

# ADULTS CONT.

**\*In Conversation with Rochester's Black Leaders: Melanie Funchess**  
Tuesday, February 27 from 7-8 PM  
Melanie Funchess spent her earliest years in survival mode. At fifteen, she met a missionary who turned her life around. Since then, Melanie has gained wisdom and found her strength in community building, especially among young people of color. She is now known as "Mama Mel," a strong and proud Black woman with a reputation for showing up. Join us via Zoom as we hear from Melanie and the book's creative team, essayist Quajay Donnell and photographer Natalia Lauer. The discussion will be moderated by Amanda Chestnut, curator of the chapbook series highlighting the world of Black leaders in Rochester, In This Moment, published by Visual Studies Workshop. Register online at [brightonlibrary.org/events](http://brightonlibrary.org/events) to receive the Zoom link.



**Black History Month Book Discussion: The Color Purple**  
Thursday, February 29 at 1 PM  
Join Town of Brighton's Chief Diversity Officer Miriam Moore for a book discussion on Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*, a story of two sisters, separated as children, who lived different lives. The book is being reintroduced to new generations with the December 2023 musical release.

FACT

FICTION

BML IS NOW FINE FREE!

NO MORE LATE FINES!  
NO MORE HOLD FINES!

Some tiny exceptions apply.

# TECHNOLOGY

**\*TV Today**  
Monday, Mon, Feb 26 from 1-2:30 PM  
Learn about digital and streaming options for watching some of your favorite old -- and some popular new -- TV shows with technology instructor Daniel Jones.

FRIENDS OF BML BOOK SALE

Thursday, 2/15

Member's Day or \$5 entry

9 AM-5:30 PM

Friday, 2/16

9 AM-5:30 PM

Saturday, 2/17

Noon-3:30 PM

Sunday, 2/18

Noon-3:30 PM: 1/2-Price Day

Monday, 2/19

9 AM-12:30 PM: \$5 Bag Day

Most items \$1

\*Proceeds from Friends of BML book sales go toward library programming

## 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.



# FEBRUARY 2024 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

\*\*Closed Saturdays from June 15-September 15

Friends Winter Book Sale: February 15-19

\*Opening at 11 AM on Thursday, February 29

**Brighton Memorial Library**  
2300 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14618  
585.784.5300 | [brightonlibrary.org](http://brightonlibrary.org)

# STORYTIMES

**Bright Kids All Ages Storytime**  
Fridays, February 2 & 9 at 10:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime featuring stories and songs for all ages with a caregiver.

**All Ages Storytime**  
Mondays, February 5, 12 & 26 at 9:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

**Tot Time Storytime**  
Mondays, February 5, 12 & 26 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 6, 13 & 27 at 10:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime for young children just starting to walk with their caregivers. Join us for thirty minutes of stories, songs, and finger plays.



**Lapsit Baby Storytime**  
Tuesdays, February 6, 13 & 27 at 11:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime for infants and pre-walkers with their caregivers. Join us for thirty minutes of songs and board book share.

**Pajama Storytime**  
Wednesdays, February 7 & 28 at 6:30 PM  
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays for all ages with a caregiver. Held in the Discovery Room.

# 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).

**\*Dragon Scavenger Hunt**  
Available all month  
Pick up a dragon-themed scavenger hunt and see if you can find all the dragon pictures hiding in the Children's Center. Bring your completed scavenger hunt to the Children's Librarian for a small prize.

# CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

## \*LEGO® Club

Thursdays, February 1 & 22 at 4:30 PM

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

## \*Take Your Child to the Library Day Scavenger Hunt Saturday and Sunday, February 3 & 4 from Noon-4 PM

Pick up a scavenger hunt challenge in the Children's Center. Complete the challenge for a prize.

## Pokémon Meet and Swap

Saturday and Sunday, February 3 & 4 from 1-2 PM

Gather your trainer friends and stop by BML to meet other trainers, swap some cards, and work on your card collection. Card trading is encouraged but not mandatory. Open to ages 6-12.

## Valentines for Veterans

Saturday, February 3 through Monday, 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 supplies last.



## \*Library Learning Lab: It's Elemental, Dear Watson!

Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30 AM

Celebrate National Periodic Table Day with chemistry and elements in our multimedia centers filled with hands-on learning activities. Open to grades Pre-K-12 and their caregivers.

## Storytime with Assemblywoman Sarah Clark

Thursday, February 8 at 10:30 AM

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

## \*Family Fun with the Brooklyn

Robot Foundry: Snowplowalot

Tuesday, February 20 from 10 AM-Noon

Let it snow! We'll be making Snowplowalot robots to clear the way for all the fun we'll be having. Open to ages 5-11 with an accompanying adult. Visit [brightonlibrary.org](http://brightonlibrary.org) to register.



## \*Girls Rock! Rochester Presents: Rhythm & Drum Circle

Wednesday, February 21 at 10:30 AM

Discover the art of dynamic building, listening, communication, and hand drumming. This workshop is for all levels, and no drumming experience is needed. Together we will create a soundscape, exploring improvisation and soloing, and will be teaching basic drumming/ percussion techniques.



## \*Family Disney Trivia

Thursday, February 22 at 10:30 AM

Gather your friends and family to test your knowledge of all things Disney. Best for ages 8 and up, but all are welcome. Note: This is the same trivia we ran in August.



## Bilingual Mandarin-English Storytime

Sunday, February 25 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, February 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

## Opening Late

Thursday, February 29 at 11 AM

BML will open at 11 AM, rather than 9 AM, on Thursday, February 29 for a staff meeting.

# TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

## \*Tween Swag Bags: Overcoming Adversity

February 1-15

Register for our monthly subscription service. This month your bag will contain overcoming adversity 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: [www.brightonlibrary.org/teens](http://www.brightonlibrary.org/teens). Open to grades 4-8.

## \*Alice B. Wilson Literary Awards Contest

Through Sunday, February 11

Open to students in grades 6-12 who live in or attend school in Brighton. Poetry, prose, and nonfiction categories will be judged. See website for official rules. Sponsored by Friends of BML and BML Gift Fund.

## \*Teen Comics Club!

Tuesday, February 27 from 6-7:30 PM

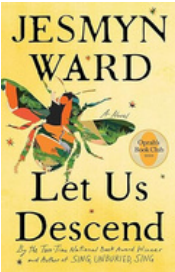
Do you make comics or have you always wanted to? Join local comics artist Jackie Davis, author of *Underpants and Overbites*, for drawing exercises followed by a time to share what you've been working on. Open to grades 5-12.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## \*Books Sandwiched In: Mad Honey

Thursday, February 1 from Noon-1 PM

*Mad Honey* by Jennifer Finney Boylan and Jodi Picoult is about a courtroom drama that reveals a hidden life. Presented by Pamela Dayton, Health Project Coordinator for the URMCC Transgender ECHO.



## Bestsellers Book Club: Let Us Descend

Thursday, February 8 from 5-6 PM

Join Librarian Caitlin for a discussion of *Let Us Descend* by Jesmyn Ward. "Annis, sold south by the white enslaver who fathered her, is the reader's guide through this hellscape. As she struggles through the miles-long march, Annis turns inward, seeking comfort from memories of her mother and stories of her African warrior grandmother." –OCLC review.

## Eclipse 2024 Program: Holograms You Can Touch

Friday, February 9 from 2-3 PM

New research opens the possibility for the creation of a new form of virtual reality inspired by *Star Trek's* Holodeck and Marvel Comics' Danger Room. This talk shows how an 1800s discovery by Alexander Graham Bell can be combined with cutting edge neuroscience to make science fiction a reality. Presented by Darren Lipomi, PhD, a Professor of Nanoengineering, Associate Dean for Students, and YouTuber/podcaster at University of California, San Diego. Each attendee will receive a free pair of eclipse glasses.



## \*Sunday Serenades

Sunday, February 11 at 2 PM

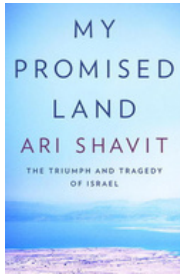
The acapella group 20th Century Vox will present a Valentine's themed concert.

## Antisemitism Online Book Discussion

Series: My Promised Land

Tuesday, February 20 from 7-8:30 PM

Join MCLS and Rochester Against Antisemitism for a series of online book discussions about antisemitism and Israel. This month is *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit with discussion facilitator Jewish scholar Michael Dobkowski. Register via the MCLS calendar for the Zoom link: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/11828102>



## Non-Fiction Book Club: Half American

Wednesday, February 21 from 10:30-11:30 AM

Read *Half American: The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II at Home & Abroad* by Matthew Delmont and join librarian Katie for a discussion.

## \*LBJ & Civil Rights

Friday, February 23 from 2-3 PM

When JFK is killed in November of 1963, Lyndon B. Johnson takes over as President. In his first 8 months, he passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Learn more about LBJ and one of the most important acts in history in this lecture by Mark Sample, MCC History Professor.

## Eclipse 2024 Program: 60 Years of Discovery with NASA

Saturday, February 24 from 1-2 PM

For the past 60 years, NASA has been discovering the mysteries of outer space using a wide array of scientific missions, from manned space flights of the early 1960's through the latest robotic laboratories sent to Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and beyond. Beginning with the earliest Mercury missions, the history of space exploration is filled with remarkable discoveries and fascinating human drama, some of which originate right here in Rochester, NY. Join NASA Ambassador Jim Porter to discover the rich heritage of NASA space exploration and where the newest missions will be taking us in the future. Each attendee will receive a free pair of eclipse glasses.

