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BRANTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Your Guide to Programs and Services at the Brantford Public Library

DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS

Local History and Genealogy @your library

It's become one of the most popular pastimes - discovering your family tree. Not only is it a great way to delve into your family history, it's a great way to connect with other researchers that share a common interest.

Searching for your ancestors in Brant County? Use the Brantford Public Library's Birth-Marriage-Death Index to the Brantford Expositor. Search this index by surname to find the dates for all of the notices and then look them up on microfilm. We also have indexes to local cemeteries and censuses as well as the Ontario Vital Statistics Index on microfilm. The Library even has a subscription to Ancestry.com. All this, and much more, is available in our Local History Room on the lower floor of the Main Library.

Genealogy is a process not to be rushed. Remember, start with what you know.

Then check out the sources and resources available to you and enjoy the journey.



NEW
ANCESTRY.COM

You asked for it...we got it!. Check out this great new database now available at the Main Library (in library only). With Ancestry.com you now have access to millions of historical records: census & voter lists; immigration records; military records; newspapers & periodicals; photos & maps; birth, marriage & death indexes; passenger lists and so much more.

DISCOVER BRANTFORD'S RICH HISTORY...

The Brantford Public Library's *Digital Archive* is your gateway to Brantford's unique historical heritage. From books such as F. Douglas Reville's multi volume work on Brant County, to special edition newspapers and photographs, BPL hosts a variety of materials celebrating our past. Included in this archive, you will find the *Virtual War Memorial*. This exclusive database is dedicated to the memory of the 300 men from Brantford, the County of Brant and Six Nations who fell during the Second World War. In it you'll find biographical sketches and photographs of the area servicemen who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. All of this and more is available through the Library's website at

www.brantford.library.on.ca



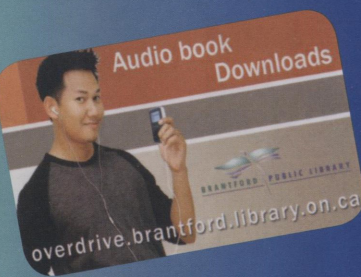
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Celebrating 125 years

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

To get our year of celebration started, we are 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, and 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 announce its 2009 line-up of documentary feature films. Each film will be presented on the 3rd Thursday of the month from January through May 2009. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Main Library.

January 15	My Kid Could Paint That	This is the story of the overnight rise to fame of young Maria Olmstead, a toddler who creates paintings on the dining room table of her family home. Director Amir Bar-Lev challenges the viewer to decide if Maria is a child prodigy or the innocent victim of a hoax.
February 19	When We Were Kings	This is the Oscar-winning documentary account of the <i>Rumble in the Jungle</i> : the boxing match between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman. Promoter Don King strikes a deal with Mobutu Sese Suko, the Dictator of Zaire to hold the bout in his country.
March 19	Mad Hot Ballroom	This is an award-winning film that follows a group of New York City fourth and fifth graders as they enter the world of competitive ballroom dance. The students are united by a zeal for the ballroom dancing lessons, which builds over a 10-week period and culminates in a competition to find the school that has produced the best dancers in the city.
April 16	The Kid Stays in the Picture	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.
May 21	Encounters at the End of the World	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.

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JUST FOR KIDS

WINTER & SPRING STORYTIMES RR - Registration is Required DI - Drop In

PROGRAM	AGES	DETAILS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
NEW! Born to Read	0 - 12 months	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
Busy Babies	6 - 17 months	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 DI	10:30 a.m.	Main Library
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 DI Wednesdays RR	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Main Library St. Paul Branch
Family Storytime	2 - 5 yr	Families, friends and children will enjoy 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
Family Fun	2 - 5 yr	Families, friends and children will enjoy a new theme each week with rhymes, stories, songs and a fun craft to take home.	Mondays RR	10:30 a.m.	Main Library
Tales & Tunes	3 - 5 yr	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 instruments and read wonderful stories in this 45 minute music filled program.	Wednesdays RR	10:30 a.m.	Main Library
On Your Own	4 - 5 yr	A program for your child to attend all on their own. This weekly 45 minute interactive program includes stories, songs, crafts, and puppetry. Adults must remain in the library during the program.	Tuesdays RR	2:00 p.m.	Main Library
Family Pyjama Storytime	2 - 5 yr	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

NEW!! Patta Cake: Come and join us. This is a fun program for you and your baby (from 0 to 18 months). Older siblings are welcome to join in the fun. Enjoy a musical circle time of baby bounces, songs and games, then an activity or special guest to follow. Just drop in.

Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:45 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. Just drop in.

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! This program is provided in partnership with the Family Counseling Centre of Brant. Just drop in. Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Main Library, Program Room

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



WINTER SESSION: Registration begins on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. The session runs from the week of January 19 to February 23, 2009.

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

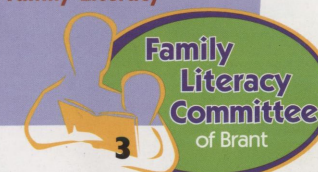
CELEBRATE Family Literacy Day!

FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Celebrate Family Literacy Day and join us for fun family crafts, activities and a special author visit with Martin Springett. Just drop-in. Sunday, January 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Martin Springett visit at 3:00 p.m. (Every child will receive a free book while supplies last.) In partnership with the Family Literacy Committee of Brant and the County of Brant Public Library.

SNUGGLE UP AND READ

Happy Family Literacy Day! Put on your pyjamas and come on out to hear some bedtime stories. Visit one of the many locations near you. Let's all read together on the same night in celebration of Family Literacy Day. Tuesday, January 27 from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Main Library In partnership with the Family Literacy Committee of Brant.



MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS

READ-A-THON - March 13th to 23rd.

There is no reason to be bored this March Break!

Kids (ages 5-12) 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 23rd. The person who reads the most pages will receive a prize, and one winner will be drawn from all entries received.

CHECK OUT THESE GREAT PROGRAMS...

DROP IN Homework Help Centre

Need help with your homework: Homework helpers are here to help kids in grades 3 to 8 with their homework - including math and science. Located at the Main Library, the Homework Help Centre is fully equipped with computers, a collection of text books, school supplies, study space and some great one-on-one support. Best of all - it's free! This program is provided in partnership with Laurier Students for Literacy. For more information call 519-756-2220. Homework Help Centre Hours: Monday to Thursday 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The Homework Help Centre is available to Homeschoolers during regular school hours (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday). For information, 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 while the library staff read from exciting new books or hidden treasures. Join us for snacks, movies, board games, Wii and more. Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Main Library. (January 19 to March 10)

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 treasures and must read classics. Meet kids who love to read...just like you.
January 27, 2009 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
February 24, 2009 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
March 31, 2009 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

DROP IN New! 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.
January 3, 2009, 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. - Snowy Day
January 24, 2009, 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. - For the Birds
February 7, 2009, 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. - Valentine's Fun
February 28, 2009, 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. - Super Snowmen
March 7, 2009, 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. - SpongeBob Squarepants Party
March 28, 2009, 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. - Think Spring!

FOREST OF READING™

Join the Forest of Reading™ program at the St. Paul Avenue Branch. BPL 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 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.

SILVER BIRCH (Grade 3-6)

Saturday, January 24 - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 21 - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 21 - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18 - 2:30 p.m.

BLUE SPRUCE (Grade SK-2)

Saturday, February 14 - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 14 - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 11 - 2:30 p.m.

Reading Bingo

Reading is an adventure and there are lots of ways and places to read. Kids (ages 3-12) are invited to DROP IN and pick up a Reading Bingo card or visit us online (www.brantford.library.on.ca). Each bingo square suggests a fun reading activity. Complete all the squares and...BINGO! Return your form to the Main or St. Paul Avenue Branch Library to receive your reading prize. March 13-23

Puppet Magic

Join us and our puppet friends for a puppet show full of laughter and fun. All ages. DROP IN. Thursday, March 19, 10:30 a.m. Main Library Auditorium

Games Galore

Join us for a morning of fun and games. Try our giant snakes & ladders, multitude of board games or our new Wii. DROP IN. Friday, March 13 & Friday, March 20, 10:30 a.m. - Main Library Auditorium

Movie Madness

Come with your favourite pillow and a snack (no nuts please) and join us for a free movie on our big screen. DROP IN. Friday, March 13 & Friday, March 20, 2:30 p.m. - Main Library Auditorium. Movies to be announced

REGISTERED MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS:

Registration starts March 3, 2009. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Stories for Spring (ages 2-5)

Join us for stories and songs to help you get set for spring. Stories geared for kids ages 2-5. Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. - Main Library Program Room

Puppets with Pizzazz (ages 9-12)

Join us and make your very own marionette. Monday, March 16, 10:30 a.m. - Main Library Program Room

St. Patrick's Day Fun (ages 5-8)

Think green and come celebrate St. Patrick's day in style with fun activities, stories and a craft. Tuesday, March 17, 2:30 p.m. - Main Library Program Room

Get Gross (ages 9-12)

Join your friends and try gross hands-on experiments. Wednesday, March 18, 2:30 p.m. - Main Library Program Room

Wind Magic (ages 5-8)

Catch the wind and build your very own windsock. Learn about the magic of wind through stories, activities and you'll have a fun craft to take home. Thursday, March 19, 2:30 p.m. - Main Library Program Room

Mystery Hunters (ages 9-12)

Learn about unsolved mysteries and mysterious historical events through activities, stories and more... Friday, March 20, 10:30 a.m. - Main Library Program Room

CALL 519-756-2220 TO REGISTER

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

COOL STUFF 4 TEENS

PROGRAM	AGES	DETAILS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Make Up & Skin Care	11+	Join Amy from Mr. Michael's Salon to find out how to take care of your skin in the frosty winter weather, and learn some great make up tips and tricks you can use every day. REGISTRATION REQUIRED	January 14	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Main Library
Bedroom Makeovers	11+	Want to give your bedroom a makeover? Interior designer Michelle Mahoney will give you all sorts of professional advice to help you turn that room where you sleep into your own personal sanctuary. Teens and adults are welcome to attend. REGISTRATION REQUIRED	January 28	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Main Library
Monday Movie You Pick the Flick!	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 www.brantford.library.on.ca/teens and then come out and watch the winning movie and enjoy some free snacks. DROP IN	January 19 February 2 March 16	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Main Library
Valentine's Coffee House	11+	Whether you're smitten or bitter this Valentine's Day, come feel the love at our coffee house. Hang out, take part in some fun activities and, of course, enjoy lots of chocolate! DROP IN	February 11	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Main Library

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS

March 14-20th - Anime Art Contest

Calling all artists. Draw a scene from your favourite book in an anime style and you could win great prizes. Hand your illustration in to the Information Desk by March 20. This contest is sponsored by Alternate Icons.

March 16, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. (Main Library) - Magnetic Poetry

Get in touch with your creative side. Make your own magnetic poetry words or pictures and then see what weird and wonderful poems you can create. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

March 17, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. (Main Library) - Gaming-Rock Band

Come and play Rock Band on our big screen. DROP IN

March 20, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. (Main Library) - Henna Tattoos

Drop by the Main Library and get a free temporary henna tattoo from one of our talented volunteers or get creative and design your own. DROP IN



GOT GAME?

Come on out and play some games on our PS2 and Wii, or enjoy some extra online gaming time in our computer lab. Ages 12-18.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Wednesday, January 7, 2009 **DDR**
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Main Library

Wednesday, February 18, 2009 **Wii Games**
7:00 - 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 - 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library unless otherwise noted.

January 17, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

February 14, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

March 14, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

www.brantford.library.on.ca/teens

RED MAPLE MEETINGS

Calling all readers in grades 7 & 8! Take part in the province-wide Red Maple program and you can help choose which great Canadian teen novel wins the Red Maple Award. Read from the shortlist of books and attend meetings to share your thoughts on what you're reading. Voting takes place in April. Here's when we'll meet:

January 31: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

February 28: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

March 28: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR ADULTS

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. There are 25 titles to choose from and more will be added each year. Some sets include both the book and the movie version of a title. The title list and details of the program may be found on the Brantford Public Library website. www.brantford.library.on.ca



Great Programs for Adults and Seniors - fun, educational and social

Wii Bowl At The Library DROP IN

Join the BPL Bowling League. Why should kids have all the fun? Come and try our new Nintendo Wii bowling game. 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 onto our giant video screen. Please join us. Wii will have a blast!
 January 21 - 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
 February 18 - 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
 March 18 - 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.



English Conversation Cafe DROP IN

Practice your spoken English in a relaxed social setting. Newcomers to Canada, 19 years or 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.

Tech Time DROP IN

Are you a computer beginner? Too shy to ask friends and family for help? Drop into our computer lab and practice your computer skills in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere 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.
 January 24 - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
 February 21 - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
 March 21 - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

BURNING THOSE HOLIDAY CALORIES

The holidays are all about indulgences and a new year is all about setting goals. With so many resolutions floating around, it is no surprise that gyms and health clubs are at their busiest early in the year. Don't let overcrowded gyms and ridiculous wait times for cardio equipment deter you from reaching your health and fitness goals. The library has more material on physical fitness than the Incredible Hulk could lift on his own. From Yoga to Tae-Bo, to Pilates and weight training, the library can help. We even have a wide selection of fitness DVDs - so break out the headbands and spandex - it's time to feel the burn!

ENTERTAINING

Not everybody wants to entertain, but sometimes it's unavoidable. On those occasions where you have to impress a crowd, and are unsure where to start - the library can help. And it's not just the formal occasions like Christmas (although we can *certainly* help there). You can avoid those February Winter blahs and celebrate the cold by hosting a party with your friends and family. Interested in football? A Super Bowl party is a wonderful way to enjoy good company and good food. Get started with Francine Halvorsens's *Crowd-Pleasing Potluck*, consider Pillsbury's *C'mon Over! Hassle free, Hustle-free Entertaining*. And that's only the beginning. Stop by the lower floor Reference Desk and ask to see the section on entertaining. The folks you play rugby with will never have to know that you needed help creating your centerpiece.

MAKE WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUR NIGHT!

CHECK OUT OUR GREAT WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS. Registration is required.
call 519-756-2220 to register.

Bedroom Makeovers January 28 - 7:00 p.m. Main Library

A great program for adults and teens (age 11 and up). Interior designer Michelle Mahoney will give you all sorts of professional advice to help you turn that room where you sleep into your personal sanctuary.

No Hype - The Straight Goods on Investing Your Money February 11 - 7:00 p.m. Main Library

All the investing basics for Canadians from savvy financial industry outsider, Gail Bebee. Get the knowledge you need to cut through investment industry hype and profitably invest your hard-earned money.

What is Naturopathic Medicine? February 25 - 7:00 p.m. Main Library

How can you look younger and feel even better? Find out by joining naturopathic doctor, Stephen Maltais of the Woodside Clinic. Dr. Maltais will explain the fundamentals of naturopathic medicine and how it can help you look younger and feel even better.

Handymen and Handywomen Go Green March 11 - 7:00 p.m. Main Library

As well as aesthetic improvements, home owners need to know how to perform improvements to their homes that will minimize their effect on the environment and save them money on their utility bills.

Yoga March 25 - 7:00 p.m. Main Library

Yoga is used to enhance health, treat chronic disease, and reduce stress. In this seminar Nicole Ratelband of Harmony Yoga will introduce you to the basic physical stretches, breathing exercises, and relaxation methods of yoga.

PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

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



- Thursday, January 29 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Movie: TBA
- Thursday, February 26 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Movie TBA
- Thursday, March 26 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Movie TBA

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 where to start? Children (ages 9 and up) and parents 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, January 13, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Main Library - Internet Safety: The Basics
- Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Main Library - Cyberbullying
- Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Main Library - Protecting Your Identity

Saving for Your Child's Future

By 2008 the Canadian government estimates that the cost of a university or college education could be as high as \$100,000. Learn how to collect FREE government grant money and start a Registered Education Savings Plan to help you save for your child's post-secondary education. **DROP IN**



- Tuesday, January 20 - 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Main Library

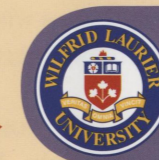
Raising a Reader

Come and learn the skills to help you help your child learn to read. Stephanie Nolson, with CommEducate, will introduce the fundamentals of helping a child learn to read. Some of the topics included are: boosting student readiness and confidence, dealing with individual differences, introducing books, teaching letter recognition and sounds, and supporting comprehension. **DROP IN**

- Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m. Main Library



LAURIER @ BPL



Wilfrid Laurier University

Laurier Students

Having trouble finding resources for your assignments? Finding too little or too much? Don't know how to get full text? Don't want to waste your time? The Laurier Brantford Librarian can help you identify, select and find your resources. Visit the librarian on the 3rd floor of the Brantford Public Library. For more Information, see library.wlu.ca/brantford.

Brantford Community Members

For topics ranging from current issues to history to music, the Wilfrid Laurier University Library (Laurier) collection has books for you. In the local Laurier collection at BPL, find contemporary books such as "Food fears: from industrial to sustainable food systems," "Enduring bonds: the significance of interpersonal relationships in young children's lives" and "In search of Canadian political culture."

Do You Have Your WLU Courtesy Card?

Brantford community members are invited to join the Laurier Library. In addition to the fantastic resources of the BPL, we can share with you the holdings of Wilfrid Laurier University, the University of Waterloo and the University of Guelph. Just bring your valid BPL card to the circulation desk for a free Laurier card. Take your research to a whole new level. Be sure to pick up a handy how-to guide for ordering books from these top-flight academic libraries.

Regular Hours and Locations

Main Library



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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 begin on October 19, 2008

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
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Brantford, ON N3R 4N8
519-753-2179

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