

ADULT PROGRAMS CONT.

***Adult Comics Class**
Thursday, May 22 from 6-7:30 PM
Drawing cartoons isn't just for kids. Join local comic artist Jackie Davis as she walks you through the elements of drawing and storyboarding a comic. This program is perfect for adults who want to have fun or kick off a new career. Learn more about Jackie at www.underpantsandoverbites.com. Registration required.

Make a Traditional Bobbin Lace
Tuesday, May 27
from 10 AM-12:30 PM
Bobbin lace is a traditional craft that is experiencing a revival as new makers reinterpret it for the 21st century. Every piece of bobbin lace, no matter how complex, is made with just two stitches. Learn these stitches as you create a small motif. No need to bring anything; all tools and equipment will be provided. Taught by Liz Mongiovi of the Genesee Country Lace Guild. Registration required.



Mystery Book Club
Thursday, May 29 from 5-6 PM
Read and discuss *The Boy from the Woods* by Harlan Coben: "The man known as Wilde is a mystery to everyone, including himself. Decades ago, he was found as a boy living feral in the woods, with no memory of his past. Now, thirty years later, Wilde still doesn't know where he comes from, and he's back living in the woods on the outskirts of town, content to be an outcast, comfortable only outdoors, preferably alone, and with few deep connections to other people. When a local girl goes missing, famous TV lawyer Hester Crimstein--with whom Wilde shares a tragic connection--asks him to use his unique skills to help find her. Wilde must return to the community where he has never fit in and where the powerful are protected even when they harbor secrets that could destroy the lives of millions . . . secrets that Wilde must uncover before it's too late." — Publisher review. Registration required.

TECHNOLOGY

***You and YouTube**
Monday, May 5 from 1-2:30 PM
Learn about the online video platform YouTube 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.



MAY 2025 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 * / S U N : NOON - 4 PM
*Closed Saturdays from June 15-September 15

Special Events & Closings

May 4	Friends Pop-Up Book Sale
May 15	Closing at 5 PM
May 25 & 26	Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
May 29	Opening at 11 AM for Staff Meeting

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

STORYTIMES

Bright Kids All Ages Storytime
Fridays, May 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 10:30 AM
This drop-in storytime features stories and songs for all ages with a caregiver.

All Ages Storytime
Mondays, May 5, 12 & 19 at 9:30 AM
This drop-in storytime features stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

Tot Time Storytime
Mondays, May 5, 12 & 19 at 10:15 AM
This drop-in storytime features stories, songs, and activities. Designed for children age 18 months to 3 years with a caregiver, but all ages are welcome.

Wobbly Toddlers Storytime
Tuesdays, May 6, 13 & 20 at 10:30 AM
This drop-in storytime is for young children just starting to walk with a caregiver. Join us for thirty minutes of stories, songs, and finger plays.



Lapsit Baby Storytime
Tuesdays, May 6, 13 & 20 at 11:30 AM
This drop-in storytime is for infants and pre-walkers with a caregiver. Join us for thirty minutes of songs and board book share.

Pajama Storytime
Wednesdays, May 7, 14 & 21 at 6:30 PM
This drop-in storytime features stories, songs, and fingerplays for all ages with a caregiver. Held in the Brighton Kiwanis Discovery Room.

Saturday Storytime
Saturday, May 17 at 2 PM
This drop-in storytime 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.

*Outer Space Scavenger Hunt

Available all month

Pick up an outer space themed scavenger hunt and see if you can find all the pictures hiding in the Children's Center! Bring your completed scavenger hunt to the Children's Librarian for a small prize.

*National Mystery Month:

Nancy Drew Giveaway

Available all month

May is National Mystery Month and to celebrate, we are giving away a set (1-56) of original Nancy Drew books! Read a mystery/suspense/thriller to enter to win. The more you read, the more chances you get! Open to grades 2-5.



*LEGO® Club

Thursdays, May 1 & 22 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.

Pokémon Meet and Swap

Saturday, May 3 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.

*Library Learning Lab: Water, Water, Everywhere!

Wednesday, May 7 at 10:30 AM

Join us for a presentation from Goldfish Swim School on water safety and finish out the session with some wet and wild hands-on activities. Open to grades Pre-K to 12 and their caregivers.

Activate Your Star Power:

Activities with Movement, Games, and Crafts

Saturday, May 10 at 1 PM

Join Girls on the Run for a fun afternoon of creative movement, themed games, and a craft activity while exploring ways to activate your star power. Open to anyone ages 6-10 and their caregivers.

Bilingual Mandarin-English Storytime

Sunday, May 18 at 2 PM

Join us for a bilingual storytime in Mandarin and English! 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

Baby Bilingual French-English Storytime

Friday, May 23 at 1:30 PM

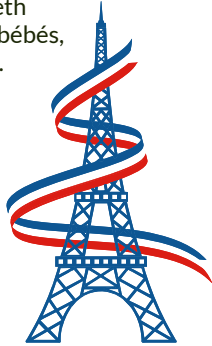
Join us for a bilingual storytime in French and English with Nazareth College's La Maison Française! For infants and babies with a caregiver. | Joignez-vous à nous pour du conte bilingue en français et en anglais avec La Maison Française du Nazareth College! Pour les nourrissons et les bébés, accompagnés d'un accompagnateur.

Toddler/Preschool Bilingual

French-English Storytime

Friday, May 23 at 2 PM

Join us for a bilingual storytime in French and English with Nazareth University's La Maison Française! For toddlers and preschoolers with a caregiver. | Joignez-vous à nous pour des histoires bilingues en français et en anglais avec La Maison Française du Nazareth University! Pour les tout-petits et les enfants d'âge préscolaire, accompagnés d'un chaperon.



Toddler Dance Party

Wednesday, May 28 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 welcome.

ALL AGES

Friends Pop-Up Mother's Day Book Sale

Sunday, May 4 from Noon-4 PM

Stop by to pick up a book or two for a Mother's Day gift! The Friends of BML is hosting a special Mother's Day book sale today only.

Annual Dinner – Closing Early

Thursday, May 15 at 5 PM

Brighton Memorial Library will close at 5 PM on Thursday, May 15 for its Annual BML Staff and Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday and Monday, May 25 & 26

Brighton Memorial Library will be closed on Sunday and Monday, May 25 & 26 for the Memorial Day holiday.

Staff Meeting – Opening Late

Thursday, May 29 at 11 AM

Brighton Memorial Library will open at 11 AM rather than 9 AM on Thursday, May 29 for our monthly staff meeting.



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

TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

*Tween Swag Bags: Misfit May

May 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, May 10 & 24 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.

The Anti-Cram Study Plan for Finals

Tuesday, May 20 from 6-7 PM

How many of you wait until the last minute and then are cramming to prepare for your tests and finals? Do you want to have less stress and more confidence going into your finals? Join academic consultant Rebecca Rauscher, MS Ed. to learn the 5 easy steps to creating an "Anti-Cram Study Plan!" Registration required.

*Minecraft Escape Room

Friday and Saturday, May 30 & 31

Sign up for this Minecraft-themed Escape Room! Can you solve the clues and break out in 30 minutes or less? Open to grades 3-12 and adults. Prizes for the fastest team. Registration required.

ADULT PROGRAMS

*Books Sandwiched In

Thursday, May 1 from Noon-1 PM

Join us for a presentation on *All the Beauty in the World*, a memoir about the Metropolitan Museum of Art through the eyes of a grieving museum guard. Presented by Grant Holcomb, retired Director of the Memorial Art Gallery.

*Women's Health Series:

Infertility from Under the Microscope

Tuesday, May 6 at 6 PM

Dr. John Queenan from the Strong Fertility Center will discuss how fertility occurs and what obstacles can stand in the way. His talk will be followed by a visual demonstration of how we treat infertility in 2025. Registration required.

*PIRS Book Swap

Wednesday, May 7 from 6-7 PM

Bring up to 5** of your gently used books, then browse the books others have brought and choose up to 5** to bring home yourself. Stay for light refreshments, chat with Partners in Reading with Seniors (PIRS) volunteers, and learn more about our PIRS program.

***You can take home the same number of books you brought; any books not taken home will be given to the Friends of BML for their book sale.*

Bestseller Book Club

Thursday, May 8 from 5-6 PM

Led by Librarian Caitlin, this month we will be discussing *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. "In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new housing development, the last thing they expected to uncover was a human skeleton. Who the skeleton was and how it got buried there were just two of the long-held secrets that had been kept for decades by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side, sharing ambitions and sorrows..." -- Publisher review. Registration required.

*An Evening of Song

Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 PM

The Rochester Jewish Chorale will perform works encompassing the Israeli, Chassidic, Middle Eastern, and Diaspora traditions, including liturgical, folk, gospel, and secular pieces in various languages.

*Women in Politics: Francis Perkins

Wednesday, May 21 from 3-4 PM

Francis Perkins (1880-1965) began her political career helping Al Smith (first Irish-Catholic governor of NY) with workers' issues, and then she worked with FDR when he was governor. FDR brought Perkins to the White House when he became President. She was the first woman to ever serve in the president's cabinet as Secretary of Labor and helped create the Social Security Act. Learn more about this trailblazing woman in this talk by History Professor Mark Sample. Registration required.