TECHNOLOGY

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



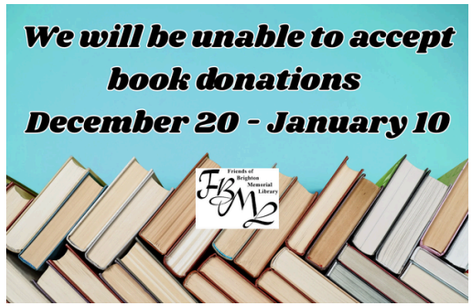
Are you researching your family tree, or do you want to know how to get started? Book an appointment with one of our librarians to assist you with a research question or to learn how to use our genealogical databases. Call 784-5300 or email Kory.Yerkes@libraryweb.org to set up an appointment.

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.

ASL Interpreters are available with two-week advance notice.



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The library reading app.

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Friends of Brighton Memorial Library

DECEMBER 2026 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

December 24 and 25 - Closed for Christmas

December 31 - Open at 11:00 AM for Staff Meetng; Closed at 5:00 PM for New Year's Eve

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

STORYTIMES

All Ages Storytime
Mondays, December 7, 14, 21 at 9:30 AM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

Tot Time Storytime
Mondays, December 7, 14, 21 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, December 1, 8, 15 at 10:30 AM
Drop-in storytime for young children just starting to walk with their caregivers. Join us for thirty minutes of stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Lapsit Baby Storytime
Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15 at 11:30 PM
Drop-in storytime for infants and pre-walkers with their caregivers. Join us for thirty minutes of songs and board book share.

Pajama Storytime
Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16 at 6:30 PM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays for all ages and a caregiver held in the Children's Center. ASL interpretation provided by RIT/NTID student volunteers, as their schedules allow.

Bright Kids All Ages Storytime
Fridays, December 4, 11, 18 at 10:30 AM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories and songs 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.

*For weather-related closings or program cancellations, please check our Facebook page and website.

CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

***Trains Scavenger Hunt**
Pick up a train-themed 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.

***Art Storytime**
Thursday, December 3 at 10:00 AM
Drop in for art-themed stories, songs, and activities. All ages are welcome.

***LEGO® Club**
Thursdays, December 3, 17 at 4:30 PM
Build with LEGO®! We provide the bricks, you provide the creativity! All ages and abilities welcome. No registration required.

***Who Would Win Club**
Tuesday, December 8 at 4:30 PM
Each month, we'll learn about animals in a featured *Who Would Win?* book, vote on which we think would win, and then check the book to find out if we were right. For grades K-3.

Toddler Dance Party
Thursday, December 17 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 are welcome.

Pokémon Meet and Swap
Saturday, December 19 at 1:00 PM
Sunday, December 20 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. Card trading is encouraged, but not mandatory. Open to ages 6-12.

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

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CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

The Genesee & Ontario Mondel-N-Gineers Model Train Show

- **Saturday, December 26: 12:00 PM - 3:45 PM**
- **Sunday, December 27: 12:00 PM - 3:45 PM**
- **Monday, December 28: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
- **Tuesday, December 29: 5:00 PM - 7:45 PM**
- **Wednesday, December 30: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
- **Thursday, December 31: 1:00 PM - 4:45 PM**



These model train engineers will be on hand to display and discuss their N-Scale Model Railroad and scenery made up of T-track modules. Chug on in at any of the times listed to see the model trains in action!

TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

***5 x 7 x Design Teen Art Contest**
Through December 1
Open to students living in or attending school in Brighton. Official rules online: www.BrightonLibrary.org/teen-events. Submission deadline December 1.

***Teen Swag Bags: Disaster!**
December 1 - December 15
Register online for our monthly subscription bag program! Open to grades 4-8. www.BrightonLibrary.org/teens

Teen Writing Club
Saturdays, December 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1:00 PM
Meet BML 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.

ADULT PROGRAMS

***Cookbook Club**
Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 PM



This month, we will be having a cookie exchange! We are cooking from *Holiday Cookies* by Elisabet der Nederlanden. Come prepared to take home leftovers. Coffee and tea will be provided. Registration required.

ADULT PROGRAMS

***Books Sandwiched In**
Thursday, December 3 at 12:00 PM



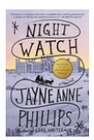
The Correspondent by Virginia Evans: A retired lawyer reflects on her life through letters exchanged with friends, family, and more. Presented by Athene Goldstein, adult educator at Temple B'rith Kodesh Kollel.

***Succulent Terrarium Workshop**
Monday, December 7 at 6:00 PM



Bring nature indoors by crafting a whimsical yet pracical terrarium. Terrariums are the most effortless container gardens; they are easy to make and even easier to maintain. In this class, you will learn how to build and care for your terrarium. At the end of class, you will have created a terrarium to take home with you. All supplies are provided, but you can bring your own decorative accents to give your terrrium a personal touch. Presented by Sigriet Ferrer of Prismatic Gardens. Registration required.

Bestsellers Book Club
Thursday, December 10 at 5:00 PM



Read and discuss *Night Watch* by Jayne Anne Phillips: In 1874, "twelve-year-old ConaLee, the adult in her family for as long as she can remember, finds herself on a buckboard journey with her mother, Eliza, who hasn't spoken in more than a year. They arrive at the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in West Virginia, delivered to the hospital's entrance by a war veteran who has forced himself into their world. There, far from family, a beloved neighbor, and the mountain home they knew, they try to reclaim their lives ... Epic, enthralling, and meticulously craft, *Night Watch* is a stunning chronicle of surviving war and its aftermath" - publisher review. Registration required.

Save the Date

Friends of BML Pop-Up Book Sale

- **Saturday, December 12 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM**
- **Sunday, December 13 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM**



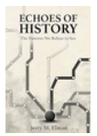
ADULT PROGRAMS CONT.

***Friends of BML Holiday Pop-Up Sale**

- **Saturday, December 12 at 12:00 PM**
- **Sunday, December 13 at 12:00 PM**

This event will be held at the Brighton Memorial Library. The holiday sale will have something for everyone! Come and shop for friends, family, and yourself. We will have $1 books plus more valuable books. This is a great opportunity to send your kids off with a few dollars to shop for gifts for the family. We now accept credit cards! We will even wrap the books!

***Echoes of History*: The Patterns We Refuse to See**
Monday, December 14 at 5:30 PM



Learn about the book *Echoes of History*. Author and Rochester native, Jerry Elman, will speak about the distance between who we believe we'll be in history and who we become, when fear, belonging, and survival begin making our choices.

***Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club**
Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 PM
Genres rotate every month



End the year with *Dune* by Frank Herbert, "a triumph of the imagination and one of the bestselling science fiction novels of all time. Set on the desert planet Arrakis, *Dune* is the story of Paul Atreides - who would become known as Muad'Dib - and of a great family's ambition to bring to fruition humankind's most ancient and unattainable dream ... *Dune* won the first Nebula Award, shared the Hugo Award, and formed the basis of what is undoubtedly the grandest epic in science fiction" - publisher review. Registration required.

***Mystery Book Club**
Thursday, December 17 at 5:30 PM



Read and discuss *The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year* by Ally Carter: "The bridge is out. The phones are down. And the most famous mystery writer in the world just disappeared out of a locked room two days before Christmas. Meet Maggie Chase and Ethan Wyatt: She's the new Queen of the Cozy Mystery. He's Mr. Big-time Thriller Guy. ... Neither is expecting their host to be the most powerful author in the world: Eleaonor Ashley, the Duchess of Death herself. That night, the weather turns, and the next morning Eleanor is gone ..." - publisher review. Registration required.