

ADULT PROGRAMS CONT.

Mystery Book Club

Thursday, May 28 at 5:00 PM

This month we are exploring the world-renowned detective, Sherlock Holmes. Readers may choose any short story or novel by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. We will discuss the memorable characters that have kept this legend alive for centuries.

Scam Prevention Seminar

Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 PM

Learn how to avoid identity theft and scams in this presentation by Carl Ferrero of the NYS Consumer Protection Department. Registration required.

TECHNOLOGY

Tech Tutor MiFi Tutorials

- Thursday, May 7 at 3:30 PM
- Thursday, May 14 at 3:00 PM
- Thursday, May 21 at 3:30 PM
- Thursday, May 28 at 3:00 PM



Register for a 30-minute session to learn about our new portable wifi devices available for loan. Tech Tutor & Library Clerk, Rayna, will work with you to answer your questions.

*What is AI?

Monday, May 11 at 1:00 PM

This beginner-friendly seminar explores what artificial intelligence (AI) is, how it works, and its role in our world. Presented by technology instructor Daniel Jones.

Tech Tutors

Do you need help downloading eBooks, accessing our databases, or setting up an email? Our librarians can help. Make an appointment at our Info Desk.

Genealogical Services Ongoing

Are you researching your family tree or want to know how to get started? Book an appointment with one of our librarians to assist you with a research question or to learn about how to use our genealogical databases. Call 784-5300 or email Kory.Yerkes@libraryweb.org to set up an appointment.



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Sewing Machine Class

Have you ever wanted to learn how to use a sewing machine? Now's your chance. Email Kory.Yerkes@libraryweb.org with "Sewing Lesson" in the subject line to schedule a one-hour instructional session using one of the library's sewing machines.



FRIENDS OF BML BOOK SALE

Thursday, 4/23, 9 AM–7:30 PM: Member's Day or \$5

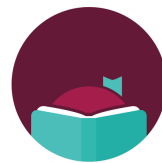
Friday, 4/24, 9 AM–5:30 PM

Saturday, 4/25, Noon–3:30 PM

Sunday, 4/26, Noon–3:30 PM: Half-Price Day

Monday, 4/27, 9 AM–12:30 PM: \$5 Bag Day

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BRIGHTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY



BML Open & Curbside Hours

M/T/W/TH: 9 AM–8 PM
FRI: 9 AM–6 PM
SAT. NOON–4 PM
SUN: NOON–4 PM

(Closed on Saturdays from June 15–September 15.)

Closings

May 14 – Closed at 5:00 PM for Annual Dinner
May 24 – Closed
May 25 – Closed for Memorial Day
May 28 – Open at 11:00 AM for Staff Meeting

Brighton Memorial Library

2300 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14618
585-784-5300 | brightonlibrary.org

STORYTIMES

All Ages Storytime

Mondays, May 4, 11, 18 at 9:30 AM

Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

Tot Time Storytime

Mondays, May 4, 11, 18 at 10:15 AM

Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities. Designed for children ages 18 months to 3 years with a caregiver, but all ages are welcome.

Wobbly Toddlers Storytime

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:30 AM

Drop-in storytime for young children just starting to walk with their caregivers.

Lapsit Baby Storytime

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11:30 AM

Drop-in storytime for infants and pre-walkers with their caregivers.

Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 at 6:30 PM

Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays for all ages and a caregiver. Held in the Brighton Kiwanis Discovery Room.

Bright Kids All Ages Storytime

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15 at 10:30 AM

Drop-in storytime featuring stories and songs for all ages with a caregiver.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, May 23 at 2:00 PM

Drop-in storytime including songs and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Talking is Teaching Bundles

Sign up to receive monthly themed Talking is Teaching Bundles for children ages birth to 4 years at www.BrightonLibrary.org/children.

*Space Scavenger Scavenger Hunt

Participate in a month-long space-themed scavenger hunt and see if you can find all the pictures hiding in the Children's Center. Bring your completed scavenger hunt to the Children's Librarian for a small prize

CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

Calm Time Storytime

Wednesday, May 6 at 10:00 AM

All are welcome to this sensory-friendly storytime, providing a calm experience for neurodivergent children and those with sensory needs. Enjoy a low-stimulus environment with dimmed lighting, reduced noise, and a calmer pace. Sensory items will be available, but families are encouraged to bring their own.

*LEGO® Club

- Thursday, May 7 at 4:30 PM
- Thursday, May 21 at 4:30 PM

Children can build from an individual container of the library's blocks and then display their creations in our Children's Center. Open to all ages and abilities. No registration required.

Pokémon Meet and Swap

- Saturday, May 9 at 1:00 PM
- Sunday, May 10 at 1:00 PM

Attention all Pokémon trainers! Looking for a spot to trade Pokémon cards with other trainers? Gather your trainer friends and stop by BML between 1 PM and 2 PM to meet other trainers, swap cards, and work on your card collection. Trading is encouraged, but not mandatory. Open to ages 6 - 12.

Bilingual French-English Storytime

Saturday, May 16 at 2:00 PM

Join us for a bilingual storytime in French and English! For all ages.



Rejoignez-nous pour une heure du conte bilingue en français et en anglais! Pour tous les âges.

Symphonic Storytime with Jen & Em

Wednesday, May 27 at 10:00 AM

Get ready to sing, move, learn, and create while exploring fabulous musical books and instruments! Best for families with children ages 3-6.

TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

*Teen Swag Bags: You're Super

May 1 - May 15

Register online at brightonlibrary.org/teens for our monthly subscription bag program. Open to grades 4-8.

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Teen Writing Club

Saturdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 1:00 PM

Meet teen lit contest winner Vivian in the Teen Center to chat about what you're working on, use writing prompts, and more. Open to grades 6-12. Registration required.

*Make a Dinosaur Terrarium

Sunday, May 3 at 1:00 PM

Make your own terrarium with a prehistoric theme in this Dinosaur Garden workshop. Open to grades 4-8. Registration required.

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Project Ride

Monday, May 4 at 6:00 PM

Struggling to get to work? We can help! Project Ride helps low-to-moderate-income Monroe County residents overcome work-related transportation barriers. After you complete four-week employment and financial training, you may receive financial assistance toward: driver's license, driving lessons, car repairs, car purchase, and car insurance. Sponsored by Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rochester and federal award number SLFRP0206. Registration required.

*Guided Journaling Workshop - 5-Part Series

- Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 PM
- Monday, May 11 at 6:00 PM

In these remaining workshops, participants will complete writing prompts geared towards eliminating the daunting idea of journaling and replace it with interactive, fun activities for all ages and backgrounds. Instructor Misty Yarnall is a Creative Writing & Theater Teaching Artist. Registration required.

*Books Sandwiched In: *The God of the Woods*

Thursday, May 7 at 12:00 PM

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore: A 1975 Adirondacks summer camp exposes family secrets, corruption, and the disappearance of two siblings years apart. Presented by the Honorable Karen Morris, Monroe Community College Professor and Retired Brighton Town Justice.



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Welcoming Pollinators to Your Garden

Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 PM

Discover simple, practical tips for homeowners - from choosing the best pollinator-friendly plants to easy ways you can make your backyard a safe haven for these important visitors. Presented by Ward Graham on behalf of Color Brighton Green. Register and come in person or via Zoom.

Discovering Your Jewish Story

Tuesday, May 12 at 2:00 PM

Local researchers will teach you to locate and navigate three newly digitized historical resources: *Jewish Tidings* (1887-94), *The Jewish Ledger* (1924-93), and *Brighton-Pittsford Post* (1943-2015) that you can use to research your family or community's history. Presented by BML Reference Librarian Matthew Bashore, RPL Local History Librarian Brandon Fess, and University of Rochester Hillel Executive Director Joy Getnick.

*Snacking After Dark

Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 PM

Join registered dietician Rebekah Harter for tips on what to eat when you get the munchies before bed. Registration required.

*Eleanor Roosevelt - Part3

Wednesday, May 13 at 3:00 PM

Learn about this influential woman in our three-part series about Eleanor Roosevelt. Presented by Monroe Community College History Professor, Mark Sample. Registration required.

*Cookbook Club

Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 PM

This month we will be cooking from *Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking* by Michael Solomonov. Register and select your recipe at the Info Desk.



Register for Teen/Tween & Adult programs by either calling 784-5300 or emailing infodesk@bml@gmail.com.

* FRIENDS SPONSORED PROGRAM

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201 Years on the Erie Canal

Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 PM

Last year marked the bicentennial of the Erie Canal. Today's Erie might not seem to rival its famous canal cousins in Panama or Suez, but it does. Learn about its history that reaches back to glacial times. Michael Brown is an associate professor in the RIT History Department and the author of *Hope and Scorn: Eggheads, Experts, Elites in American Politics* (2020). Sponsored by Historic Brighton.

*Cornell Cooperative Extension: Companion Planting (Virtual)

Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 PM

Learn about the different types of plants that, if grown together or in close proximity, can be beneficial for the growth of each plant. Presented by Master Gardener Bonnie Knoke. Register for the Zoom link.

Alzheimer's Association Presents: Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors

Wednesday, May 20 at 2:00 PM

Learn about common dementia-related behavior changes and how they are a form of communication, non-medical approaches to behavior, and recognizing when additional help is needed.

Bestsellers Book Club

Thursday, May 21 at 5:00 PM

Read and discuss *A Guardian and a Thief* by Megha Majumdar: "In a near-future Kolkata ravaged by floods and decay, Ma is preparing to leave for a new life in America - until Ma's purse, holding all their precious documents, is stolen. The story unfolds from two perspectives: Ma's desperate struggle to recover what's lost and Boomba's, the impoverished thief whose act of survival sets tragedy in motion" - OCLC review.



She, Unsung #5

Wednesday, May 27 at 2:00 PM

"She, Unsung" is the result of a collaborative research project about Rochester-connected women whom you may not have heard about. Join us for this latest installment of the series. Presenters Chandra McKenzie and Anne Coon are both poets and published writers who retired from academic careers at RIT. (Due to inclement weather in February, we are offering this program again.)