

BML's APRIL 2024 Programs

**Sponsored by Friends of BML*

STORYTIMES

Wobbly Toddlers Storytime

Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 am

Drop-in storytime for young children just starting to walk can join us, with their caregivers, for thirty minutes of stories, songs, and finger plays.

Lapsit Baby Storytime

Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11:30 am

Drop-in storytime for infants and pre-walkers can join us, with their caregivers, for songs and board book share.

Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 24 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, April 12, 19 at 10:30 AM

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

All Ages Storytime

Mondays, April 15, 22, 29 at 9:30 AM

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

Tot Time Storytime

Mondays, April 15, 22, 29 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.

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.

*Mo Willems Scavenger Hunt

Available all month

Pick up an Mo Willems based scavenger hunt and see if you can find all his character pictures hiding in the Children's Center. Bring your completed scavenger hunt to the Children's Librarian for a small prize.

The Pigeon's Birthday Bash

Monday, April 1

It's the Pigeon's birthday and we are celebrating with drop-in activities in the Children's Center and the Discovery Room. We'll be reading Mo Willems' *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* -- the original pigeon story -- aloud in the Children's Center at 10 AM, 2 PM, and 6 PM.

***Taylor Swift Party**

Monday, April 1 from Noon-1:30 PM or 2-3:30 PM

Make friendship bracelets, bling out a guitar, create a signature lip gloss, and more while listening to Taylor's tunes! Open to school-aged fans and their families. Registration required.

***Family Fun with the Brooklyn Robot Foundry: Solar Eclipse Robot**

Tuesday, April 2 at 10 AM-Noon

With Rochester's solar eclipse just days away, there's no better way to celebrate than by making your own eclipse robot! Open to ages 5-11 with an accompanying adult. Registration required. *Note: This is one of two events held in partnership with the Brooklyn Robot Foundry. Please register for only one of the two events -- February break or April break.*

***Library Learning Lab: Total Eclipse of the Art**

Wednesday, April 3 at 10:30 AM

Learn about the total solar eclipse through hands on arts and crafts activities. Open to families with children of all ages. Free solar eclipse glasses for each child participating.

***Eclipse Program: Star Wars Escape Room**

Wednesday, April 3 at 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, OR 7 PM

Solve the *Star Wars* puzzles to break out of the escape room. Free solar eclipse glasses for each participant. The fastest team will win a special prize! Best for ages 10-adult. Registration required.

***The BenAnna Band Show**

Thursday, April 4 at 10:30 AM

Join Ben and Anna to make some music and get moving to the sounds in a show for all ages.

***LEGO® Club**

Tuesday, April 4 and 18 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.

GEM: Minor Spectacles: Painting with Wool

Friday, April 5 at 10 AM

We will watch the animation "Painting with Wool" by Andrea Love and learn about sheep and wool as we share stories, investigate wool roving, and then explore making our own painting out of wool. After we complete the paintings, we can watch more animations that use wool as a medium. Best for ages 8 and up, but all ages are welcome.

Pokémon Meet and Swap

Saturday & Sunday, April 6 & 7 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.

***Eclipse Day**

Monday April 8 from 9 AM-7:45 PM

Drop in for a self-directed activity and watch the progression on our big screen!

Storytime with Assemblywoman Sarah Clark

Thursday, April 11 at 10:30 AM

Meet Assemblywoman Sarah Clark for a special storytime! Open to all ages with a caregiver.

Bilingual Mandarin-English Storytime

Sunday, April 21 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

Toddler Dance Party

Wednesday, April 24 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

Eclipse Sand Mandala Viewing

Through Saturday, April 13 at 1 PM

View the amazing solar eclipse-themed sand mandala by artist Katie Jo Suddaby, then join us at 1 PM on April 13 for the brief dissolution ceremony.

Opening Late

Thursday, April 25 at 11 AM

BML will open at 11 AM, rather than 9 AM, on Thursday, April 25 for a staff meeting.

TWEENS & TEENS

***Tween Swag Bags: Nonfiction and STEM**

April 1-15

Register for our monthly subscription service. This month, your bag will contain nonfiction and STEM themed library books, freebies, crafts or activities, and snacks. Fill out the TSB registration form, and we'll contact you when your TSB is ready for pickup:

<https://www.brightonlibrary.org/teens>. Open to grades 4-8.

Teen Writing Workshop

Tuesday, April 2 from 2-5 PM

Join this speculative fiction workshop, receive free books and snacks, and use “What if...?” as a writing prompt to create your own fictional worlds. Hosted by RIT English Professor Laura Shackelford. Open to grades 9-12. Registration required. Funded by the grant Gathering Stories has received from the Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation.

Crochet Days: Make a Granny Bag**Fridays, April 19 and May 10 & 17 from 4:30-6 PM**

Make a granny-square bag over three sessions. Visit www.brightonlibrary.org/events for what materials to bring. A limited amount of yarn and crochet hooks will be available to share.

Participants must be familiar with chain stitch, single crochet, and double crochet. Open to teens and adults. Registration required.

Dungeons & Dragons Club*Mondays, April 22 & 29 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. (Note: The room will be unstaffed; caregivers are welcome to stay.)

Teen Comics Club!*Tuesday, April 30 from 6-7:30 PM**

Do you make comics? Have you always wanted to? Join local comics artist Jackie Davis, author of *Underpants and Overbites*, for drawing exercises followed by time to share what you've been working on. Open to grades 5-12.

ADULTS

Everything You Need to Know About ESCOs and Energy Suppliers**Tuesday, April 2 from 6:30-7:45 PM**

Join Color Brighton Green for this program about energy service companies (ESCOs) and energy suppliers. Register to attend in person or via Zoom.

Books Sandwiched In: *Solito**Thursday, April 4 from Noon-1 PM**

Solito by Javier Zamora is the author's story of his dangerous migration from El Salvador to America at age nine. Presented by Ahavya Deutsch, Executive Director for the Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center.

She, Unsung #3**Friday, April 5 from 2:30-3:30 PM**

This is group three in the series of Chandra McKenzie and Anne Coon's presentation about Rochester-connected women whom you may not have heard about. Both presenters are poets and published writers who retired from academic careers at RIT. Registration required.

Virtual Training: Epi Near You New York**Thursday, April 11 from 1-2 PM**

Epi Near You New York emergency anaphylaxis training program teaches how to save lives in the event of anaphylaxis emergencies. You will leave with a certificate of completion, which is a requirement if you choose to stock epinephrine in your home, school, or business. Registration required for the link.

Bestsellers Book Club: *Inciting Joy***Thursday, April 11 from 5-6 PM**

Read and discuss *Inciting Joy* by Ross Gay. "A collection of long-form essays on joy, in which the author turns his curious and poetic mind to everything from skateboarding and cover songs,

basketball and race, dancing and academia, death and laughter, and, always, the garden and the natural world." -- OCLC review. Copies are available at the Check Out Desk. Registration required.

Orchids and the Genesee Region Orchid Society Show and Sale

Saturday, April 13 from 1-2 PM

View blooming orchids and stay for a talk about orchid identification and habitat, how to grow orchids in Rochester, orchid conservation, and what people can expect when they attend the Orchid Show and Sale. Registration required.

***Sunday Serenades**

Sunday, April 14 at 2 PM

The Iris Winds Quintet will perform a diverse repertoire.

Understanding Antisemitism Online Book Discussion Series: *Antisemitism: Here and Now*

Tuesday, April 16 from 7-8:30 PM

Join MCLS and Rochester Against Antisemitism for a series of online book discussion about antisemitism and Israel. This month is *Antisemitism: Here and Now* by Deborah E. Lipstadt with discussion facilitator Joy Getnick. Register via the MCLS calendar for the Zoom link:

<https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/11828102>

Non-Fiction Book Club: *Deaf Utopia*

Wednesday, April 17 from 10:30-11:30 AM

Read and discuss *Deaf Utopia: A Memoir – and a Love Letter to a Way of Life* by Nyle Dimarco. "A heartfelt and inspiring memoir and celebration of Deaf culture by Nyle DiMarco, actor, producer, two-time reality show winner, and cultural icon of the international Deaf community." – Publisher review. Copies of the book are available at the Check Out Desk. Registration required.

Create a Needle Felted Landscape

Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 PM

Artist Victoria Lee Connors will share how to create an original needle felted landscape using a variety of fibers from the area. Participants are welcome to bring a photo of a landscape. This workshop includes all materials necessary to make an 8"x10" needle felt painting. Registration required. Due to high demand, patrons may register for one of our arts and crafts programs per month. Patrons who sign up for multiple programs will be placed on a wait list.

Best of the Fest Mini Film Festival

Thursday, April 18 from 6:30-7:30 PM

Enjoy a selection of audience-rated favorites from the world's oldest, continuously running, short film-festival: The Rochester International Film Festival. Registration required.

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***Sushi 101 with the Storybook Cook**

Wednesday, April 24 from 6-7:30 PM

Learn the basics of making a sushi roll with cooked seafood and vegetables. Participants will be given the opportunity to make a roll of their own. Registration required.

The Basics of Resume Writing & Applying for a Job

Friday, April 26 from 2-3:30 PM

If you are new to the job market, looking to make a change, or have been applying for jobs and not getting interviews, this program is for you. Our librarians, who have 20 years of hiring experience, will walk you through how to apply for most jobs and what to avoid in order to get an interview. Registration required.

***Make Your Own Bath Fizzies**

Sunday, April 28 from 2-3 PM

Make bath fizzies with Beth of Soap and Garden. Participants will learn how to weigh and mix ingredients to their liking, then form bath fizzies using a mold of their choice. Registration required. Due to high demand, patrons may register for one of our arts and crafts programs per month. Patrons who sign up for multiple programs will be placed on a wait list.

TECHNOLOGY

***Meet the iPhone**

Monday, April 22 from 1-2:30 PM

Join instructor Daniel Jones to learn the basic functions of your iPhone. Registration required.

***Bluetooth, Smartphones, and Your Hearing Aid**

Tuesday, April 23 from 2-3 PM

Join Kyrsten Stephany, Au.D. from MacDonald Audiology to get a crash course in how to fully control your hearing aid with your smartphone. Explore many features, including powering on and off, volume control, and more. Registration required.

ONGOING SERVICES

Genealogical Services

Ongoing

Are you researching your family tree, or do you 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 how to use our genealogical databases. Call 784-5300 or email Kory.Yerkes@libraryweb.org to set up an appointment.

Sewing Machine Lessons

Ongoing

Have you ever wanted to learn how to use a sewing machine? Now's your chance. Email 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.

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.

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