (week of June 21, 2010). Just drop in.



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

Summer Hours and Locations

June 21 to September 3, 2010

Main Library

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



Monday & Tuesday	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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 17, 2010

**Main Library Community Information Commons
(THIRD FLOOR) after hours access 9:00 p.m. to Midnight
Monday-Thursday - ends on April 29, 2010 and will re-
open on October 12, 2010.**

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

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, music, eBooks

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

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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125th Anniversary Top Ten Favourite Books

Throughout 2009, our 125th Anniversary year, the Brantford Public Library invited customers to share their list of their 10 favourite books of all time.



Kendra Mitchell, winner of the Sony Reader

The results were wonderful. Everyone who sent in a list was entered into a draw to win a Sony Reader.

Here are the Top Ten most popular books in alphabetical order:

- Catcher in the Rye
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Harry Potter Series
- Holes
- Jane Eyre
- Lord of the Rings Trilogy
- The Outsiders
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- Twilight
- Wuthering Heights

May & June Storytimes & Programs

DROP IN FAMILY STORYTIME
Ages 2 to 5 years

Families, friends and children will enjoy a relaxed setting with rhymes, stories, songs and fun.
Thursdays - 10:30 a.m.
Main Library
DROP IN



FAMILY PYJAMA STORYTIME

Ages 2 to 6 years
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.
Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m.
St. Paul Avenue Branch
DROP IN

MOTHER'S DAY TEA
Ages 5 to 8

Hey Kids! Bring your mom and join us for stories, crafts and a special treat as we celebrate mothers and all of the special ladies in our lives.
Saturday, May 1 - 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
DROP IN

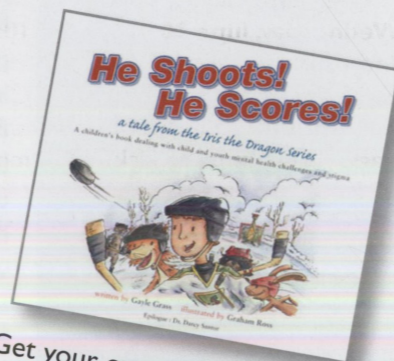
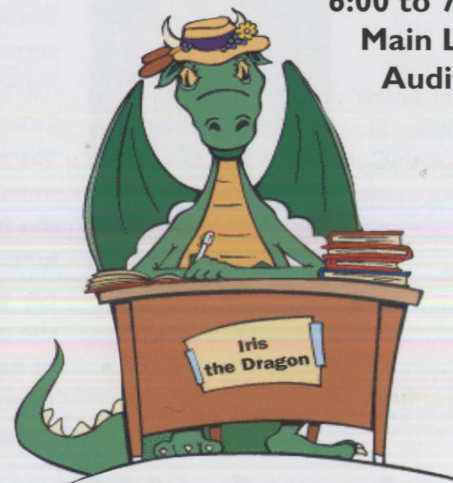
SUPER SATURDAYS
Ages 5 to 8 years

Kids are invited to enjoy stories, activities and a craft on Saturday mornings. Come and share in the fun. Space is available for 20 kids. **DROP IN**
Saturday, May 22 - 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Main Library - Green Thumb
Saturday, June 5 - 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Main Library - Get Ready for Summer Reading "Destination Jungle"

STORIES BY GAYLE GLASS

Visit the Main Library for a special program for kids and parents as part of Brantford Child and Adult Mental Health Week. BPL's lively programming staff will read special stories by Gayle Glass, author of the Iris the Dragon series. Children will receive a free copy of the author's new book *He Shoots! He Scores!* This program is offered in partnership with Child and Adult Mental Health Week partner organizations.

WEDNESDAY, May 5, 2010
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Main Library Auditorium



Get your own signed copy of *He Shoots! He Scores!* (While supplies last.)

Summer 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 development and early reading skills.	Tuesdays DI July 6 to August 24	10:30 a.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 8 to August 19	10:30 a.m.	Main Library
Tent Tales	2 - 5 years	Join us for a weekly family storytime outside (weather permitting). Registration is required, families are welcome to register for one or multiple sessions.	Wednesdays RR July 7 to August 25	10:30 a.m.	St. Paul Branch
Family Pyjama Storytime	2 - 6 years	Almost ready for bed? Join us for a weekly family pajama storytime. Pyjamas are encouraged, teddy bears are welcome and fun is a must!	Mondays DI Tuesdays DI July 5 to August 23	7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Main Library St. Paul Branch



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. 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 Counselling Centre of Brant. Just drop in. Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Main Library.

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

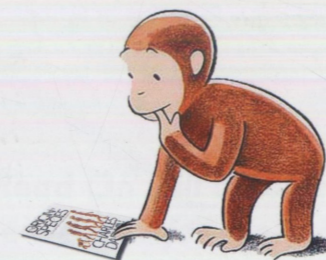
Special Events

All special events are free, but tickets are required. Tickets will be available for July events starting June 9. Tickets for the August events will be made available on July 7. If you obtain tickets but have a change of plans and are no longer able to attend, please contact the Information Desk at the Main Library at 519-756-2220 to let us know so that other children will have a chance to participate.

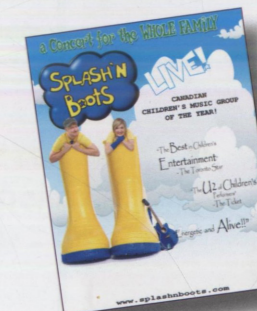
The Amazing Corbin Jungle Buddies
Wednesday, June 30
2:00 p.m.
Main Library - all ages
Don't miss this fun filled magic extravaganza to kick off our jungle-themed summer of reading adventure.



Fun with Curious George
Wednesday, July 21
10:30 a.m.
Main Library - all ages
Come and meet the one and only Curious George and monkey around with Curious George inspired activities, stories and crafts.



Splash n' Boots
Wednesday, August 4
2:00 p.m.
Main Library - all ages
Bring the whole gang and join in this interactive family concert. Splash n' Boots has been voted Canadian Children Music Group of the Year.



Reptile Man
Wednesday, August 18
2:00 p.m.
Main Library - all ages
Another slithery visit from the Reptile Man. Come and see snakes, bearded dragons and plenty of other creepy creatures.



SUMMER DROP IN PROGRAMS

COMICS CLUB (ages 8-12)

Mondays - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. - July 12 - August 23
Main Library Program Room

Calling all comic book and graphic novel fans. Come to the library to find out about new series, talk about your favourite series/characters, trivia, games and meet other kids who love comics - just like you.

CRAFTERNOONS (ages 3 - 6)

Fridays - 2:30 p.m. - July 2 - September 3
St. Paul Avenue Branch

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

GAMES GALORE

Fridays - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - July 2 - August 20
Main Library Auditorium

Join us for a morning of fun and games. Try out our giant snakes and ladders, board games, bingo, Wii on the big screen and more. Just drop in.

MONDAY JUNGLE DESTINATIONS - THE MOVIES

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 5 - Curious George 2, G, 81 min.
July 12 - Jungle Book, PG, 111 min.
July 19 - Jungle Book 2, G, 72 min.
July 26 - The Wild, G, 82 min.
August 9 - Tarzan & Jane, G, 70 min.
August 16 - Up, PG, 96 min.
August 23 - Lion King, PG, 96 min.

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 2 - Alvin & the Chipmunks - The Squeakquel, PG, 92 min.
July 9 - Planet 51, PG, 91 min.
July 16 - Tooth Fairy, G, 101 min.
July 23 - George of the Jungle, PG, 92 min.
July 30 - Where the Wild Things Are, PG, 101 min.
August 6 - TBA
August 13 - TBA
August 20 - TBA

Check online for regular program updates.

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 9, and registration for August programs begins on July 7. For more information or to register drop by the library or call 519-756-2220.

JULY

- 5 10:30 a.m. - Toy Story Party (ages 5-8) - Main Library Program Room
- 6 2:30 p.m. - Are you a Very Hungry Caterpillar? (ages 2-5) - Main Library Program Room
- 8 2:30 p.m. - Scooby Doo Jungle Mystery (ages 5-8) - Main Library Program Room
- 12 10:30 a.m. - Splish, Splash (ages 2-5) - Main Library Program Room
- 13 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. - Jungle Library Bingo (ages 6-12) - Main Library Program Room
- 15 2:30 p.m. - Sock Monkey Puppets (ages 9-12) - Main Library Program Room
- 15 2:30 p.m. - Silly Sidewalk Chalk Jungle (ages 6-12) - St. Paul Avenue Branch Library
- 20 2:30 p.m. - "I Spy" Jungle (ages 5-8) - Main Library Program Room
- 22 2:30 p.m. - Jungle Music (ages 5-8) - Main Library Program Room
- 26 10:30 a.m. - Origami Jungle (ages 9-12) - Main Library Program Room
- 27 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Jungle Library Bingo (ages 6-12) - Main Library Program Room
- 28 10:30 a.m. - Going on Safari (ages 5-8) - Main Library Program Room

AUGUST

- 3 2:30 p.m. - Eco Adventurers (ages 9-12) - Main Library Program Room
- 5 2:30 p.m. - Jungle Adventure Library Scavenger Hunt (ages 8-12) - St. Paul Avenue Branch Library
- 9 10:30 a.m. - Shrek Attack (ages 5-8) - Main Library Program Room
- 10 2:30 p.m. - "I Spy" Jungle (ages 5-8) - Main Library Program Room
- 16 10:30 a.m. - Scooby Doo Jungle Mystery (ages 5-8) - Main Library Program Room
- 17 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Jungle Library Bingo (ages 6-12) - Main Library Program Room
- 24 OR 2:30 p.m. - First Day of School (ages 3-5) - Main Library Program Room
- 26

STORIES UNDER THE SUN



Join us outside this summer at the Main Library (west side) for Stories under the Sun. Don't worry, we'll also provide shade and if it's raining we'll take it inside! These 45 minute programs will feature some great stories and crafts. Just drop in. For ages 3-6.

Monday, July 5 - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday, July 19 - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday, August 9 - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

ANOTHER SPECIAL OUTDOOR PROGRAM.

Meet Clifford the Big Red Dog. Join us outside the Main Library and meet Clifford. Plenty of Clifford stories and big dog fun.

Friday, July 23
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.



Programs that sizzle

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

Brought to you by our friends at the Brantford Arts Block. Kids ages 9 to 12 are invited. Sign up for one session or all of these hands-on free art workshops. Each Wednesday in July from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. - Main Library Auditorium.

July 7 - Stop Motion Animation
July 14 - Sewing Basics
July 21 - Fabric Art
July 28 - Music Circle



PUPPET SHOWS

Join us and our puppet friends for a show with a "Destination Jungle" Summer Reading twist. All ages. DROP IN

July 7 - 10:30 a.m. - JUNGLE ADVENTURES - Main Library Auditorium
July 19 - 2:00 p.m. - BUNCH OF MUNSCH - Main Library Auditorium
August 25 - 2:00 p.m. - FAIRY TALE FUN - Main Library Auditorium

JUNGLE EXPLORER READING BINGO - JUNE 29 TO SEPTEMBER 4

Reading is an adventure and there are lots of ways and places to read. Kids (ages 3-12) are invited to drop by and pick up a Jungle Explorer Reading Bingo card or visit us online. 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.

"WILD ABOUT READING" - BOOKMARK CONTEST

Design a bookmark that shows Brantford kids why you are "Wild About Reading" and enter to win great prizes. Contest deadline is September 4, 2010. Pick up an entry form at either library location or online at brantford.library.on.ca

SUMMER HELP FOR STRUGGLING READERS... and we make it fun!

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, our Read On program has provided one-on-one tutoring for struggling readers in grades 2-6. Registration starts Saturday, June 12. The registration package will be available at both locations and online beginning June 2, 2010.

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 3 to August 21) - 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 8 to August 19) - 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!

NEW!! This summer, Read On will be offering help for kids struggling with math too.
Watch the website for more details - brantford.library.on.ca

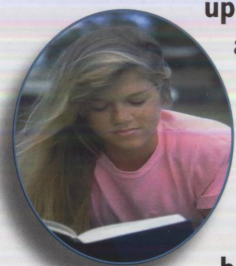
SUMMER HOT STUFF 4 TEENS

PROGRAM	AGES	DETAILS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Candy Sushi	11 to 18	We'll be making sushi entirely out of candy! All supplies provided. REGISTRATION REQUIRED	May 19	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Main Library
Sock Puppets		Come and make a sock puppet of your favourite movie, television or book character. Bring your own sock and we'll provide the rest! REGISTRATION REQUIRED	June 16	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Main Library
Twilight Party		Twilight fans won't want to miss this party! We're celebrating the release of Eclipse with a Twilight twist. REGISTRATION REQUIRED	June 19	2:00 to 4:30 p.m.	Main Library
Speed Decorating		Is your bedroom giving you the blahs? Then it's time for Speed Decorating! Come and get some great tips on how to spiff up your bedroom or dorm. It's going to be a hot summer...make your room a chill place! REGISTRATION REQUIRED	June 29	3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Main Library
Library Idol		Who needs American Idol when we've got Library Idol? Come compete in our elimination style SingStar tournament. Can't sing? Come cheer on your friends and watch the competition. Prizes for the top three singers. REGISTRATION REQUIRED	July 6	1:00 to 2:30 p.m.	Main Library
Project T-shirt		Bring your own T-shirt and hack, slash, rip and cut your way to a completely unique fashion statement! REGISTRATION REQUIRED	July 14	3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Main Library
Ice Cream Party		Cool down at the library! Worn out by the heat? Want to cool down with your friends? Stop by the Main Library and make yourself an ice cream sundae. REGISTRATION REQUIRED	July 31	2:00 to 3:30 p.m.	Main Library
Beatles Rock Band		Calling all Beatles fans! Come and jam out to your favourite Beatles songs at the library with Beatles Rock Band! DROP IN	August 3	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Main Library
Library ComicCon		Join us for the first ever BPL ComicCon! We'll be showcasing our graphic novel collection, having a free screening of an anime movie, playing Comic-inspired video games and lots more! Learn about what's up and coming in the Comic Book World, and don't forget to enter the draw for a prize! REGISTRATION REQUIRED	August 19	1:00 to 5:00 p.m.	Main Library
Duct Tape Wallets	We'll show you how to make your very own wallet out of duct tape. All supplies provided. REGISTRATION REQUIRED	August 25	3:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Main Library	

TO REGISTER FOR ANY PROGRAM CALL 519-756-2220 OR VISIT ONLINE

TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB

Our annual Teen Summer Reading Club is back! 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 to be entered into weekly draws for awesome prize baskets full of great stuff. The more you read, the better your chances to win!



HELP WANTED: SUMMER JOB HUNT BASICS

Saturday, May 15, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Main Library

Don't know what to put on your resume? Not sure how to make the right first impression during a job interview? The Brantford Service Canada Centre for Youth is here to help. Get tips, tricks, and hands-on help with your resume and interview skills. No registration required, just drop in.



SUPER SESSIONS FOR SPRING & SUMMER

T'ween

Computer Camp

Tweens (ages 9-12) are invited to our first ever computer camp. Sign up for one or more of these hands-on sessions in our computer lab. Space is limited, only 9 spaces available.

PHOTO EDITING

August 18 - 10:30 a.m.
Main Library Computer Lab
Discover online tools to edit, transform and share your favourite photos.

MOVIE MAKING

August 19 - 10:30 a.m.
Main Library Computer Lab
Learn how to edit video, add sound and special effects to your own movies.

DIGITAL SCRAPBOOKING

August 25 - 10:30 a.m.
Main Library Computer Lab
Discover online tools to take your scrapbooking digital.

BACK TO SCHOOL

August 26 - 10:30 a.m.
Main Library Computer Lab
PowerPoints that amaze, reports that inspire, come learn tips and tricks to make your homework stand out.



TEEN ANIME ART CONTEST OPENS MAY 1ST AND CLOSES MAY 31ST

Are you a budding graphic artist? Do you dream in anime? Then this is for you! Submit your artwork during the month of May and you could be one of our winners. Prizes for the top three contestants.

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! Meetings run from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library. New members are always welcome! The last meeting is Saturday, May 8 (this will be our wrap up pizza party). TAG resumes meeting in the fall.

THE V.A.U.L.T.

The V.A.U.L.T. (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. Look for our Spring 2010 issue in the teen area.

Inspired Ink Opens June 1 and closes August 31

To celebrate BPL's amazingly awesome Poet Laureate Collection, we're holding our second 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.



CALLING ALL BOOK CLUBS

Calling all Book Clubs!

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. The title list and details of the program may be found at: <http://brantford.library.on.ca/adults/bookbag.php>

Library Book Clubs

Do you love books? Do you love to talk? Do you love to talk about books? Then join one of the library's two book clubs!

The Brantford Public Library Book Club meets on the last Thursday of the month from September to May at 7:00pm in the third floor auditorium of the main library on Colborne St. Upcoming titles are:
May 27: *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

The St. Paul Readers' Circle meets on the third Friday of the month from September to June at 2:00pm at the St. Paul Branch. Upcoming titles are:
May 21: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See
June 18: *Selected Journals of L. M. Montgomery, Volume 1, 1889-1910* by L. M. Montgomery

Both book clubs make use of our Book Club in a Bag program. The next month's books are handed out at each meeting.

GREAT PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

TO REGISTER CALL 519-756-2220

Wii Bowl at the Library

Join the BPL Bowling League. Why should kids have all the fun? Come and try out our Nintendo *Wii* bowling game. It's just like the real thing. Anyone can hold a *Wii* game controller and bowl from standing or sitting position. The controller mimics the player's swing/throw and projects it onto our giant video screen. Please join us. *Wii* will have a blast!

DROP IN

May 12 – 2:30 to 3:30pm

June 9– 2:30 to 3:30pm

Curb Appeal Part 1: Planting and Pruning

Wednesday, May 5– 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

Great gardening tips to beautify your front yard and increase curb appeal from Mark Meloun, Lead hand of Horticulture Operations, Brantford Parks and Recreation. Learn how to create colourful, low maintenance gardens. Find out the best plants for your garden and the best new plants being grown in the Parks and Recreation greenhouses.

Registration is required

Curb Appeal Part 2: Painting and Primping

Wednesday, May 19– 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

Join Brantford interior decorator and colour specialist, Michelle Mahoney, and learn how to choose the perfect exterior colours for your home plus other great design tips to increase your home's curb appeal. If you would like Michelle to give advice on your home, please email a photo of the exterior to jfaehrmann@brantford.library.on.ca before May 19.

Registration is required

Ancestry.com Library Edition: Advanced Search Techniques

Wednesday, May 26 - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab

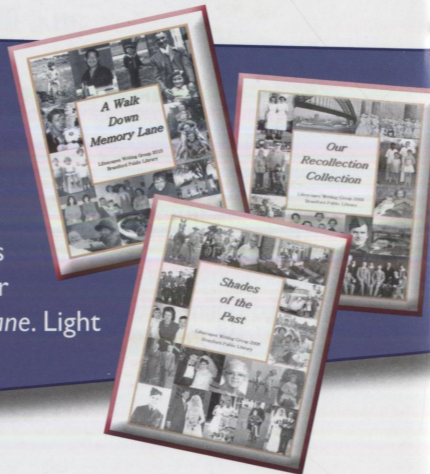
Join us in the Computer Lab on the third floor Community Information Commons for some great hands-on training in advanced search techniques on Ancestry.com Library Edition. Basic computer skills required. **Registration is required. Only 9 spaces available.**

Lifescapes Book Launch

Wednesday, June 2– 7:00 p.m.

Main Library Auditorium

Fifteen Brantford adults and seniors have been working diligently since September in the Lifescapes program writing their life stories. Please join us for the launch of their book, *A Walk Down Memory Lane*. Light refreshments will be served.



BASIC COMPUTER COURSES

The library will be offering the following introductory computer technology courses:

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Tuesday, May 4, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. OR

Tuesday, July 6, 2:30 - 4:00 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 E-MAIL

Tuesday, May 11 - 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Main Library, Third Floor Computer Lab. Learn how to set up your own e-mail account (G-mail), send and receive e-mail and more. Basic computer skills required. Registration is required - only 9 spaces available.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Tuesday, May 18, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. OR

Tuesday, July 20, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

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 is required - only 9 spaces available.



INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD

Tuesday, May 25, 2:30 - 4:30 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.

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ADULT SUMMER READING

- ✱ READ ALL SUMMER
- ✱ DISCOVER NEW READING INTERESTS
- ✱ ENTER TO WIN PRIZES

Calling all adults who enjoy a summertime read... Brantford Public Library is offering its third adult summer reading program. It's easy, free and open to all book lovers 19 years or older. From June 28 to September 4 read books and submit your review/ballot at the library or online. All eligible ballots will be entered in a draw to win a "Book Lovers" prize. The more books you read the more chances you have to win.



EVERGREEN AWARD

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 2010 Evergreen Award are:

- *Brutal Telling* by Louise Penny
- *Underground* by June Hutton
- *Oonagh* by Mary Tilberg
- *February* by Lisa Moore
- *Come Thou Tortoise* by Jessica Grant
- *Burmese Lessons* by Karen Connelly
- *Small Beneath the Sky* by Lorna Crozier
- *Heart Specialist* by Claire Holden Rothman
- *The Mystery of Grace* by Charles de Lint
- *Old City Hall* by Robert Rotenberg



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 2010.

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