

ADULT PROGRAMS

*Who Was Shirley Chisholm?

Wednesday, February 5 from 3-4 PM

Professor Mark Sample will discuss Shirley Chisholm, the first woman of color elected to Congress in 1970. In 1972 she was the first woman of color to run for President. Registration required.

The History of the Brickyard Trail

Thursday, February 6 from Noon-1 PM

Brighton Town Historian Mary Jo Lanphear will talk about the history of the land that became the Brickyard Trail and where the name came from. Co-sponsored by Historic Brighton.

Digital Device Detox

Thursday, February 6 from 6-7 PM

Learn how to have a healthier lifestyle with our digital world. Presenter Heidi Saller has been working with students and adults in education, counseling, and coaching for 20 years. Registration required.

*Reignite Your Spark!

Tuesday, February 11 from 2-3 PM

Join Wellness Coach Robyn Brent for a lesson on simple, powerful, and practical techniques to boost energy, stamina, and vitality. These techniques are wheelchair and mobility friendly. Registration required.

*Guided Journaling Workshop

Tuesday, February 11 from 6-7 PM

Learn how to begin journaling or how to improve your current journaling efforts with instructor Misty Yarnall. You will complete writing prompts geared toward eliminating the daunting idea of journaling using interactive, fun activities. Registration required.

The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Wednesday, February 12 from 2-3 PM

Learn to recognize common signs of Alzheimer's and identify the next steps to take, including how to talk to a doctor about your concerns. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Registration required.

Bestsellers Book Club

Thursday, February 13 from 5-6 PM

Join Librarian Caitlin to discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston.

*Sunday Serenades

Sunday, February 16 from 2-3 PM

Join the Lane Hansen Quartet from the Eastman School of Music for an afternoon of jazz.

*Lost Redtail: The Mission to Honor a Tuskegee Airman Wednesday, February 19 from 6-7 PM

Learn about Tuskegee Airman and Rochester native Leland "Sticky" Pennington who took off on a flight in his P-51 Mustang "Lucy Gail" during World War II and never returned. Registration required.

Mystery Book Club

Thursday, February 20 from 5-6 PM

Join Librarian Katie to discuss *The House Girl* by Tara Conklin. Copies of the book are available at the Check-Out Desk. Registration required.

*Kids in the Kitchen:

A Parent's Guide to Exploring Food with Your Littles

Thursday, February 27 from 6-7 PM

Learn how to take the stress out of dinnertime and explore new foods with children. Presented by Registered Dietitian Rebekah Harter RD, CDN. Registration required.

TECHNOLOGY

*Library Apps: Libby, Hoopla & Kanopy

Monday, February 10 from 1-2:30 PM

BML has thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and movies you can download for free using just a few apps. Join technology instructor Daniel Jones for this fun and informative seminar. 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 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.



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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, February 27
**Closed Saturdays from June 15-September 15

Brighton Memorial Library

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STORYTIMES

All Ages Storytime

Mondays, February 3, 10 & 24 at 9:30 AM

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

Tot Time Storytime

Mondays, February 3, 10 & 24 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, February 4, 11 & 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, February 4, 11 & 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, February 5, 12 & 26 at 6:30 PM

Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays for all ages with their caregiver held in the Brighton Kiwanis Discovery Room.

Bright Kids All Ages Storytime

Fridays, February 7, 14 & 28 at 10:30 AM

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

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, February 22 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.



CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

*Signs of Winter Scavenger Hunt

Available all month
Pick up a Signs of Winter 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.

*Storytime Safari: Frogs!

Saturday, February 1 at 1 PM
We are celebrating Take Your Child to the Library Day with frogs at the library! Join the Seneca Park Zoo for a Storytime Safari about frogs, learn about our froggy friends, and see a live frog. Registration required.



Pokémon Meet and Swap

Sunday, February 2 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.

Valentines for Veterans

Monday, February 3 through Tuesday, February 12
Make a Valentine for a U.S. Veteran, leave it in our "mailbox," and we'll deliver it to the Veteran's Outreach Center to give to a Veteran for Valentine's Day. Supplies will be in the Children's Center, while they last.

*Library Learning Lab: Insects with RMSC

Wednesday, February 5 at 10 AM
Students will take on the role of dragonflies, bees, crickets, and other insects, as they learn about insect anatomy and eating habits, and how they communicate. Geared toward K-2 but all ages welcome. Registration required.

*LEGO® Club

Thursday, February 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.

Bilingual Mandarin-English Storytime

Sunday, February 23 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



Almost Magic Show:
An Unofficial History of Juggling
Tuesday, February 18 at 10:30 AM
Buckle up for this comedic look at the thin line between magic and juggling with Ted Baumhauer. Best for ages 4 and up but all ages welcome. Space is limited.

Sap, Sugar & Syrup
with Genesee Country Village & Museum
Wednesday, February 19 at 10:30 AM
Explore the history and science behind maple sugar and syrup, "tap" a tree, and discover how sap is turned into sugar and syrup. Best for ages 5 and up.

The Care and Keeping of Polar Bears
with the Seneca Park Zoo
Thursday, February 20 at 10:30 AM
Celebrate National Polar Bear Day as Randi, a Seneca Park Zookeeper, tells us all about polar bears and how our local zoo takes care of such a large apex predator. Best for ages 8 and up.


Chickens and Stories with Dr. Sandra Sluberski
Friday, February 21 at 10:30 AM
Meet and learn about Dr. Sandra Sluberski's friendly Silkie chickens in this special storytime. Best for ages 4 and up but all ages are welcome.

Toddler Dance Party
Wednesday, February 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

*Make a Care Card for Seniors
Tuesday, February 18 from 2-4 PM
Drop in and make a card for a homebound senior in Brighton in our Partners in Reading for Seniors program (we will deliver them!) or anyone else you care about.

Staff Meeting – Opening Late
Thursday, February 27 at 11 AM
Brighton Memorial Library will open at 11 AM rather than 9 AM on Thursday, February 27 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: Science & Fiction
February 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.



*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 for official rules.

*Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club
Mondays, February 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.

*Tween Comedy Improv
Monday, February 17 from 11 AM-Noon
Join local performer Joanne Brokaw for an adventure in improv. Tweens will get creative and play games as they explore improv. You can't fail at this fabulously fun performance medium that helps to build confidence, hone social skills, and foster teamwork in a safe, supportive environment. Open to grades 4-8.

*Tween After School Snacks
Friday, February 21 from 2-3 PM
Join the Story Book Cook and whip up some tasty snacks with recipes that you can create yourself at home. Open to grades 3-8.

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First-Time Homebuyer Dream Program
Monday, February 3 from 5-6 PM
Learn about first-time homebuying grant programs, including the upcoming Homebuyer Dream Program. Presented by ESL Federal Credit Union and Honeyford Real Estate. Registration required.

Color Brighton Green Presents:
Clean Energy Funds for Your Family
Monday, February 3 from 6:30-7:45 PM
Electrifying your home and vehicles are good for the planet, your health, and your wallet, but converting from gas to electric, insulating, or adding solar panels costs money. There are now funds available to help you make these upgrades. Peter Collinge, retired MCC mathematics professor and volunteer with the Rochester Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby, will summarize the help available and how to get started. Register for the Zoom link or come in person.

*Succulent Terrarium Workshop
Tuesday, February 4 from 6-7 PM
Join Sigriet Ferrier of Prismatic Gardens and make a succulent terrarium. Please note: You may register for this program OR the Moss Terrarium Workshop on 3/3/25, not both.

*Books Sandwiched In
Wednesday, February 5 from Noon-1 PM
Join us for this presentation on *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom. "During the Holocaust, an 11-year-old boy is tricked into telling a lie, which impacts his whole life." – Publisher review. Presented by Michael Dobkowski, Professor of Religious Studies, Hobart and William Smith Colleges.