

TECHNOLOGY

\*Library Apps: Libby, Hoopla, & Kanopy  
Monday, January 19 at 1:00 PM  
Did you know that your local library has thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and movies you can download for free? Join technology instructor Daniel Jones for this fun and informative seminar where you'll learn about Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy; streaming; and how to access, reserve, download, stream, and manage eBooks, audiobooks, and movies from your public library. Registration required.

ONGOING SERVICES

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

Genealogical Services  
Are you researching your family tree or 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 about how to use our genealogical databases. Call 784-5300 or email [Kory.Yerkes@libraryweb.org](mailto:Kory.Yerkes@libraryweb.org) to set up an appointment.

Sewing Machine Lesson  
Have you ever wanted to learn how to use a sewing machine? Now's your chance. Email [Kory.Yerkes@libraryweb.org](mailto: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.



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



The library reading app

Take us with you anytime you travel!  
Did you know you can enjoy books and audiobooks from BML anywhere you have an internet connection? Get the Libby app by Overdrive to stream or download e-books & digital audiobooks for all ages.

BML Tips:

- Programs with an \*asterisk\* are sponsored by Friends of Brighton Memorial Library.
- Register for programs online at [www.brightonlibrary.org/events](http://www.brightonlibrary.org/events) or call 784-5300.
- To request curbside pickup, email [bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com](mailto:bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com).
- All programs are free, open to the public, and subject to change. Check our website at [www.brightonlibrary.org](http://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](http://www.brightonlibrary.org).



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

**Closings**

January 1 – Closed for New Year’s Day  
January 29 – Opening at 11 AM for Staff Meeting

**Brighton Memorial Library**  
2300 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14618  
585.784.5300 | [brightonlibrary.org](http://brightonlibrary.org)

STORYTIMES

All Ages Storytime  
Mondays, January 12, 26 at 9:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

Tot Time Storytime  
Mondays, January 12, 26 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, January 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime for young children just starting to walk with their caregivers.

Lapsit Baby Storytime  
Tuesdays, January 13, 20, 27 at 11:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime for infants and pre-walkers with their caregivers.

Pajama Storytime  
Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 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, January 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime featuring stories and songs for all ages with a caregiver.

Saturday Storytime  
Saturday, January 31 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).

\*Signs of Winter Scavenger Hunt  
Participate in a month-long winter-themed scavenger hunt and see if you can find all the winter-themed pictures hiding in the Children’s Center. Bring your completed scavenger hunt to the Children’s Librarian for a small prize.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

### Pokémon Meet and Swap

**Saturday, January 3 at 1:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 4 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.

### Sensory Storytime

**Wednesday, January 7 at 10:00 AM**

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

### \*LEGO® Club

**Thursday, January 15 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.

### Bilingual French-English Storytime

**Saturday, January 24 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, January 28 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

### \*Blackstorytelling League of Rochester

**Monday, January 19 at 11:00 AM**

Join members of the Blackstorytelling League of Rochester as they share stories of history, heritage, and culture. Arrive early as seating is limited.

## TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

### \*Teen Swag Bags: Back to the Future!

January 1 - January 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

**Friday, January 2 - Sunday, February 15**

Visit [brightonlibrary.org/teen-events](http://brightonlibrary.org/teen-events) to see the official rules and submit your entries.

### Teen Writing Club

**Saturdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 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.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### \*Books Sandwiched In

**Thursday, January 8 at 12:00 PM**

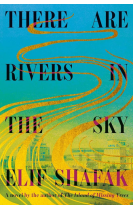
Come for a book review on *That Librarian: The Fight Against Book Banning in America* by Amanda Jones, presented by Adrienne Pettinelli, Director of Henrietta Public Library.




### Bestseller Book Club

**Thursday, January 8 at 5:00 PM**

Read and discuss *There are Rivers in the Sky* by Elif Shafak: "Sweeping across centuries, and stretching from Mesopotamia to London, this is an enchanting new novel by Booker Prize finalist Elif Shafak that conjures a trio of characters living in the shadow of one of the greatest epic poems (*The Epic of Gilgamesh*) of all time" - publisher review. Register online and check out a copy from the Circulation Desk.





Register for Teen/Tween & Adult programs by calling 784-5300 or online at [brightonlibrary.org/events](http://brightonlibrary.org/events).

## ADULT PROGRAMS CONT.

### \*Cookbook Club

**Wednesday, January 14 at 6:00 PM**

This month we will be cooking from *Ever Green Vietnamese* by Andrea Nguyen. Register for the program, then stop by the Info Desk to choose your recipe. Share your dish at the event and taste others' while we discuss the book, the process of making the dish, and learn from each other's experience.



### \*A Crash Course in Children's Publishing (Part 1)

**Thursday, January 15 at 6:00 PM**

Do you have a children's book idea that you want to write? Or have you written a book, but don't know what to do next? Then this program is for you! Learn about: the different categories of children's books, best practices for writing and revising, querying agents and editors, and the realities of the traditional book publishing industry. A Q&A will follow. Presented by Rochester Area Children's Writers & Illustrators (RACWI) President Sarah Mead, RACWI Newsletter Editor Heather Lee, and moderated by RACWI Book Reviewer Deena Viviani. Register for one or both parts.



### \*Low Impact "Easy" Exercise

**Sunday, January 18 at 1:00 PM**

Join us for a session on body awareness and the importance of stretching. Learn some simple stretches to add to your daily or weekly routines. Presented by A. Rodney, certified stretch practitioner and dance instructor. Registration required.

### Mystery Book Club

**Thursday, January 22 at 5:00 PM**

Read and discuss *The Heiress* by Rachel Hawkins: "When Ruby McTavish Callahan Woodward Miller Kenmore dies, she's not only North Carolina's richest woman, she's also its most notorious. In the aftermath of her death, her adopted son, Camden, wants little to do with the house or her money. Instead, he rejects his inheritance, settling into a normal life as an English teacher in Colorado and marrying Jules. Ten years later, his uncle's death pulls Cam and Jules back into the family fold at Ashby House, and questions about the infamous heiress come to light. Soon, Jules and Cam realize that an inheritance can entail far more than what's written in a will - and that the bonds of family stretch far beyond the grave" - OCLC review. Registration required.



## ADULT PROGRAMS CONT.

### From Plot to Point: A Fiction Writing Workshop

**Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 PM**

Looking for tips to get from start to finish on your fiction manuscript? Whether you are writing a picture book, short story, or novel, this workshop will help you find the POINT of your story and the PLOT to get you there. Presented by Deena Viviani, Young Adult Services Librarian at Brighton Memorial Library, freelance writer for (585) Magazine and (585) Kids, and author of *Wendell Called Me Weird!* (Spring 2026).

### \*Photo Exhibition and Lecture

**Friday, January 30 at 4:00 PM**

Join fine-art photographer and photography educator Bruno Chalifour as he talks about taking nature photos and turning them into a book, as he is doing for the Brickyard Trail. Sponsored by the Friends of the Brickyard Trail.

### \*Paper Flower Bookmark Craft

**Wednesday, January 28 at 6:30 PM**

In this creative workshop, participants will learn how to craft a colorful, layered flower bookmark using cardstock and simple assembly techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to mix and match colors, shapes, and layers to design their own unique floral bookmark and will leave with a delightful, handmade bookmark - perfect for marking favorite stories or gifting to fellow book lovers! Taught by Deane Bautista of Deaney Weaney Blooms. Registration required.

### \*A Crash Course in Children's Publishing (Part 2)

**Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 PM**

Your book is written, polished, and submission ready! Now what? Dive deeper into the agent and editor query trenches in this no-holds-back presentation about what to expect when you send out your manuscript. Rochester Area Children's Writers & Illustrators (RACWI) President Sarah Mead, RACWI Newsletter Editor Heather Lee, and RACWI Book Reviewer and debut picture book author Deena Viviani will share their personal journeys from when they started writing to how they got where they are today. They will also share tips, encouragement, and Q&A. Register for one or both parts.

