

### Teen Writing Club

**Saturday, January 11 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 Lit Contest, in the Teen Center of the library. Open to grades 6-12. Registration required.

### \*Escape from the Abominable Snowman!

**Saturday & Sunday, January 18 & 19 at 12, 1, 2, & 3 PM**

See if you and your team can break out of our winter-themed escape room! The team with the fastest time of the weekend will win a prize. All ages welcome but best for grades 3-12 and adults. Register for one time slot per person (max of 6 people per slot).

## ADULTS

### Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body

**Wednesday, January 8 from 2-3 PM**

Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement, and discover ways to incorporate these recommendations into building a plan for healthy aging. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Registration required.

### \*Books Sandwiched In

**Thursday, January 9 from Noon-1 PM**

Presenting *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett: In spring 2020, three adult daughters learn about their mother's life before they were born. Presented by author, performer, and teaching artist Joanne Brokaw.

### Bestseller Book Club

**Thursday, January 9 from 5-6 PM**

Join Librarian Caitlin for a discussion on *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard. Copies available at the Check-Out Desk. Registration required.

### Mystery Book Club

**Thursday, January 16 from 5-6 PM**

Join Librarian Katie to discuss *Agent Running in the Field* by John le Carre. Copies are available for checkout at the Check-Out Desk. Registration required.

### \*Sticky Habits: Setting Healthy Eating Goals that Stick

**Thursday, January 23 from 6-7 PM**

If you've set a New Year's Resolution or are just having trouble staying on your healthy food journey, come and learn some tips and tricks from Rebekah Harter, Registered Dietitian. Registration required.

### \*Backyard Chicken Keeping

**Friday, January 24 from 2-3 PM**

Learn about having urban backyard chickens with Sandra Sluberski. The presentation will also include Brighton's rules and regulations regarding backyard poultry. Sandra will bring in some Selkie chicken friends to meet! Note: This program is targeted to adults. Registration required.

### Relatively Speaking: A Beginning Genealogy Class

**Wednesday, January 29 from 1-2 PM**

Learn how to use library and Internet resources, including Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, and Family Search.org, as well as historic newspapers to find long lost relatives. Registration required.

## TECHNOLOGY

### \*Meet the iPad

**Monday, January 13 from 1-2:30 PM**

Learn the basics of the iPad in this seminar with technology instructor Daniel Jones. Please note: You may use your iPad to "tap along" with Daniel, but it is not necessary to have one for the program. Registration required.

### Tech Tutors : Ongoing

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

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



# JANUARY 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**

### Holiday Hours

Dec. 31: Closing at 5 PM  
January 1: Closed

### Staff Meeting Day

January 30: Opening at 11 AM

## Brighton Memorial Library

2300 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14618  
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# STORYTIMES

## All Ages Storytime

**Mondays, January 6, 13 & 27 at 9:30 AM**

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

## Tot Time Storytime

**Mondays, January 6, 13 & 27 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 7, 14, 21 & 28 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, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 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, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 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 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 10:30 AM**

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

## Saturday Storytime

**Saturday, January 25 at 2 PM**

Drop-in storytime including 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](http://www.BrightonLibrary.org/children).

## \*Lunar New Year Scavenger Hunt

**Available all month**

Pick up a scavenger hunt and see if you can find all the different Chinese Zodiac animals hiding in the Children's Center to win a small prize.

## Pokémon Meet and Swap

**Saturday & Sunday, January 4 & 5 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.

## Coding for Beginners with Code Ninjas

**Tuesday, January 7 at 4:30 PM**

**Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 PM**

Join Code Ninjas to learn the basics of creating your own video game using MIT's popular block coding platform Scratch. For ages 8-12. Registration is required. Please choose only one date to attend.

## Toddler Dance Party

**Wednesday, January 22 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.

## \*LEGO® Club

**Thursday, January 23 at 4:30 PM**

Build from an individual container of blocks, and then display your creations in our Children's Center. Open to all ages and abilities. No registration required.

## Bilingual Mandarin-English Lunar New Year Storytime

**Sunday, January 26 at 2 PM**

It's a special Spring Festival edition of our Bilingual Mandarin-English Storytime for Lunar New Year!

## Thaumatrope: Learn the Magic of Early Animation!

**Wednesday, January 29 at 10 AM**

Learn about an early animation toy called a thaumatrope and make one showing a bird in a cage. The thaumatrope is an optical toy that creates the illusion of motion with the "persistence of vision." Best for ages 6-11. Registration recommended.

# ALL AGES

## New Year's Holiday Hours

**Tuesday, December 31: Closing at 5 PM**

**Wednesday, January 1: Closed**

Brighton Memorial Library will close at 5 PM on New Year's Eve and will remain closed New Year's Day.

## \*Blackstorytelling League of Rochester

**Monday, January 20 at 11 AM**

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

## Staff Meeting – Opening Late

**Thursday, January 30 at 11 AM**

Brighton Memorial Library will open at 11 AM rather than 9 AM on Thursday, January 30 for our monthly staff meeting.

# TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

## \*Tween Swag Bags: Doers & Makers

**January 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 here [www.brightonlibrary.org/teens](http://www.brightonlibrary.org/teens), and we'll contact you when your TSB is ready for pickup.

## \*Alice B. Wilson Literary Awards Contest

**January 1-February 16**

Our Annual Alice B. Wilson Literary Contest is back! Poems, fiction, and non-fiction are now being accepted. Go to [www.brightonlibrary.org](http://www.brightonlibrary.org) for official rules.

## \*Taylor Swift Trivia Time

**Friday, January 3 from 11 AM-Noon**

Test your Swiftie knowledge of all things Taylor, from song lyrics to favorite facts and more! Play solo or join others as a team. Prizes for all, with a grand prize for the winning person or team. Open to all ages but targeted to grades 3-12 and adults. Registration required.

## \*Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

**Mondays, January 6 & 27 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.

## Overcoming Student Procrastination

**Sunday, January 12 from 2-3 PM**

Do you say you're going to study early but end up cramming the night before exams? In this workshop with Rebecca Rauscher from Focal-Point Consulting, you'll gain insights into what gets in your way, as well as powerful strategies to establish effective routines and habits. Open to grades 6-12 and college students.



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