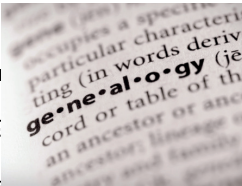


ONGOING SERVICES

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.



Sewing Machine Lesson

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.



Visit the Friends of BML bookstore during regular library hours. All proceeds go toward library programming.



The library reading app

Take us with you anytime you travel!
Did you know you can enjoy books and audiobooks from BML anywhere you have an internet connection? Get the Libby app by Overdrive to stream or download e-books & digital audiobooks for all ages.

BML Tips:

- Programs with an *asterisk* are sponsored by Friends of Brighton Memorial Library.
- Register for programs online at www.brightonlibrary.org/events or call 784-5300.
- To request curbside pickup, email bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com.
- All programs are free, open to the public, and subject to change. Check our website at www.brightonlibrary.org for updates.
- Learn about our monthly programs by email. Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website's homepage, www.brightonlibrary.org.



NOVEMBER 2025
PROGRAMS

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

November 26 - Early Closing at 5 PM
November 27 - 28 Closed for Thanksgiving



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STORYTIMES

All Ages Storytime

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, 24 at 9:30 AM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

Tot Time Storytime

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, 24 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, November 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:30 AM
Drop-in storytime for young children just starting to walk with their caregivers. Join us for stories, songs, and finger plays.

Lapsit Baby Storytime

Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11:30 AM
Drop-in storytime for infants and pre-walkers with their caregivers. Join us for stories and songs.

Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19 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, November 14, 21 at 10:30 AM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories and songs for all ages with a caregiver.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, November 8 at 2 PM
Drop-in storytime including songs and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Talking is Teaching Bundles

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

CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

*DINOVember Scavenger Hunt

Available all month
Pick up a DINOvember scavenger hunt and see if you can find all the dinosaur pictures hiding in the Children’s Center! Bring your completed scavenger hunt to the Children’s Librarian for a small prize.



Drop Off for Children’s Winter Coat Swap

Through Sunday, November 9
Drop off clean, gently used children’s winter’s coats, snowsuits, or snowpants at the Children’s Center, then pick up some new-to-you winter outerwear at our Children’s Coat Swap on Saturday, November 15 and Sunday, November 16.

Pokémon Meet and Swap

Saturday, November 1; Sunday, November 2 at 1 PM
Saturday, November 29; Sunday, November 30 at 1 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. Card trading is encouraged, but not mandatory. Open to ages 6-12.

Sensory Storytime

Wednesday, November 5 at 10:00 AM
Dim the lights, quiet our environment, and engage in a calmer pace of storytime with Ms. Jen as we explore books, songs, sensory stations, and more. Families are encouraged to bring their own quiet sensory items if needed. This storytime is designed for families seeking a calmer environment. Registration required.

Children’s Winter Coat Swap

Saturday, November 15; Sunday, November 16
Choose a new-to-your-child winter coat or other winter outerwear at our Children’s Winter Coat Swap on Saturday, November 15 and Sunday, November 16. Any remaining winter outerwear will be donated.

*LEGO® Club

Thursdays, November 6 & 20 at 4:30 PM
Children can build from an individual container of blocks and then display their creations in our Children’s Center. Open to all ages and abilities. No registration required.

Toddler Dance Party

Wednesday, November 26 at 10:00 AM
Toddlers and their caregivers can dance out their sillies to some favorite tunes! Designed for ages 18 months - 3 years, but all ages welcome.

TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

*5x7xDesign Teen Art Contest

Through December 1
Send in or drop off artwork that is approximately 5"x7" for our annual teen art contest! See the official rules at brightonlibrary.org/teen-events.

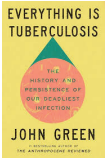
Teen Writing Club

Saturday, November 1, 15, & 29 from 1-2 PM
Join us for a casual meeting open to writers at any level, style, or subject! Meet your group leader Vivian in the Teen Center of the library. Use writing prompts, share what you’re working on (keep it PG-13), meet potential critique partners, and more. Open to grades 6-12. Registration required.

ADULT PROGRAMS

*Books Sandwiched In

Thursday, November 6 from 12-1 PM
Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection by John Green will be presented by Dr. Michael Mendoza, Senior Vice President & COO, Trillium Health.



From Point to Plot: A Fiction Writing Workshop

Thursday, November 6 from 6-7:45 PM
Looking for tips to get from start to finish on your fiction manuscript? Whether you are writing a picture book, short story, or novel, this workshop will help you find the POINT of your story and the PLOT to get you there. There will also be brainstorming breaks, and free time at the end to write. Presented by Deena Viviani, BML librarian and freelance writer.

*Reader’s Retreat

Friday, November 7 from 11 AM - 4 PM
Does the idea of reading in silence with snacks and a hot drink - and no screen time - sound relaxing? We’re offering a Reading Retreat in our Friends’ Learning Center. Bring whatever you want to read, and we’ll provide seating and refreshments. To maintain the relaxing atmosphere, all devices will need to be silenced once you’re in the room.

Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia

Wednesday, November 12 from 2-3 PM
This course covers basic information on the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia, stages, risk factors, research, and FDA-approved treatments. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association. Registration required.

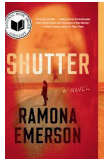
ADULT CONT.

Monroe County Climate Action Plan

Wednesday, November 12 from 6:30-7:30 PM
Join Color Brighton Green as we hear from Madison Quinn, Sustainability Coordinator for Monroe County. We will learn about implementation projects currently underway and next steps in the County’s sustainability program, including the complementary Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan. Register to attend in person or for the Zoom link.

Bestseller Book Club

Thursday, November 13 from 5-6 PM
Read and discuss *Shutter* by Ramona Emerson. A forensic photographer for the Albuquerque police, Rita Todacheene has the uncanny ability to see the ghosts of crime victims that lead her to overlooked clues, a gift that also leaves her haunted by the spirits of the dead. Registration required.



Create Thanksgiving Decor

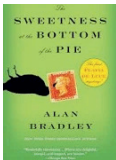
Friday, November 14 at 4 PM
Upcycle artificial gourds for festive pieces worthy of inclusion in a centerpiece. Registration required. Limit of 20 attendees.

*Autumn Serenade

Tuesday, November 18 from 6:30-7:30 PM
Join the Eastman School of Music’s Ian Oliver Trio for an hour filled with jazz.

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, November 19 from 2:30-3:30 PM or Thursday, November 20 from 5:30-6:30 PM
Read and discuss *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley: “Eleven-year-old Flavia de Luce is an aspiring chemist. When her father is arrested for murder, she begins a search for the truth that will lead her all the way to the King of England.” - OCLC . Registration required.



Register for Teen/Tween & Adult programs by calling 784-5300 or online at brightonlibrary.org/events.

ADULT CONT.

*PIRS Meet & Greet

Friday, November 21 from 1:30-3 PM
Chat with fellow Partners in Reading with Seniors (PIRS) volunteers and learn more about the program. Listen to Cheri Copie, a grief counselor from Good Grief Rochester, talk about navigating the holidays. Light refreshments will be served. Registration required.

Navigating Civil Service & Employment

Opportunities with Monroe County
Friday, November 21 from 3:30-5 PM
Are you curious about the job opportunities in Monroe County that require a Civil Service application? Learn how to successfully navigate the Monroe County website and application process, what Civil Service is, how it works, and what career paths are available. Presented by Maia Mesh, Monroe County Recruiter. If you would like to bring your resume, the presenter can see which career opportunities might be a good fit!

TECHNOLOGY

*The World of Podcasts

Monday, November 3 from 1-2:30 PM
Join technology instructor Daniel Jones as he walks you through the world of podcasting. You’ll learn a brief history of podcasting; how to search, subscribe, and listen to podcasts; and steps to create your own podcast. Registration required.

Tech Tutors

Do you need help downloading eBooks, accessing our databases, or setting up an email? Our librarians can help. Registration required.

