

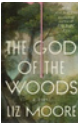
ADULT PROGRAMS CONT.

*Mystery Book Club

Thursday, November 19 at 5:30 PM

Read and discuss *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore:

“When Barbara Van Laar is discovered missing from her summer camp bunk one morning in August 1975, it triggers a panicked, terrified search. Losing a camper is a horrific tragedy under any circumstances, but Barbara isn’t just any camper, she’s the daughter of the wealthy family who owns the camp - as well as the opulent nearby estate, and most of the land in sight. And this isn’t the first time a Van Laar child has disappeared in the region: Barbara’s older brother also went missing 16 years earlier, never to be found” - publisher review. Registration required.



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Intro to Kinusaiga - Winter Edition

Monday, November 30 at 5:30 PM

Learn the basic techniques of Kinusaiga to create a giftable hanging 4" x 4" framed cardinal. The Japanese art form uses fabric to create quilt-like designs, but no sewing is necessary! Supplies will be provided. Participants must bring their own Exacto-knife/box cutter. Limited to ages 18 and up. Registration is required and limited to those who have not attended past Kinusaiga programs.

TECHNOLOGY

*Your Digital Afterlife

Monday, November 23 at 1:00 PM

What happens to your digital estate when you die? Do you have an email account? How about a Facebook account? Bank online? Shop online? Pay your bill over the internet? Join Daniel Jones for this informative seminar where you’ll learn how to get your digital assets in order. Registration required.

TECHNOLOGY CONT.

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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NOVEMBER 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

November 26 and 27 – Closed for Thanksgiving

Brighton Memorial Library

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STORYTIMES

All Ages Storytime

Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 9:30 AM

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

Tot Time Storytime

Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 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 3, 10, 17, 24 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, November 3, 10, 17, 24 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, November 4, 11, 18 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. ASL interpretation provided by RIT/NTID student volunteers, as their schedules allow.

Bright Kids All Ages Storytime

Fridays, November 6, 13, 20 at 10:30 AM

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

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, November 14 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.

CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

***DINovember Scavenger Hunt**

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.

***Let's Play Chess**

Tuesday, November 3, 17 at 4:30 PM

Enjoy a fun introduction to chess. Kids will learn how the pieces move, explore chess strategies, and enjoy friendly chess games with other new players. No experience needed. For grades K-5.

***Library Learning Lab: Flight to Freedom with RMSC**

Thursday, November 5 at 10:00 AM

Get to know abolitionists who called Rochester home and their paths to freedom. Examine Rochester's stance during this pivotal period of American history with educators from Rochester Museum and Science Center. Best for families with children ages 9 and up. Limit 30. Registration required.



***LEGO® Club**

Thursdays, November 5, 19 at 4:30 PM

Build with LEGO®! We provide the bricks, you provide the creativity! All ages and abilities welcome. No registration required.

Pokémon Meet and Swap

Saturday and Sunday, November 7, 8 at 1:00 PM

Sunday, November 22 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.

***Who Would Win Club**

Tuesday, November 10 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 out the book to find out if we were right. For grades K-3.



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

CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

The Magic of the Nutcracker with Ballet of New York Arts Collective

Wednesday, November 11 at 10:00 AM

This family-friendly program features a read-aloud of the beloved holiday story accentuated with short dance segments from the full-length ballet, followed by a Q&A and photo opportunity with the dancers.



Symphonic Storytime with Jen & Em

Thursday, November 19 at 10:00 AM

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

Thanksgiving Family Storytime

Saturday, November 21 at 2:00 PM

Get in the spirit of Thanksgiving with stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

***5x7xDesign 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**

November 1 - November 15

Register online for our monthly subscription bag program! Open to grades 4-8. www.BrightonLibrary.org/teens

Teen Writing Club

Saturdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28 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.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

***Mindful Matcha Time In Our Modern Day Lives**
Wednesday, November 4 at 5:30 PM

Feeling overwhelmed by too much information or a hectic day? Rie Maywar of Ways of Matcha will share how matcha moments can enhance mindfulness in your daily living. The presentation includes slides on Mindful Time with Matcha in daily living including the history of matcha, a demonstration of modern matcha ritual with electric kettle, and Q&A. Open to high schoolers and adults. Registration required.

***Books Sandwiched In**

Thursday, November 5 at 12:00 PM

Presenting *Family of Spies* by Christine Kuehn: The author's 30-year investigation and her shocking discoveries in the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Presented by Jamie Spiller, SUNY Brockport Distinguished Teaching Professor, History.



***Free Form Collage**

Friday, November 6 at 3:30 PM

Come meet new people and create collages during this free form collage session led by librarian Megan. You're welcome to bring your own photos, special papers, magazine clippings, or photographs to include in your collage, scrapbook, or vision board! Additional materials will be set out for this program. Registration required.

Fossil Fuel Disinformation and What to Do About It

Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 PM

Presented by Color Brighton Green. All registrants will receive the Zoom link and are welcome to come in person.



***Cookbook Club**

Wednesday, November 11 at 6:00 PM

This month we will be cooking from *Mooncakes and Milk Bread* by Kristina Cho. Stop into the library to register and choose your recipe beforehand, then bring your dish to share at the event.



ADULT PROGRAMS CONT.

***Bestsellers Book Club**

Thursday, November 12 at 5:00 PM

Read and discuss *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan: "In Bonhomie, Ohio, a stolen moment of passion, sparked in the exuberant aftermath of Allied victory in Europe, binds Cal Jenkins, a man wounded not in war but by his inability to serve in it, to Margaret Salt, a woman trying to obscure her past. Cal's wife, Becky, has a spiritual gift: She is a seer who can conjure the dead, helping families connect with those they've lost. Margaret's husband, Felix, is serving on a Navy cargo ship, out of harm's way - until a telegram suggests that the unthinkable might have happened. Later, as the country reconstructs in the postwar boom, a secret grows in Bonhomie - but nothing stays buried forever in a small town" - publisher review. Registration required.



***Jim Thorpe: An American Athlete**

Friday, November 13 at 2:00 PM

Jim Thorpe was a Native American who became one of the most notable athletes in American history. He was also a professional football and baseball player. Please join MCC professor of history, Mark Sample, as he tells the story of this important man and his times. Registration required.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 PM

Genres rotate every month

This month, the club will discuss *Babel or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution* by R.F. Kuang: "For Robin, Oxford is a utopia dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge. But knowledge obeys power and as a Chinese boy raised in Britain, Robin realized serving Babel means betraying his motherland. As his studies progress, Robin finds himself caught between Babel and the shadowy Hermes Society, an organization dedicated to stopping imperial expansion. When Britain pursues an unjust war with China, over silver and opium, Robin must decide ... Can powerful institutions be changed from within, or does revolution always require violence?" - publisher review.



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