

ADULT PROGRAMS CONT.

Alzheimer’s Association Presents: Supporting Independence

Wednesday, February 11 at 2:00 PM  
“Supporting independence” focuses on helping a person living with dementia take part in daily activities, providing the right amount of support, and balancing safety and independence while managing expectations. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association. Registration required.

\*Cookbook Club: Cook’s Illustrated Magazine’s Soups, Stews & Chilis

Wednesday, February 11 at 6:00 PM  
Join Librarian Ryan for Brighton Memorial Library’s tastiest book club. Each time we feature a different cookbook to make a dish from and bring to the meeting. Register to pick your recipe.



Bestsellers Book Club

Thursday, February 12 at 5:00 PM  
Read *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett and discuss with Librarian Caitlin. Learn about the identical Vignes twins, who grew up in a small, southern town. One sister stayed, while the other moved away and passed as white. Registration required.



\*Sweethearts Dance

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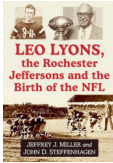
She, Unsung #5

Wednesday, February 18 at 2:30 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 the Rochester Institute of Technology. Registration required.

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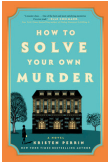
Leo Lyons, The Rochester Jeffersons, and the Birth of the NFL

Sunday, February 22 at 2:00 PM  
John Steffenhagen, historian and author, will discuss the local roots of professional football in America. This program is cosponsored with Historic Brighton.



\*Mystery Book Club

Thursday, February 26 at 5:00 PM  
Please join Librarian Caitlyn Stahovic-Barnes to discuss this month’s mystery book *How to Solve Your Own Murder* by Kristen Perrin. Refreshments will be provided. Next month’s book will be available to check out. Registration required.



TECHNOLOGY

\*Meet the iPhone

Monday, February 2 at 1:00 PM  
What exactly is an iPhone? Join technology instructor Daniel Jones for this fun and informative seminar where you’ll learn about the basic features and benefits of the iPhone and how this revolutionary product can enhance your life. Registration required.

Tech Tutors

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

Genealogical Services

Book an appointment with one of our librarians to assist you with a genealogy research question or to learn how to use our genealogical databases. Registration required.

Sewing Machine Class

Schedule a one-hour instructional session using one of the library’s sewing machines by emailing Kory.Yerkes@libraryweb.org. Be sure to put "Sewing Lesson" in the subject line.



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

FEBRUARY 2026 PROGRAMS

BRIGHTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY



BML Open & Curbside Hours

M / T / W / T H : 9 AM - 8 PM  
F R I : 9 AM - 6 PM  
S A T . NOON - 4 PM  
S U N : NOON - 4 PM

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

Closings

February 26 – Opening at 11 AM for Staff Meeting

Brighton Memorial Library

2300 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14618  
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STORYTIMES

All Ages Storytime

Mondays, February 2, 9, 23 at 9:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

Tot Time Storytime

Mondays, February 2, 9, 23 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, February 3, 10, 24 at 10:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime for young children just starting to walk with their caregivers.

Lapsit Baby Storytime

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 24 at 11:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime for infants and pre-walkers with their caregivers.

Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 25 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, February 6, 13, 27 at 10:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime featuring stories and songs for all ages with a caregiver.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, February 28 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](http://www.BrightonLibrary.org/children).

\*Lunar New Year Scavenger Hunt

Participate in a month-long Lunar New Year-themed scavenger hunt and see if you can find all the Chinese Zodiac animals hiding in the Children’s Center. Bring your completed scavenger hunt to the Children’s Librarian for a small prize.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

### Valentines for Veterans

**Monday, February 2 - Wednesday, February 11**  
Make a Valentine for a U.S. Veteran, leave it in our “mailbox,” and we’ll deliver it to the Veteran’s Outreach Center to give to a Veteran for Valentine’s Day! In the Children’s Center, while supplies last.

### Library Learning Lab: Microplastics with the Seneca Park Zoomobile

**Wednesday, February 4 at 10:00 AM**  
What are microplastics, and why should we learn about them? Join us as we explore plastics and their pros and cons. Bring an old T-shirt for an upcycling craft. Best for families with children ages 6 and up. Registration required.

### \*LEGO® Club

**Thursday, February 5 at 4:30 PM**  
**Thursday, February 19 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.

### Pokémon Meet and Swap

**Saturday, February 7 at 1:00 PM**  
**Sunday, February 8 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.

### Bilingual French-English Storytime

**Saturday, February 21 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.



### Toddler Dance Party

**Wednesday, February 25 at 10:00 AM**  
Toddlers and their caregivers can dance out their sillies to some favorite tunes! Designed for ages 18 months to 3 years, but all ages are welcome.



Register for Teen/Tween & Adult programs by either calling 784-5300 or emailing [infodesk@bml@gmail.com](mailto:infodesk@bml@gmail.com).



## MID-WINTER BREAK: FEBRUARY 16-20



### \*Lunar New Year Make and Take Crafts

**Tuesday, February 17 at 10:00 AM**  
Drop in anytime between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM to celebrate Lunar New Year with a variety of make and take crafts. Best for ages 5 and up.



### Dad Joke Storytime

**Wednesday, February 18 at 10:00 AM**  
When does a joke become a dad joke? When it becomes apParent! Join us for some punny stories and guest readers. Bring a family-friendly joke to share. All ages welcome, but best for those who can roll their eyes.

### Pokémon Party

**Thursday, February 19 at 10:30 AM**  
Celebrate Pokémon with crafts and activities, and get a photo with Pikachu! Please register on our website. Open only to ages 6-11 and their caregivers.

### Community Puzzle Day

**Friday, February 20 at 10:30 AM**  
We’ll have a variety of puzzles for all ages available from 10:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Drop in anytime to see if you can help complete them.



## ALL AGES

### Everlasting Corsages and Boutonnieres

**Friday, February 6 at 4:00 PM**  
Participants can craft boutonnieres and corsages from non-living materials for attendees of our Sweethearts Dance on February 14. Registrants will also be able to craft items to take with them. Registration requested.

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## TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

### \*Teen Swag Bags: For the Love of Music

**February 1 - February 15**  
Register online at [brightonlibrary.org/teens](http://brightonlibrary.org/teens) for our monthly subscription bag program. This program is open to grades 4-8.

### \*Alice B. Wilson Literary Awards Contest

**Sunday, February 1 - Sunday, February 15**  
Visit [brightonlibrary.org/teen-events](http://brightonlibrary.org/teen-events) to see the official rules and submit your entries.

### Everlasting Corsages and Boutonnieres

**Friday, February 6 at 4:00 PM**  
Help craft boutonnieres and corsages from non-living materials for attendees of our Sweethearts Dance on February 14. This opportunity can be used as volunteer credit for students. Registration is requested.

## TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS CONT.

### Teen Writing Club

**Saturdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1:00 PM**  
Join us for a casual meeting open to writers at any level, style, or subject! Meet your group leader Vivian, a teen multi-year winner of our Alice B. Wilson Literary Awards Contest, 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.

### \*Wintery Pet/Animal Portraits

**Tuesday, February 17 at 1:00 PM**  
Bring an animal to life in this paper art program! Art educator and founder of Petit Paper Stories, Laura Homsey, will walk tweens through this project. Print and bring a photo of your pet or choose an animal to create from the nature magazines that we will have on hand. Open to tweens in grades 4-8 only. Registration required.

### \*Polymer Clay Snowmen

**Thursday, February 19 at 1:00 PM**  
Make a polymer clay snowman in this class, then take it home to bake! Led by art instructor Deb Coller. Open to grades 4-8 only. Register the tween’s name in the form. One registrant per email address.

### \*Beginner Braiding

**Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 PM**  
Learn how to make two types of beginner braids with hairstylist Michal: a simple 3-strand braid and a French braid. Come with a friend or family member. At least one person should have shoulder-length or longer hair that is brushed out. (Bring your own hairbrush.) Get ready to get stylish. Open to grades 4-12.

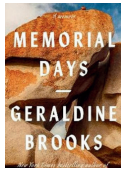
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### Write with RACWI

**Sunday, February 1 at 1:00 PM**  
Need a space to write your picture book, short story, novel, or non-fiction work? Do you get motivation from being around others cranking out their word count? Then set up shop for 1-2 hours in our Friends Learning Center! Members of the Rochester Area Children’s Writers & Illustrators (RACWI) will also be on hand to lead creativity/brainstorming breaks. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Registration required.

### \*Books Sandwiched In

**Thursday, February 5 at 12:00 PM**  
*Memorial Days* by Geraldine Brooks: A memoir of grief, coping, and coming to terms with the unexpected loss of a loved one. Presented by Dr. Karen Mackie, Retired Director of Clinical Training and Associate Professor of Counseling & Human Development, University of Rochester Warner Graduate School.



### \*Politician and Preacher: The Life of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

**Monday, February 9 at 3:00 PM**  
Join us and learn about Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., a preacher who became the first African American elected to Congress from New York state. Representing Harlem from the 1940s through the early 1970s, he became known as “Mr. Civil Rights.” Presented by Monroe Community College History Professor, Mark Sample. Registration required.

### \*Valentine’s Floral Terrarium Workshop

**Monday, February 9 at 6:00 PM**  
Join Sigriet Ferrer from Prismatic Gardens to make a Valentine’s-inspired floral terrarium. Registration required.

### \*Guided Journaling Workshop

**Tuesday, February 10 at 6:00 PM**  
Have you always wanted to start journaling, but aren’t sure where to start? Or have you been journaling for a while and want a community to write and share with? In this workshop, 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. Presented by Misty Yarnall, a Creative Writing and Theater Teaching Artist, who has taught writing workshops at libraries, nonprofits, and homeschool co-ops. Registration required.