

ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, March 19 from 2:30-3:30 PM or Thursday, March 20 from 5:30-6:30 PM
Join Librarian Katie to discuss *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn. "Billie, Mary Alice, Helen, and Natalie have worked for the Museum, an elite network of assassins, for forty years. Now their talents are considered old-school and no one appreciates what they have to offer in an age that relies more on technology than people skills. When the foursome is sent on an all-expense paid vacation to mark their retirement, they are targeted by one of their own." – Publisher review. Copies will be available at the Circulation Desk starting February 26th. Register for either session.

*Variations on a Goddess Necklace

Friday, March 21 from 3-4:30 PM
Participants will learn the pattern of a basic Goddess necklace and then alter and embellish it to make their "personal Goddess statement." Registration required.

*Waterway of Change: Women and the Erie Canal

Tuesday, March 25 from 2-3 PM
As part of the 200th-Year Celebration, Assistant Director of Education at the Erie Canal Museum Elizabeth Farrell will share how the fight for women's rights grew out of the changes brought about by the Erie Canal and the movement's dependence on networks that the Canal facilitated. Registration required.

*Reducing Food Waste at Home

Thursday, March 27 from 6-7 PM
Doesn't it just break your heart (and your wallet) when you end up throwing away food? Learn ways to avoid waste with Registered Dietitian Rebekah Harter. Registration required.

Invasive Species on the Brickyard Trail

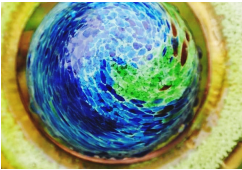
Saturday, March 29 from 1-2 PM
Learn about some of the invasive plant species on the Brickyard Trail in this presentation that includes slides of flowering plants found on the BYT, definitions of what are native/non-native/invasive plants, biocontrol of purple loosestrife, and an update on the management program of Japanese knotweed. Presented by Peggy Dempsey from Friends of the BYT. Registration required.



Color Brighton Green Presents: Climate and Diet

Monday, March 31 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Join Color Brighton Green and Ted Barnett, MD, FACLM, founder of Rochester Lifestyle Medicine Institute and Pale Blue Dot Community, to learn about the impact of diet on human and planetary health. A Q&A session will follow. All registrants can attend in person and will also be sent the Zoom link.



TECHNOLOGY

*What Is AI?
Monday, March 10 from 1-2:30 PM
Learn about Artificial Intelligence, what it is, how to use it, and more with instructor Daniel Jones. Registration required.

Tech Tutors
Ongoing
Do you need help downloading eBooks, accessing our databases, or setting up an email? Our librarians can help. Register by calling 784-5300 or emailing bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com.

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



MARCH 2025 PROGRAMS

BRIGHTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY



BML Open & Curbside Hours

M/T/W/TH*: 9 AM-8 PM
FRI: 9 AM-6 PM
SAT**/SUN: NOON-4 PM

*Opening at 11 AM on Thursday, March 27
**Closed Saturdays from June 15-September 15

Brighton Memorial Library
2300 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14618
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STORYTIMES

All Ages Storytime
Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 9:30 AM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

Tot Time Storytime
Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 10:15 AM
Drop-in storytime that features 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 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 10:30 AM
Drop-in storytime for young children just starting to walk with their caregivers can join us for thirty minutes of stories, songs, and finger plays.

Lapsit Baby Storytime
Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 11:30 AM
Drop-in storytime for infants and pre-walkers with their caregivers can join us for thirty minutes of songs and board book share.

Pajama Storytime
Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 6:30 PM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and finger-plays for all ages with their caregiver held in the Brighton Kiwanis Discovery Room.



Bright Kids All Ages Storytime
Fridays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 10:30 AM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories and songs for all ages with a caregiver.

Saturday Storytime
Saturday, March 22 at 2 PM
Drop-in storytime that includes 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.

*Eric Carle Scavenger Hunt

Available all month

Pick up an Eric Carle-based scavenger hunt and see if you can find his classic character pictures hiding in the Children's Center! Bring your completed scavenger hunt to the Children's Librarian for a small prize.

Earth Day Trees from Neighborhood Forest

Saturday, March 1 – Saturday, March 15

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



*Library Learning Lab: Genealogy

Wednesday, March 5 from 10:30 AM-Noon

Finding your roots! Research your family tree while learning how to navigate the library databases. Bringing a personal laptop is recommended. Best for ages 6+.

*LEGO® Club

Thursdays, March 6 & 20 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.

Celebrate Ramadan! Storytime

Saturday, March 8 at 2 PM

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

Pokémon Meet and Swap

Saturday & Sunday, March 15 & 16 at 1 PM

Gather your trainer friends and stop by BML 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 Mandarin-English Storytime

Sunday, March 23 at 2 PM

Join us for a bilingual storytime in Mandarin and English. For all ages with a caregiver. 歡迎所有任何有興趣的兒童與家長或與其照顧者一起參加我們的普通話故事及兒歌時間

Toddler Dance Party

Wednesday, March 26 at 10 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.

ALL AGES

*Performance by Dunleavy Irish Dance

Saturday, March 1 from 1-1:30 PM

Get ready for St. Patrick's Day with a toe-tapping performance by the students of Dunleavy Irish Dance. At the end of the program, kids can try out their own dance moves. Space is limited, so arrive early.

Staff Meeting – Opening Late

Thursday, March 27 at 11 AM

Brighton Memorial Library will open at 11 AM rather than 9 AM on Thursday, March 27 for our monthly staff meeting.

TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

*Tween Swag Bags: Mythology

March 1-15

Tweens in grades 4-8 can register for BML's monthly subscription service: Tween Swag Bags (TSB)! Each monthly bag will contain themed library books, freebies, crafts or activities, and snacks. Fill out the TSB registration form at www.brightonlibrary.org/teens, and we'll contact you when your TSB is ready for pickup.

Teen Writing Club

Saturdays, March 8 & 22 from 1-2 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 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.



*Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

Mondays, March 10 & 24 from 3:30-5:30 PM

Bring your Dungeon Master and play D&D in this gaming session. Snacks provided. Open to grades 6-12. Feel free to bring your own D&D supplies as game pieces are limited. Please note the room will be unstaffed. Adults/caregivers are welcome to stay.



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

ADULT PROGRAMS

*Erie Canal Display: Barge & In Charge!

March 3-25

Check out the multi-panel informational display from the Erie Canal Museum in honor of the canal's 200-year anniversary.

Narcan Training with the Monroe County

Department of Public Health

Tuesday, March 4 from 1-4 PM

Stop in to receive Narcan training and a free kit from the Monroe County Health Department. Narcan (Naloxone) is a nasal spray that can be administered immediately to treat an opioid overdose. This drop-in program is free. Registration is not required, but you may register to receive a reminder email three days before the event.

*Books Sandwiched In

Thursday, March 6 from Noon-1 PM

Join us for a presentation on *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. "In July 1962, a 4-year-old Indigenous girl goes missing, sparking a tragic 50-year mystery." – Publisher review. Presented by Deb Rosen, President and CEO, Jewish Family Services.

*Sunday Serenades

Sunday, March 9 from 2-3 PM

Join Eastman Doctoral candidate and violinist Rumi Liao for an hour of classical music, including pieces by Baroque and Romantic composers.

Taxes: Don't Make it Taxing!

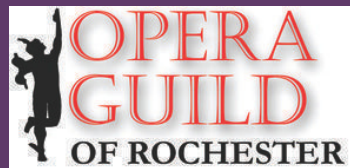
Tuesday, March 11 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Whether you have filed your taxes for 2024 or not, join us for this presentation on how to keep track of your records for tax season, common tax prep misconceptions and pitfalls, followed by a Q&A session. Presented by Heather Hedges, CPA. Registration required.

Tips for Tough Conversations: Doctor Visits, Driving, and Legal & Financial Concerns for Seniors

Wednesday, March 12 from 2-3 PM

This Alzheimer's Association course gives caregivers tips and strategies for having difficult – but important – conversations about driving, visiting the doctor, and legal and financial planning. Registration required.



Lecture Series

Wednesdays from 6-7:45 pm

FMI: www.operaguildofrochester.org/lecture-listening-series

March 5: Costumes in Opera: Bringing Characters to Life Through Design

A fascinating look at how costumes in opera contribute to the mood and plot of the opera. Costumer Mary Farmer of Nazareth University joins us with an insider's view.

March 12: Poisons and Potions

Cindy Battisti explores how sinister substances have shaped some of the most gripping moments in opera's history. From tragic heartbreaks to mystical transformations, discover the potent mix of chemistry and storytelling.

March 19: Opera in the Era of Social Media: Thrilled to Announce

Voice instructor and former opera performer, Constance Fee maintains opera in the 21st century is not a dying art but is instead leading a vibrant and dynamic life on Instagram, Facebook, YAP Tracker, OperaWire, and other social media platforms.

March 26: Beginnings in Baroque

Carol Crocca presents the fascinating story of how opera developed into a grand and popular entertainment form for the next two and one-half centuries. Enjoy excerpts from 17th century works. You will recognize the roots of the great operas that followed.

Bestseller Book Club

Thursday, March 13 from 5-6 PM

Led by Librarian Caitlin, this month we will be discussing *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. "The New York Times bestselling author returns with a haunting and powerful story of female friendships and secrets in a Washington, DC, boarding-house during the McCarthy era." -Publisher review. Copies available at the Check-Out Desk. Registration required.

