

# Opera Guild of Rochester

## \*Stylistic Choices and Creative Liberties

**Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 PM**

Finger Lakes Opera's Artistic Director Stephanie Havey talks about artistic choices behind an opera production.

## The Nightingale in Rochester: Jenny Lind Visits the Flour City

**Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00 PM**

In the summer of 1851, the arrival of Swedish singing sensation Jenny Lind created a wave of excitement around the City of Rochester. This lively lecture, presented by Gerry Szymanski, librarian at the Eastman School of Music's Sibley Music Library, will describe the direct connection between her concerts and the founding of the Eastman School of Music.

## Forbidden Love in Opera

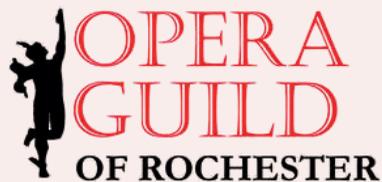
**Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 PM**

From secret affairs to impossible passions, forbidden love has fueled some of opera's most powerful moments. Join Cindy Battisti as she explores the scandals, sacrifices, and soaring music behind opera's most irresistible love stories.

## Galuppi to Rossini: Comic Opera in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century

**Wednesday, March 25 at 6:00 PM**

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, comic opera eventually outstripped serious opera in popularity. Important developments in comedy helped make possible the Romantic period to follow, which produced those gems, both comic and tragic, we treasure today. Come hear its story, together with delicious excerpts from the works of its culminating geniuses, Rossini and Mozart.



## TECHNOLOGY

### \*Online Shams and Scams

**Monday, March 2 at 1:00 PM**

Technology instructor Daniel Jones provides an in-depth look at the world of online threats, from misleading shams to elaborate scams and how to avoid them. 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.



**Libby.**

The library reading app.



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

# MARCH 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

March 26 - Opening at 11 AM for Staff Meeting

## Brighton Memorial Library

2300 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14618  
585.784.5300 | brightonlibrary.org

## STORYTIMES

### All Ages Storytime

**Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 at 9:30 AM**

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

### Tot Time Storytime

**Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 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, March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 10:30 AM**

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

### Lapsit Baby Storytime

**Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 11:30 AM**

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

### Pajama Storytime

**Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 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, March 20, 27 at 10:30 AM**

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

### Saturday Storytime

**Saturday, March 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).

### \*Eric Carle Scavenger Hunt

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

## CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

### \*Earth Day Trees from Neighborhood Forest Sunday, March 1 - Sunday, March 15

In honor of Earth Day, we've partnered with Neighborhood Forest again this year to provide your child a free tree! You will be able to pick up your native tree at the library around Earth Day (exact dates to be determined, but you'll get notified.) To register your child(ren) for a tree, scan the QR code.



### Sensory Storytime

Wednesday, March 4 at 10:00 AM

Dim the lights and engage in a calmer paced storytime with Ms. Jen as we explore books, songs, sensory stations, and more. Families are encouraged to bring their own sensory items if needed. This storytime is designed for families seeking a relaxed environment.

### \*LEGO® Club

Thursday, March 5 at 4:30 PM

Thursday, March 19 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

Sunday, March 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.

### Celebrate Eid! Storytime

Saturday, March 14 at 2:00 PM

Join us for a special storytime with Havva to celebrate Ramadan with stories, songs, and activities. For all ages and their caregivers.



## SPRING BREAK: MARCH 30 - APRIL 6

### \*Make a Spring Bracelet

Monday, March 30 at 2:00 PM

Using beads and memory wire, make a spring-themed bracelet for yourself, a friend, or a loved one. Led by art instructor Deb Coller. Open to grades 4-8.

### Hall of Fame Toys

Tuesday, March 31 at 10:00 AM

Families with children of all ages are invited to drop in to play with our selection of Hall of Fame Toys.

### \*Don't Let the Pigeon Have a Party!

Wednesday, April 1 at 10:30 AM

It's the Pigeon's birthday and we are celebrating with activities, stories, and more! For ages 3 and up. Register on our website.

### \*19<sup>th</sup> Century Games with Genesee Country Village and Museum

Thursday, April 2 at 10:30 AM

Drop in anytime between 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM to play with a variety of hands-on games and toys from the 1800s, courtesy of Genesee Country Village and Museum. Best for ages 5 and up.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

### Bilingual French-English Storytime

Saturday, March 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.



### Symphonic Storytime with Jen & Em

Wednesday, March 25 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.

## ALL AGES

### \*Celebrate Irish-American Heritage Month with Two Irish Dance Performances!

Saturday, March 7 at 2:30 PM

- Dunleavy Irish Dancers

At the end of the program, kids can learn a few dance steps and try out their own moves.

Friday, March 13 at 10:00 AM

- Rince Na Tiarna Irish Dancers



## TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

### \*Teen Swag Bags: Women's History Month

March 1 - March 15

Register online at [brightonlibrary.org/teams](http://brightonlibrary.org/teams) for our monthly subscription bag program. Open to grades 4-8.

## TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS CONT.

### Teen Writing Club

Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1:00 PM

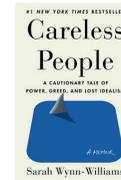
Meet teen lit contest winner Vivian in the Teen Center to chat about what you're working on, use writing prompts, and more. Open to grades 6-12. Registration required.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### \*Books Sandwiched In

Thursday, March 5 at 12:00 PM

In *Careless People*, Sarah Wynn-Williams, a former Facebook executive, delves into the results of extreme power, stressful company culture, and how people get their news. Presented by Gary Craig, author and retired *Democrat and Chronicle* reporter.



### \*PIRS Meet and Greet

Friday, March 6 at 1:30 PM

Come meet our new PIRS Outreach Coordinator! Volunteers will be able to mingle with fellow volunteers, chat with the coordinator team, and make suggestions for potential future program updates and projects.

### \*Eleanor Roosevelt: Part 1

Wednesday, March 11 at 2:00 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.



## ADULT PROGRAMS CONT.

### Bestsellers Book Club

Thursday, March 12 at 5:00 PM

Read and discuss *Say Nothing* by Patrick Radden Keefe, which details the 1972 forcible home invasion and kidnapping of Jean McConville, a thirty-eight-year-old mother of ten. Neighbors knew, but could not speak, of IRA involvement. Five years after the 1988 peace accord, the McConville family were able to get some closure. Registration required.



### \*Cookbook Club: The Country Cooking of Ireland

Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 PM

Join Librarian Ryan for Brighton Memorial Library's tastiest book club! This month we will be cooking from *The Country Cooking of Ireland* by Coleman Andrews. Register and choose your recipe at the Info Desk!



### \*GLP-1 Medications and Nutrition 101

Thursday, March 19 at 6:00 PM

Join registered dietician Rebeka Harter to learn about GLP-1 medications (like Ozempic) and some nutrition basics to help manage your blood sugar levels. Registration required.

### \*Sunday Serenade

Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 PM

Listen to the trio Mystic Sisters showcase their harmonies with tunes from Linda Ronstadt, The Eagles, The Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, and other artists.

### \*Mystery Book Club

Thursday, March 26 at 5:00 PM

Read and discuss *The Killing Floor* by Lee Child: "A discharged soldier is framed for a murder by the chief of police in a small town in Georgia where he has just arrived. When the soldier learns that the murdered man was his brother, he breaks out of jail and carries out his own investigation" - OCLC review. Registration required.



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