

ADULTS CONT.

Bestsellers Book Club: Poet Warrior by Joy Harjo  
Thursday, March 14 from 5-6 PM  
Read *Poet Warrior* by Joy Harjo and join librarian Caitlin for a discussion. Registration required.

\*Irish Singers from Our Past  
Friday, March 15 from 2-3 PM  
Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a review of the Irish-American songbook. We'll listen to and discuss the lives of a variety of well-loved artists from the 20th century.

Auto Theft Safety Tips  
Tuesday, March 19 from 12:30-1:30 PM  
Are you concerned about the rash of recent auto thefts? Curious about how you can protect yourself and your vehicle? Join us for this program presented by Sgt. Rebecca Halpin of the Brighton Police Department. Registration required.

Nonfiction Book Club: The Invisible Kingdom  
Wednesday, March 20 from 10:30-11:30 AM  
Read *The Invisible Kingdom: Re-imagining Chronic Illness* by Meghan O'Rourke and join librarian Katie for a discussion. Copies of the book are available at the Check Out Desk. Registration required.

\*Create a Decorative Photo Display  
Wednesday, March 20 from 6-7 PM  
Create a decorative display for a few of your favorite photos with art instructor Carol Childs. Bring 2-3 of your favorite personal photos to create your design with. Registration required.

\*Create a Bird Habitat in Your Backyard Zoom Program  
Thursday, March 21 from 2-3 PM  
Discover how easy it is to add colorful songbirds to your backyard. Registrants will be emailed a Zoom link one day before the event. Registration required.



\*ECLIPSE 2024 Program: The Little Book of Aliens with Adam Frank  
Thursday, March 21 from 7-8 PM  
Join us for a book reading and Q&A with nationally respected astrophysicist and NASA-funded alien investigator Adam Frank. Attendees will receive a free pair of eclipse glasses and have a chance to win a copy of the book. Registration required.

Make a Springtime Lantern  
Friday, March 22 from 4-5 PM  
Spring has officially arrived! Celebrate by creating a festive floral votive lantern. Open to ages 16 and up. Registration required.

ECLIPSE 2024 Program: Eclipses in Science Fiction & Fantasy  
Saturday, March 23 from 2-3 PM  
Join Rochester Fantasy Fans in a discussion of celestial events in literature and film, and get ideas for some great new reads along the way. Each attendee will receive a free pair of eclipse glasses. Registration required.

Color Brighton Green Presents: Pollinators, Pesticides, and Parkinson's  
Thursday, March 28 from 6:30-7:45 PM  
Learn about the Pollinator Pathway Program, and participate in an in-depth discussion of the link between Parkinson's disease and exposure to pesticides and other chemicals. Registration required.

TECHNOLOGY

\*Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy  
Monday, March 18 from 1-2:30 PM  
Join instructor Daniel Jones for this technology seminar on BML's digital ebook, audiobook, and movie streaming/download apps. 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.



MARCH 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

\*Opening at 11 AM on Thursday, March 28  
Closed Easter Sunday, March 31

Brighton Memorial Library

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

STORYTIMES

Bright Kids All Ages Storytime  
Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime featuring stories and songs for all ages with a caregiver.

All Ages Storytime  
Mondays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 9:30 AM  
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

Tot Time Storytime  
Mondays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 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, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 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, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 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, March 6, 13, 20 & 27 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).

\*Eric Carle Scavenger Hunt  
Available all month  
Pick up an Eric Carle based scavenger hunt and see if you can find all his classic character pictures hiding in the Children's Center. Bring your completed scavenger hunt to the Children's Librarian for a small prize.



# CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

## Earth Day Trees from Neighborhood Forest March 1-15

In honor of Earth Day, we've partnered with Neighborhood Forest again this year to provide your child a free tree. To register your child(ren) for a tree, scan the QR code or visit [www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration/?school=46834](http://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration/?school=46834).



## Paper Bag Princess Day Saturday, March 2

Celebrate the Robert Munsch classic story of a princess who takes matters into her own hands after a dragon destroys her kingdom.

- Hear the book read aloud at 1 PM and 3 PM in the Discovery Room
- Enjoy crafts and activities throughout the day in the Children's Center

## Pokémon Meet and Swap

**Saturday and Sunday, March 2 & 3 at 1 PM**

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

## \*Paper-Mâché Craft

**Monday, March 4 from 6:30-7:30 PM**

Roc Peer Tutor teen volunteers will help kids ages in grades K and up make a simple paper-mâché project. Dress for messy!

## \*Library Learning Lab: "Seconds Matter: Emergency Preparedness"

**Wednesday, March 6 at 10:30 AM**

Learn different ways to prepare for and respond to an emergency with our multimedia centers filled with hands-on learning activities. Open to grades Pre-K-12 and their caregivers.

## \*LEGO® Club

**Thursdays, March 7 & 21 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. No registration required.

## Bilingual Mandarin-English Storytime

**Sunday, March 24 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, March 27 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 2024 Sand Art Mandala

**Monday-Wednesday, March 4-6**

Katie Jo Suddaby will work in front of patrons to create a celestial sand mandala that will be displayed in the library in celebration of April's eclipse. The completed mandala will be viewable in our entryway through the eclipse on April 8.

## \*Irish Dance Performance with Rince Na Tiarna

**Sunday, March 17 from 2:30-3 PM**

Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a performance of traditional Irish step dance with Rince Na Tiarna. Arrive early as seating is limited.

## Puppies & Reading

**Tuesday, March 19 from 5-6 PM**

Rochester Peer Tutoring presents Puppies & Reading! Drop in to the Learning Center to meet therapy dogs from RocDog who are trained to listen to kids read while helping them gain confidence and de-stress.

## Opening Late

**Thursday, March 28 at 11 AM**

BML will open at 11 AM, rather than 9 AM, on Thursday, March 28 for its monthly staff meeting.

## Care Cards for Seniors

**Friday, March 29 from 2-4 PM**

Drop in to write an uplifting message or get creative by sharing a favorite poem, story, or picture that will be delivered to St. John Meadows of Brighton seniors. Maybe you'll get a message in return! All ages welcome.

## Easter Sunday Hours

**Closed Sunday, March 31**

BML will be closed on Easter Sunday and will reopen at 9 AM Monday, April 1.

# TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

## \*Tween Swag Bags: Science Fiction & Fantasy

**March 1-15**

Register for our monthly subscription service. 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.

## Crochet Days for Teens & Adults

**Mondays, March 4 & 18, 4:30-6 PM**

Join instructor Kim Rouleau and other fiber arts fans for BML's Crochet Days. Bring a project you're working on or learn to crochet. Registration required.

## \*Comedy Improv Theater

**Wednesday, March 6**

**from 3:30-5 PM**

Join local performer Joanne Brokaw for an improv workshop. Students in grades 4-12 will get creative and play games as they explore improv. Registration required.



## \*Dungeons & Dragons Club

**Mondays, March 11 & 25 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. (Note: The room will be unstaffed; caregivers are welcome to stay.)

## \*Teen Comics Club!

**Tuesday, March 26 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.

## Practice SAT with Chariot Learning

**Saturday, March 30 from Noon-4 PM**

Take a practice SAT with a proctor from Chariot Learning. Score it after and see how you did. Bring two #2 pencils, erasers, a basic calculator, drink, and snack if desired. Open to grades 9-12. Registration required.



Register for Teen/Tween & Adult programs by calling 784-5300 or online at [brightonlibrary.org/events](http://brightonlibrary.org/events).

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## \*Palestine 1936: A Talk with Author Oren Kessler

**Friday, March 1 from 2-3 PM**

*Palestine 1936: The Great Revolt and the Roots of the Middle East Conflict* by Oren Kessler was named a best book of 2023 by the *Wall Street Journal*. Kessler, born and raised in Brighton, will lead the discussion. Registration required.

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## \*Build a Floral Terrarium with Prismatic Gardens

**Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30-6:30 PM**

Join us in welcoming Spring as you build a floral terrarium with Sigriet Ferrier of Prismatic Gardens. Registration required.

## \*Books Sandwiched In: *Demon Copperhead*

**Thursday, March 7 from 1-2 PM (Note time change)**

*Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver is a modern retelling of *David Copperfield* set in Appalachia during the opioid crisis. Presented by Sean Grass, RIT English Dept. Chair and President of the Dickens Society.

## \*Power Behind the Throne:

**Mistresses of Monarchs**

**Thursday, March 7 from 6-7 PM**

Join us for a Women's History Month presentation that looks at female power from a unique position -- behind the throne. Presented by Melinda Wallington, who has extensive background in history, women's studies, and anthropology. Registration required.



## \*Sunday Serenades

**Sunday, March 10 from 2-3 PM**

Eastman trained vocalists Isaac and Victoria Pendley will perform a repertoire of jazz, pop, and classical pieces.

## Color Brighton Green presents: "Fix It: Don't Trash It!"

**Tuesday, March 12 from 6:30-7:45 PM**

Keep items out of the landfill and avoid buying new ones. Join Color Brighton Green in person or online as we learn about the services offered by the South East Area Coalition (SEAC) Tool Shed, the Repair Cafe at the South Wedge Mission, and SewGreen. Registration required.

## Applying to College:

**What's Your Hook & Test Optional Admissions**

**Monday, March 11 from 6-7:30 PM**

Join Jodi Rosenshein Atkin of BestFitCollegeChoice.com and Mike Bergin of ChariotLearning.com for the best way to "hook" college admissions by highlighting your talents, experiences, and accomplishments in ways that will create a memorable and unique story for your admission profile. Registration required.



## Free Lecture & Listening Series at Brighton Memorial Library

### Inside the Archives of Sibley Music Library

Wednesday, March 6 from 6-7:45 PM

Jim Farrington and David Coppen will share highlights of the Sibley Music Library collection. The library is a wonderful community resource and local gem, and is the largest academic music library in the western hemisphere with more than 400,000 items. Prepare to be amazed at the treasures it holds.

### Forbidden Fruit: Bringing Turandot Home to Beijing's Forbidden City

Wednesday, March 13 from 6-7:45 PM

For years, the government of China prohibited the performance of Puccini's Turandot – an opera set in mythical ancient China. Conductor Zubin Mehta successfully worked to bring Turandot “home” to the Forbidden City. Opera Guild board member Cindy Battisti will present this lecture with video highlights of the mounting of this grand opera on a massive outdoor stage at the Ancestral Temple built in 1406.

### “What’s It Going to Take?”

#### The Journey to Become an Opera Singer

Wednesday, March 20 from 6-7:45 PM

Professional opera singer Constance Fee will discuss the talent, luck, and sheer mettle it takes to pursue a calling for the stage. Connie's anecdotes will abound with real life examples of what can go right and maybe not so right.

### Verdi's MacBeth

Wednesday, March 27 from 6-7:45 PM

Our last lecture event promises witches, ghosts, murder, and madness – Verdi's foray into the realm of folklore, as presented by Carol Crocca. In addition to many scenes from Verdi's spooky and lyrical drama, his process and the transition from play to opera will be discussed.



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7:00pm - 8:30pm\***

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