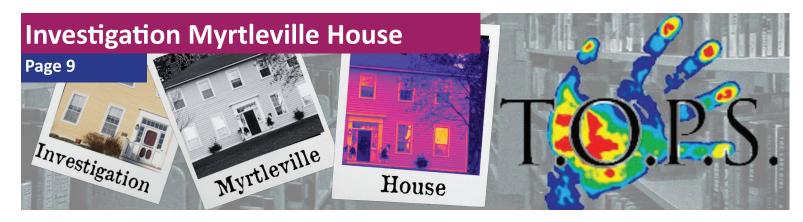


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Program and Service Guide September - December 2024





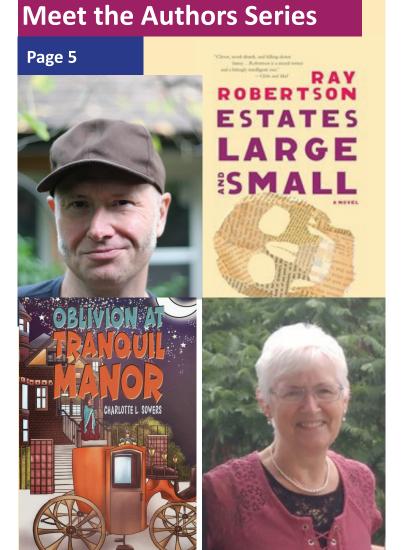


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LIBRARY NEWS

Library Closures

Monday, Sept. 2 Monday, Sept. 30 Monday, Oct. 14 Sunday, Dec. 22 Wednesday, Dec. 25 Thursday, Dec. 26 Sunday, Dec. 29

Wednesday, Jan. 1

We are coming to West Brant!

We are thrilled to be moving ahead with the Southwest Library Branch of BPL. This partnership with the Grand Erie District School Board and City of Brantford will bring a fantastic new facility to West Brant. Learn more on our website: https://www.brantfordlibrary.ca/en/about-the-library/southwest-library-branch.aspx

If you can't wait, don't worry! We are going to have a self-serve kiosk available for West Brant borrowers in the fall. Watch our socials for more information.



Ground breaking for the joint facility in June 2024: Southwest Branch of the Brantford Public Library, Grand Erie District School Board Elementary School, and City of Brantford Community Centre

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DIGITAL ARCHIVES

Brantford's history can be explored through our online digital archive platform. The Digital Archives house more than 4,000 items including photos, postcards, corporate

history, oral histories and more. It can be accessed online through the Your History section of the Brantford Public Library's website.

If you have items to submit to the digital archives please contact the Library.

Visit the Digital Archives at brantfordlibrary.ca/archives



Accessible formats of this document are available free upon request.



Registration required



Children's Programs and Events

Join us for one of our many fall children's program offerings! Unless otherwise noted:

- Weekly programs run from September 9 to December 20
- Programs run 30—45 minutes

All preschool programs require parents to attend with their child. Many programs are drop-in. To register when required, visit:

calendar.brantfordlibrary.ca



PRESCHOOLERS AND STORYTIMES

Baby & Me Storytime

Join us every week for in-person rhymes, sensory development activities, motor skill methods, stories, and socializing among babies and caregivers. Books from our collection will be carefully selected with a particular theme in mind and available for borrowing. Ages 0 - 18 months.

Mondays / 10:30 AM / Main Tuesdays / 10:30 AM / St Paul



Crafty Kids Storytime

Join us weekly, and get creative with stories, songs, and cute crafts! After reading and singing, your preschooler will make something special to take home.

Ages 0—6 years.

Thursdays / 10:30 AM / Main



Storytime @ St Paul

At weekly Storytime, preschoolers will develop a love for reading by learning easy rhymes, repeating phrases, exploring story props, and strengthening comprehension, together!

Ages 0—6 years.

Come Play! EarlyON

Come join EarlyON facilitators for a free play and inquirybased drop-in program for children and caregivers.

Ages 0—6 years.

Thursdays / 1:30 PM / Main



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Kids will love this 6-week long,

kindergarten readiness program focusing on social skills and independence! Parents & caregivers must remain in the library while children participate independently in the program.

Ages 3+ years.

Register ONCE for this 6-week session.

Registration begins August 19 and October 7 for each program.

Session 1:

Wednesdays, Sept 18—Oct 23 / 1:30 PM / Main

Session 2:

Wednesdays, Nov 6—Dec 11 / 1:30 pm / Main





Children's Programs and Events





SCHOOL-AGE DROP-INS

After School Zone @ St Paul

Drop-in and join the fun in the St. Paul After School Zone! Use your imagination to create an exciting craft, or participate in a hands-on activity. Each week will be a unique experience.

Ages 6—12 years.



Thursdays Sept 12, 19, 26 & Oct 3/ 4:00 PM / St Paul

Tween Tuesdays

Get ready for a Tuesday night filled with creativity, fun, and friendship! Create & build, play & hangout, or collaborate & connect. Tuesday nights are all about having a blast and being yourself!

Ages 8-12 years.

Tuesdays **starting September 17/** 6:00 PM / Main



PA DAY FUN

Visit the Main Branch to check out some fun activities! Crafts, scavenger hunts, and more. These self-serve activities will be available throughout the day.

All ages.

September 13 & November 15/Main



Graphic Novel Celebration (PA DAY)

Celebrate the magic of Graphic Novels! Bring your imagination and make your OWN graphic novel. We'll be showing the movie "The Bad Guys" as inspiration while we put our creativity to work.



Tuesday, October 8 (PA Day) / 2:30 PM/Main





In 2023, Doug the Great took back his World Record for the Tallest Stilt Walk. Doug and his team broke the record at **Brantford's Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre.**



Guinness World Records with Doug the Great (PA DAY)

Come learn about Brantford's most decorated Guinness World Record Holder, Doug the Great! Learn about how he has broken world records, and challenge yourself to try something new.

All ages.



Children's Programs and Events





LEARNING SUPPORT

Tutoring with Laurier Students for Literacy

Laurier Students for Literacy volunteers run three programs to help elementary school students improve and succeed at school:



Book Buddies (Grades 2 - 6):

Students are paired with a university student volunteer to help them improve their literacy skills, including reading and writing.

Homework Help (Grades 2 - 8):

Students are paired with a university volunteer to work on homework and any specific learning skills they need improvement.

Reading Club (Grades 7 - 8): Students meet in a group setting with a volunteer facilitator, to participate in discussion and activities about reading

comprehension.

Fall programs run September 23 - November 28. No programs during Reading Week (October 15 - 18). Registration opens September 1. To register or for more information, email lsflclub@gmail.com or visit linktr.ee/lsflbrantford.

Monday to Thursday / 4:00 - 7:00 PM / Main





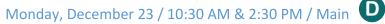
HOLIDAY

Holiday Flicks Day

It's Holiday movie day at the library and we're showing two of our faves! We'll provide the snacks and activities to get us all into the holiday spirit.

All ages.

10:30 AM The Original How the Grinch Stole Christmas!







The Night Before Christmas Storytime

Join us for a special holiday storytime reading of "The Night before Christmas" and some festive fun!

All ages.

Tuesday, Dec 24 / 10:30 AM / Main



Family/All Ages



MAKERSPACE—PARENT AND CHILD

These unique programs allow kids and parents to learn together. Use of technology is required, so the program is limited to children aged 10+ with their caregiver.

Learn to Use a Sewing Machine - Parent and Child Edition

Parents and children (10+) will learn together how to thread and operate a sewing machine as they complete a simple sewing project.

All materials provided. Registration required.

Please note that space for these programs is limited. A registration spot is for one (1) child and one (1) caregiver together. Caregivers are expected to work with and alongside the child they accompany.

Tuesday, Oct 22 / 6:00 PM / Main



Paint a Holiday Sign - Parent and Child Edition

Parents and their children (ages 10+) will each paint a Holiday sign using a stencil created with the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter.

All materials provided. Registration required.

Please note that space for these programs is limited. A registration spot is for one (1) child and one (1) caregiver together. Caregivers are expected to work with and alongside the child they accompany.

Tuesday, Nov 12 / 6:00 PM / Main



GAMES & HOBBIES

Introduction to Model Aviation and Remote Piloting

We're partnering with Brant Flyers RC to offer aspiring pilots of all ages a unique opportunity to learn about the wonder of mobile aviation.

This course will show how and why remote aircraft work, and enjoy handson experiences at each stage of the process. On the fifth week, participants will receive a special invitation!

All ages. Children aged 10+ are welcome with adult accompaniment.

Registration required. Check our website for more information and a schedule of topics, or contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information.

Saturdays Sept 14, 21, 28 & Oct 5 / 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM / Main Saturday Oct 12 / 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM / Brantford Municipal Airport 🕟



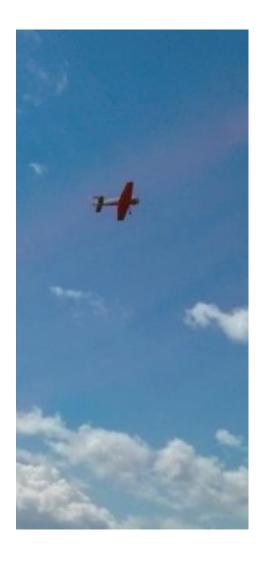
Chess Club

The Brantford Chess Club offers basic instructions and tips on how to improve your chess game during this drop-in event.

All ages.

Saturdays Sept 7 & 21, Oct 5 & 19, Nov 2, 16 & 30, Dec 14 / 10:00 AM / Main





Teen Programs and Events





This fall brings many new programs for teens at Brantford Public Library Main branch. Check out:

- Drop-in programs in our Youth Area
- Teen Writers Group, starting September
- Youth Writers Fest, a half-day event that wraps up the Kiwanis Writing Contest
- Youth Volunteer Group, helping high school students get their volunteer hours

Many programs are drop-in. To register when required, visit:

calendar.brantfordlibrary.ca

The Youth Area at Main Library is a hangout space, but also has activities and games—including Nintendo Switch.

Youth can drop in anytime during opening hours; ask at the desk for Switch controllers. Geared to youth aged 13 -18.



VOLUNTEERING

Youth Volunteer Group

Join the BPL Youth Volunteer Group: help shape your library into a place you want to be. Come to learn about more ways to get your volunteer hours, and receive hours while you attend the program.

Drop-in attendees welcome, but registration is encouraged.

Thursday September 18, October 16, November 27 / 3:00 - 4:45 PM / Main



GAMES & HOBBIES

Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

Come join Brantford Public Library's Dungeons & Dragons campaign! No experience is required. Registration mandatory, spaces are limited.

Ages 10—16 years.

Saturdays Sept 7 & 21, Oct 5 & 19, Nov 2, 16 & 30, Dec 14 / 10:00 AM / Main



Teen Programs and Events





WRITING

Teen Writers

Want to write? Come join our Teen Writers group! Specifically for youth aged 13 – 18, this program will give youth a chance to let their inner author out. Writing activities and prompts will get you started, but the sky is the limit. Attend one, some, or all sessions.

Thursday September 19 & 26, October 3 & 10 6 - 7 PM/ Main

Youth Writers Fest

Youth Writers Fest is for any and all youth and/or families that want to be inspired to write! Come check out the exhibits, listen to an Author Talk with Cheryl Isaacs, and find out the winners for the Kiwanis Writing Contest.

Saturday, November 16 / 1 - 4:30 PM/ Main D



Author Talk with Cheryl Isaacs

As part of Youth Writers Fest, join us for an Author Talk with with YA author Cheryl Isaacs. Her 2024 release, The Unfinished, is a horror novel "of monsters, mystery, and secrets that refuse to stay submerged" (Harper Collins web). After the reading, stay and meet Cheryl!

Saturday, November 16 / 2 PM / Main D





Watch for information about the Kiwanis Writing Contest in September/October 2024!

TEEN DROP-INS

Teen Drop-in

Dive into creativity at this program designed just for teens! Explore art projects and get hands-on access to Maker technologies in our new Teen space. Activities will include Perler beading, Sphero robots, 3D design, and simple sewing machine projects. No registration needed just drop in and let your creativity flow!

Thursdays/3:00 - 4:45 PM/Main

Sept 12 & 26

Oct 10 & 24

Nov 7 & 21 D



Crossroads Youth Drop-In

Crossroads Youth Drop-In Space is for youth aged 13-19, held at the Library's Main Branch. The program will offer a range of activities, including art therapy, movie nights, and workshops on various topics. 1:1 support with a youth outreach worker is also available. For more information, contact Megan (Youth in Transition Worker – megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca), or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker - yow.jess@wesley.ca)

Wednesdays Sept 4, 11, 18 & 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, Nov 6, 13, 20 & 27 / 3:30 PM / Main





Unless otherwise specified, programs run between 60 – 90 minutes. Most programs require registration, and space is limited. Registration dates vary, but start on August 15. More details are posted on each program listing at:

calendar.brantfordlibrary.ca



AFTER HOURS

Investigation Myrtleville House: A Special TOPS Event

Join The Ontario Paranormal Society (TOPS) and the Brantford Public Library for a paranormal investigation at Myrtleville House! Participants receive three hours of training with experienced paranormal investigators at a special after-hours event at the library plus a 90-minute investigation. Visit the library website for more information. Registration required via Eventbrite; link available on BPL calendar. Tickets are \$35.

Training (Mandatory for all participants)

Friday, Oct 11 / 6:30 PM / Main

Investigations (Register for one time slot only)

Saturday, Oct 12 / 5:30 PM / Myrtleville House Saturday, Oct 12 / 7:00 PM / Myrtleville House Saturday, Oct 12 / 9:30 PM / Myrtleville House



ART, MUSIC AND FILM

Art and Soul with Nicole: A Caribbean **Christmas**

Join Nicole ("Mrs. A") and Alana for a unique holiday paint experience. You'll enjoy a free art lesson, sip on sorrel, and taste Caribbean snacks while Nicole guides you through a beautiful Christmas canvas! Materials provided. Registration required.

Thursday, Dec 5 / 6:00 PM / Main R



Truth and Reconciliation Film Day

In We Were Children, Tim Wolochatiuk tells the story of two residential school survivors. Mature theme; parental discretion is advised. Intended for audiences 16 +.

Friday, Sept 27 / 1:00 pm - 3:00 PM / Main



Bell City Strummers

Join us twice a month for 90 minutes of music, song, and fun! Age 16+. Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information.

Sundays Oct 20, Nov 10 & 24, Dec 8 & 22 / 2:30 PM / Main D

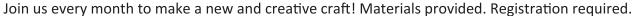






CREATIVITY, CRAFTS, AND MAKERSPACE

Adult Crafts Series (R)



Painting Birch Trees: Learn a no-brush watercolour technique.

Sept 12 / 6:00 PM / Main Sept 10 / 2:00 PM / St Paul

Squeegee Painting: Experiment with acrylics and unusual tools.

Oct 16 / 2:00 PM / St Paul Oct 17 / 6:00 PM / Main

Help Your Kids Learn to Code: An Information Session

This is for parents eager to help their kids explore coding! Learn how to make coding fun and engaging, and share useful tips on making the most out of them. Registration required.

Tuesday, Sept 17 / 6:00 PM / Main



Learn to Use a Sewing Machine

Learn how to thread and operate a sewing machine as you complete a simple sewing project. All materials provided. Intended for Adults. Registration required.

Thursday, Oct 8 / 6:00 PM / Main OR Thursday, Oct 10 / 2:00 PM / St Paul R

Paint a Holiday Sign

Come paint a Holiday sign using a stencil created with the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter. Materials provided Registration required.

Tuesday, Dec 10 / 6:00 PM / Main

Friday, December 13 / 2:00 PM / St Paul



Autumn Leaf Bowl: Create a decorative bowl out of leaves.

Nov 20 / 6:00 PM / Main Nov 21 / 2:00 PM / St Paul

Mason Jar Candle Holder: Create a sparking centrepiece for winter!

Dec 4 / 6:00 PM / Main Dec 5 / 2:00 PM / St Paul

Introduction to 3D Design

Learn the basics of 3D design while creating your own simple 3D object. We'll show you how using free online software as well as how to prepare and submit your design to be printed at the Library. Basic computer skills required. Registration required.

Tuesday, Sept 10 / 6:00 PM / Main OR Tuesday, Oct 29 / 6:00 PM / Main

Organize Your Home Like a Pro!

Love Your Home Co. owner Sarah Williams will be dishing out her favourite tips and tricks to get your home organized this fall. Registration required.

Tuesday, Oct 17 / 1:00 PM / St Paul



St Paul Crafters Circle

Join this informal knitting and needlework group on the first, third, and sometimes fifth Thursday of each month. Don't forget your crafting project!

Thursdays Sept 5 & 19, Oct 3, 17 & 31, Nov 14 & 28, December 12 / 6:00 PM / St Paul

Therapeutic Crafting Series

Join psychotherapist Korrenne to discuss types of therapy while working on a craft. See our website for more information. Registration required.

Macrame Planter and Cognitive Therapy (CBT, DBT) Wednesday, Sept 11 / 1:00 - 2:30 PM / Main R

Hexagon Quilt Block and Grief Therapy Wednesday, Oct 9 /1:00 - 2:30 PM / Main **Crochet Headband and Trauma Therapy** Wednesday, Nov 13 /1:00 - 2:30 PM / Main







FALL AUTHOR SERIES

Have you ever wondered what it's really like to be a career writer, to build a successful body of work over decades? Or if it's ever too late to launch a second career as an author? Here is your chance to meet and learn from two published authors at different stages in their writing journeys.



Meet the Author: Ray Robertson

Ray is the author of nine novels, five collections of nonfiction, and one book of poetry -- so far. Dust: More Lives of the Poets (with Guitars) will be published in early 2025. His work has been translated into several languages. Registration required.

Thursday, Sept 26 / 6:30 PM / Main



Meet the Author: Charlotte Sowers

Charlotte wrote and published her first novel, Oblivion at Tranquil Manor, after completing a correspondence writing course. Her writing is inspired by the need to bring more Victorian mystery romance into the world. Registration required.

Thursday, Nov 21 / 6:30 PM / Main R



STORYTELLING AND WRITING

How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales from the Brant Story Time Entertainers

Whether coaxing your kids to sleep at night or pitching an idea at work, it pays to be a persuasive and engaging storyteller.

Wednesdays Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18 / 6:00 PM / St Paul R

Writers Support Circle

Sit down with members of the Brantford Writer's Circle, a group of writers who meet as equals in a friendly exchange of ideas about each other's work. Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca before your first visit for more information.

Mondays Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 23 / 6:00 PM / Main (R)

Senior Storywriters

This creative writing group is for those 55+. Join other participants and learn about the writer's craft through in class discussions and peer support. Contact Heather at hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca to find out more.

Tuesdays Sept 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 5 & 19, Dec 3 & 17 / 2:00 PM / Main R





KATIE B'S PARENTING SERIES

Circle of Security

Learn about secure attachment, how to recognize and respond to children's needs, and how to promote emotional resilience. Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct 9 / 6:00 PM / Main R



Navigating Big Behaviours

Learn to decode, manage, and understand behaviour. Discover methods to assist in connecting with children, regulating their emotions, and how to create that sense of safety. Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct 23 / 6:00 PM / Main R



SENIORS AT BPL

Calling all seniors! Our Seniors at BPL committee is back this fall to share information, stories, and good times. Would you like to be a part of the planning team? Meetings are just once a month and each event is a great opportunity to connect with others and meet new people. Contact Alana at acumberbatch@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information.



Empower Yourself: Opioid Awareness and Nalaxone Training for Older Adults

Older adults are at increasingly at risk of opioid misuse. Do you know how to recognize and respond to an overdose? Learn about opioids, their use and risks, and receive basic nasal Naloxone administration training. Participants will receive a free Nalaxone kit, courtesy of the Brant County Health Unit. Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct 16 / 2:00 PM / Main R



Military Service: A Family Legacy

Dave Durand grew up in a family of distinguished veterans. His father and uncles served, his grandfather served in both world wards, and his mother can still tell you what it was like to be a WReNS signal distributor in Eisenhower's headquarters leading up to D-Day. Please join us for a walk down the Durand family memory lane and help preserve the legacies of those who defended the freedoms we enjoy today.

Wednesday, Nov 6 / 2:00 PM / Main



Holiday Celebration

You are invited to our annual holiday celebration! Come enjoy the afternoon with live music, tabletop games, and a special Holiday Cooking presentation. Featuring guest entertainer Joan Minnery. Registration required. Refreshments and prizes provided.

Wednesday, Dec 11 / 2:00 PM / Main R







WELLNESS AND CONNECTIONS

Alzheimer Society's Social Café

The Alzheimer Society's Social Café is a welcoming space offered weekly where people living with dementia and their care partner can socialize, build support networks and enjoy dementia friendly activities together.

Please call 1-800-565-4614 ext. 421 to register. Once registered you can drop in as many times as you like.

Wednesdays / 2:00—3:30 PM / Main D



A Place 2 Be

Drop in for snacks, company, and DIY activities of your choice. A partnership with Community Living Brant.

Thursdays / 2:00 PM / Main



English Conversation Circles

Canada Connects helps newcomers receive informal support enhancing their spoken language skills. Volunteer facilitators organize conversation circles along certain social themes that are discussed each session. These conversation groups provide newcomers and volunteers the opportunity to meet other newcomers, share experiences, socialize and make new friends.

This program is for newcomers to Canada, 18 years and older. A partnership of YMCA Immigrant Services -YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford and Brantford Public Library, supported by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Call 519-752-4568 ext.3645 for information.



SOCIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

Brantford Native Housing Support

A housing search support for Indigenous populations.

Tuesdays / 1:00 - 2:30 PM / Main



Service Canada Outreach Specialist

One-on-one assistance to help access government of Canada programs.

Thursdays / 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM / Main



Community Connections

An adult drop-in program designed to link people to community resources. Refreshments are served.

Fridays / 2:00 - 4:00 PM / Main



Social Services Outreach Worker Drop-in

One-on-one assistance with things like finding community resources, getting government ID, and more.

Monday- Friday / 9:30 AM—11:30 AM / Main



BOOK CLUBS

Book clubs meet once a month. Space is extremely limited and registration is required before attending. Please contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information.

Brantford Bookworms

Tues Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 26/6:00 PM/St Paul

Main Book Club

Weds Sept 11,Oct 9,Nov 13,Dec 11/2:00 PM/ Main

Grand River Book Club

Thurs Sept 12,Oct 10,Nov 14,Dec 12/2:00 PM/St Paul

St Paul Readers Circle 🔣



Fri Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20 / 2:00 PM / St Paul

NEW THIS FALL!

Weekend Roundtable Book Club

Sat Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21 / 2:00 PM / Main

Your Library



Main Library 173 Colborne Street

Monday to Thursday: 9:30 AM - 8 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 6 PM Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5 PM

Sunday hours to resume after Thanksgiving.

St. Paul Branch 441 St. Paul Avenue

Tuesday to Thursday: 9:30 AM - 8 PM Friday to Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5 PM

Accessible parking lot available at St. Paul. Additional parking is available across the street.

Self-Serve Kiosks

Self-serve kiosks are stocked with books for people of all ages.

To use, simply scan your card, choose a book (or books) and close the door. The books will be automatically checked out on your card and a receipt can be printed.

Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre 254 North Park Street

Monday to Friday: 5:30 AM - 9:30 PM Saturday to Sunday: 8 AM - 6 PM

Coming soon to Sobeys Shellard Lane 310 Colborne Street West

Brantford Public Library membership is free for residents of Brantford, Six Nations, Brant and Cambridge. Visit us or check us out online to learn more today!



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