



Library Services and Collections

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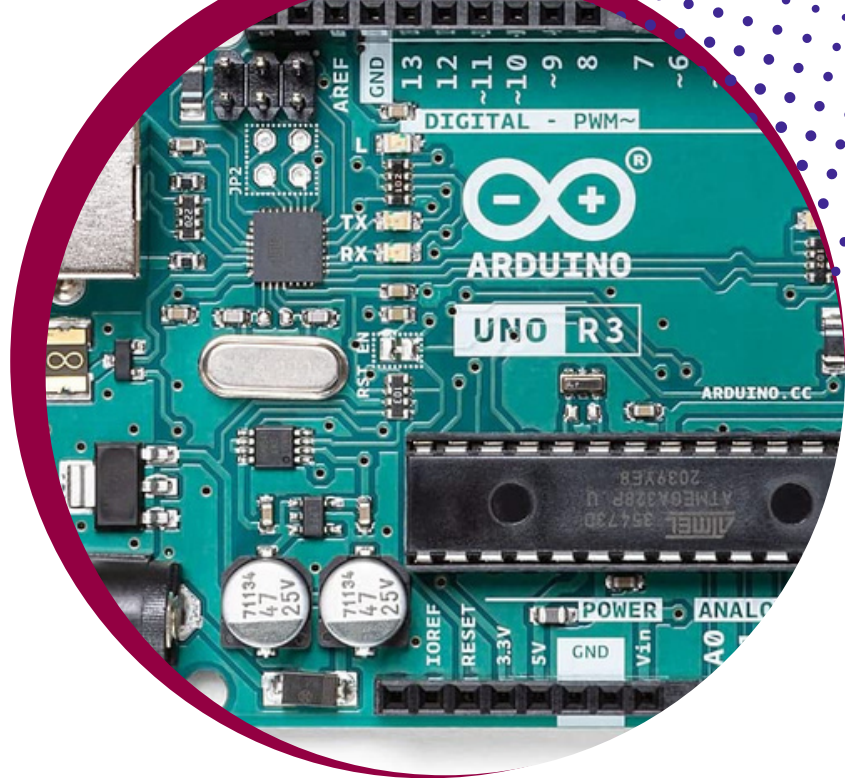


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Arduino Kit

What it is...

Arduino kits are an open-source electronics platform that allows you to program your own devices with Arduino's unique coding language.

Why it's amazing

- Arduino kits not only provide the board, but also all the hardware and knowledge you need to make any input - a light on a sensor, a finger on a button, or a Twitter message - and turn it into an output - activating a motor, turning on an LED, publishing something online.
- The Arduino software (IDE) is easy-to-use for beginners, yet flexible enough for advanced users to take advantage of as well.
- The Arduino system works on Windows, Macintosh OSX, and Linux operating systems.

Other Notes...



Where can I download the Arduino software?

The Arduino coding software is available to download for free from arduino.cc



Where can I learn more?

The Library offers many project books and guides on the Arduino system and you can take online courses for free with your library card from LinkedIn Learning.



Where can I borrow a kit?

Pick up and return an Arduino kit at the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



Who is it for?

Recommended for ages 11+ who want to learn the basics of electronics, coding and programming.



BBC Micro:bit

What it is...

The BBC Micro:bit kit is an all-in-one, pocket-sized computer that allows you the freedom and creativity to code, customize, and create your own digital ideas, games and apps.

Why it's amazing

- Users can create anything from games and animations, to scrolling stories, at home and on the go.
- The BBC Micro:bit is fully programmable – every LED light, button, input, output, etc. can be individually programmed to fit your needs.
- The BBC Micro:bit is a pocket-sized codable computer with motion detection, a built-in compass and Bluetooth technology.

Other Notes...



What's included?

The kit comes with a power pack and instructions. You will need to supply a Bluetooth enabled device to code the Micro:bit.



Where can I find out more about Micro:bits?

The Library has books on how to use the BBC Micro:bit. Visit the Library's catalogue for a full list.



Where to find it?

Micro:bits are available in the MakerSpace area at the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



How long can I borrow a Micro:bit?

Micro:bits can be borrowed for 14 days.

Code & Go Robot Mouse



What it is...

Meet Jack, the fully programmable robot mouse! Create a maze using 30 double-sided coding cards to introduce coding concepts to kids. Jack lights up, makes sounds and features two speeds. Colourful buttons match the coding cards in the kit for easy programming and sequencing.

Why it's amazing

- Introduces basic coding to kids.
- Helps kids develop important skills, including problem solving, critical thinking, analytical thinking, visual tracking, and directional concepts.
- Perfect for home or classroom use.
- Easy to use.



Other Notes...



What is the recommended age?

The Code & Go Robot Mouse is recommended for ages 4+



Does it require batteries?

Three AAA batteries are required to use the Code & Go Robot Mouse. You must supply your own batteries.



Where to find it?

The Code & Go Robot Mouse is available at the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



Does the Library have other coding items?

Yes! Kids can also learn basic coding from Ozobots, Dash Robot, Cubetto, and Code-a-pillar.

Dash Robot



What it is...

Dash is a real robot that makes learning to code fun for kids. Responding to voice, navigating objects, dancing, and singing, Dash presents your kids with hundreds of projects, challenges and puzzles as well as endless possibilities for freeform plays.

Why it's amazing

- Nothing to assemble - Dash works right away! No batteries required
 - Dash charges with a USB.
- You can record your own voice onto Dash.
- Dash's big robot eye has 12 LED sections that can change colours, wink, and get brighter or darker.
- Options for using Dash Robot based on a child's skill level.

Other Notes...



Who can borrow a Dash Robot?

Dash can be borrowed by customers with an adult library card.



Apps are available!

Dash works with six free mobile apps for your Apple and Android devices.



Where to find it?

Dash is available at the Main Branch. You can also have it transferred to the St. Paul Branch for pick-up.



Does the Librar offer other coding items?

You can also borrow Ozobots, Cubetto Robots, Code-a-pillar and the Code and Go Robot Mouse.

Kinderbot



What it is...

The Fisher-Price Preschool STEAM Learning Toy Code 'n Learn Kinderbot Electric Robot is an interactive learning toy, which introduces kids to early math concepts, colours, letters, coding and problem solving.

Why it's amazing

- Comes with different accessories and a coding how-to book to help young kids to make the Kinderbot come to life.
- A great way to introduce early STEAM learning from ages three to six.
- Three ways to play: free coding, learning challenges, and 'secret codes.'
- Helps get kids ready for kindergarten with lights, actions, and fun phrases about colors, shapes, and more.

Other Notes...



What is STEAM?

STEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics.



How long can I borrow it?

Kinderbot can be borrowed for 21 days and renewed once.



Where to find it?

You can check out a Kinderbot at the Main and St. Paul branches. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



Who is it for?

Kinderbot is designed for children ages three to six.

Makey Makey Classic



What it is...

Makey Makey Classic is an invention kit that can turn common objects into a touch pad. This allows you to hook up all kinds of fun things as input. No software installation is needed! Just plug in, clip on, and play!

Why it's amazing

- Fun and innovative tool for teaching kids and adults about conductivity and electric circuits.
- Encourages experimentation and play for children from eight years old to adults.
- Create your own transformations with everyday objects and see what you will create.
- No software needed to install.

Other Notes...



What do I need to use Makey Makey?

You will need to supply your own computer to use Makey Makey.



What computers can I use?

Makey Makey works with Apple, Windows, Chromebook and Linux computers.



Where to find it?

Can be found in the MakerSpace area at the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



What can I make?

Use Makey Makey to create fun projects such as game controllers and musical instruments.

Makey Makey Go



What it is...

Makey Makey Go allows you to connect your computer to the world around you and turn everyday objects into touchpads. Invent on the go with Makey Makey Go.

Why it's amazing

- Teaches kids about coding and electrical circuits.
- Can be used as a keyboard or mouse.
- Great introduction to STEAM concepts for kids.
- Thousands of possibilities and fun projects encourages kids to use their imagination.

Other Notes...



What is the recommended age range?

Makey Makey Go is recommended for kids ages eight and up.



Who can borrow a Makey Makey Go?

Makey Makey Go can be borrowed for two weeks with an adult library card.



Do I need to install any software?

No software or programming knowledge is required. Works with Windows and Mac computers.



Is online help available?

Visit makeymakey.com for ideas, resources and much more.

Osmo Genius



What it is...

The Osmo Genius is an educational gaming system that works with an iPad to enhance learning by combining on-screen activity and hand-held pieces.

Why it's amazing

- Osmo Genius kits sell for over \$100 – save money and check it out for free.
- Includes four different games.
- Teaches letters, phonics, reasoning and fine motor skill development.
- Kids can play on their own or with the entire family.

Other Notes...



What is the recommended age?

The Osmo Genius is recommended for children ages 3 - 5.



An app is available!

Once the Osmo Genius game apps have been downloaded you don't need wifi to play. A separate app for parents is available to notify them of their child's progress.



Does the Osmo Genius come with an iPad?

No – you must supply your own iPad to use the Osmo Genius. Android tablets are not compatible.



What does the kit come with?

The kit comes with the Osmo base, tangram piece, number tiles, word tiles and stackable storage.

Ozobots



What it is...

Ozobots are pocket-sized robots that are a great introduction to basic coding concepts, computational thinking and digital exploration.

Why it's amazing

- Create paths and adventures for Ozobot with coloured markers and codes.
- Kids can also code Ozobot using the free OzoBlockly software.
- Kids can use their imagination to decorate and dress up Ozobot.
- Great introduction to more advanced robot and coding items also available at the Library.



Other Notes...



What is the recommended age range?

Ozobots are recommended for kids ages five and up.



Do I need to charge the Ozobot?

No. Ozobots are loaned fully charged and charged by Library staff when they are returned.



Who can borrow an Ozobot?

Ozobots can be borrowed for 21 days with an adult library card.



Is online help available?

Visit ozobot.com for coding tips, lessons and activities, and more.

Raspberry Pi



What it is...

The Raspberry Pi: 2 Model B is a tiny desktop-style computer that can fit in the palm of your hand. This handheld machine has a dual-screened display capable of running a complete desktop computer experience!

Why it's amazing

- Avoid the bulk and price of a full desktop computer.
- Provides all the best features of a computer including: an HDMI port for monitors, wireless internet capabilities, and power capable of running all day.
- The Raspberry Pi uses a fraction of the energy of a full desktop computer, making it sustainable for our planet.
- A great introduction to programming for kids.

Other Notes...



What do I need to use the Raspberry Pi?

You will need to supply your own keyboard and monitor to use the Raspberry Pi.



Are instructions available?

Visit the Raspberry Pi website for more information: www.raspberrypi.org. The Library also offers a selection of Raspberry Pi books, eBooks and digital magazines.



Where to find it?

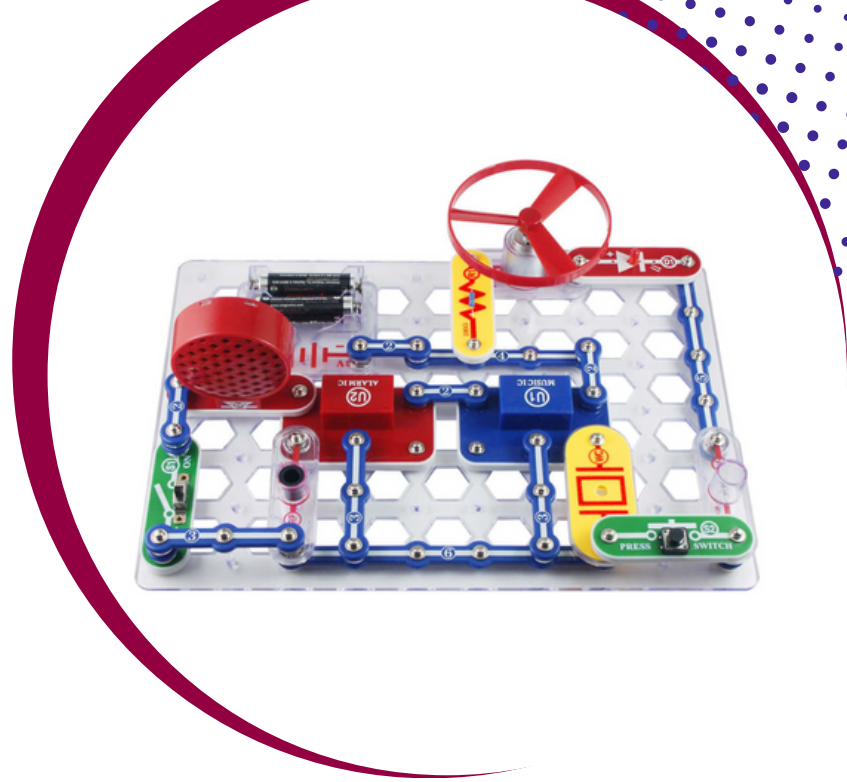
Kits are available in the MakerSpace area at the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



Who is it for?

The Raspberry Pi is a great kit for anyone who wants to learn more about computer programming.

Snap Circuits



What it is...

Snap Circuits allows you to design your own electronic projects, either by following the designs in the manual or building your own creation. Choose from our three models that we offer: Snap Circuits Jr., Snap Circuits Light, and Snap Circuits Green Alternative Energy.

Why it's amazing

- Teaches basic engineering, electronics, and circuitry concepts.
- Snap Circuits Jr.: Follow the colorful pictures in the manual and build over 100 projects.
- Snap Circuits Light: connect your iPod or any MP3 player and enjoy your music as the lights change to the beat.
- Snap Circuits Green Alternative Energy: explore forms of environmentally friendly energy including geothermal, hydrogen fuel cells, wind, solar, tidal, hydro and others.

Other Notes...

**How to use it**

Just snap the parts together to assemble electronic circuits on a simple "rows-and-columns" base grid.

**Are instructions available?**

Yes - each Snap Circuits set comes with a manual that includes many projects to complete.

**Where to find it?**

Snap Circuits can be found in the MakerSpace area at the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.

**Who is it for?**

Snap Circuits kits are geared to children ages five and up.

Digital Downloads

- Cantook Station
- Freegal Music
- Hoopla
- OverDrive
- PressReader

Cantook Station



What it is...

Cantook Station lets you borrow a wide selection of French language eBooks and eAudiobooks for all ages. The collection includes books translated to French as well as works French-language authors.

Why it's amazing

- Borrow up to seven items at one time and place up to three holds per month.
- Content for kids, teens, and adults.
- Books can be read online through a browser or downloaded to a tablet or ereader.
- Items can be borrowed for 21 days and checked out multiple times.

Other Notes...



Logging In

Use your Brantford Public Library card number and PIN to login.



An app is available!

Tablet and smartphone users can download the free Aldiko Next app for Android and Apple devices. Ereader users can use Adobe Digital Editions



Where to find it?

Can be found on our Digital Services and Books and eBooks webpage.



Who is it for?

Anyone wanting to learn or upgrade their French language skills.

Freegal Music



What it is...

Freegal is a free music service that allows you to download five songs a week and stream music for up to six hours a day.

Why it's amazing

- More than 8 million songs available.
- Available 24/7 with no ads.
- Songs you download are digital files you can keep forever.
- Can search in five different languages.

Other Notes...



Log in

With your Library card number and four-digit PIN.



Is there an app?

Yes, there is a free iOS and Android app available.



Curated playlists

There are many curated playlists that you can listen to or download from.



New music added

There are more than 200 genres of music and 200,000 new songs are added each month.

Hoopla



What it is...

Hoopla lets you download and stream eBooks, graphic novels, music, audiobooks, movies and television shows for free with your library card.

Why it's amazing

- Free entertainment for the family.
- Wide selection of international movies, television and music.
- Items are automatically returned at the end of the borrowing period.
- Bonus Borrows: hundreds of titles available to borrow without impacting your monthly limit.

Other Notes...



Logging In

Create a Hoopla account with your Library card and four-digit PIN.



An app is available!

Download the free Hoopa app for iOS and Android devices.



Where to find it?

LinkedIn Learning can be found on our Digital Services webpage.



How many items can I borrow?

You can download or stream up to six items each month.

OverDrive eBooks, Audiobooks & Magazines



OverDrive®

What it is...

Overdrive allows you to borrow eBooks, digital audiobooks and magazines for free with your library card. There are thousands of titles to choose from and you can download them directly to your device.

Why it's amazing

- Download from anywhere with a wifi connection.
- Items are automatically returned on the due date.
- You can adjust the size, colour, spacing and even speed up or slow down audio to customize your experience.
- Log in on multiple devices. The app will sync across devices so you can pick up right where you left off on any device.

Other Notes...



Logging In

Use your library card to create an account and log in.



An app is available!

Install the free Libby app on your Android or Apple device to download items from OverDrive.



Where to find help

The Libby app offers a help page and you can also use the Book a Librarian service for more help.



Who is it for?

eBooks, digital audiobooks and magazines for children, teens and adults are available.

PressReader



What it is...

PressReader is a digital newsstand offering access to the latest magazines and newspapers from Canada and all over the world for free with your library card.

Why it's amazing

- Offers more than 7,000 digital magazines and newspapers.
- Perform keyword searches across all titles.
- Save money on costly subscriptions by downloading an unlimited number of issues.
- You can set PressReader to automatically download the latest issue when it's available.



Other Notes...



Logging In

You will need your library card number and PIN to login to PressReader.



An app is available!

Download the free app for Apple and Android devices. Select the Brantford Public Library from the list of libraries and enter your library card number and PIN.



Where to find it?

Can be found on our Digital Services page of the Library's website.



Who is it for

Anyone looking for the latest news, sports, entertainment, health, hobbies, lifestyle or, cooking information - and much more.

Health & Hobbies

- Art Gallery of Hamilton Day Pass
- Button Maker
- Carbon Dioxide Monitor
- Cricut Maker
- Embroidery Machine
- Grand River Conservation Authority Pass
- Light Therapy Lamps
- Ontario Parks Pass
- Radon Detector
- Sewing Machines
- Snowshoes and Trekking Poles

Art Gallery of Hamilton Day Pass



What it is...

The Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) pass provides free day-use entry for up to four adults (children and students are free) to the AGH.

Why it's amazing

- Pass provides free day-use entry to the Art Gallery of Hamilton for up to four adults (children are always free).
- Pass can be borrowed for up to 14-days.
- Allows access to all current exhibitions, including temporary, special and permanent exhibits.

Other Notes...



Are there limitations to the pass?

The pass does not provide free access to Gallery events or workshops where there is additional charge above admission.



Where is the AGH located?

The Gallery is located at 123 King Street West, Hamilton, ON L8P 4S8



Where can I find out more about the AGH?

Visit the Gallery's website: artgalleryofhamilton.com



Where to find it?

Gallery passes are available at the Main and St. Paul branches. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.

Button Maker



What it is...

The FLEX2000 button maker is an all-metal, multi-size button making machine. Using easily interchangeable die sets and a sliding die table, the FLEX2000 can be quickly converted to make a number of different size buttons.

Why it's amazing

- Make your own designs and create personalized buttons.
- Create special buttons for a variety of events such as birthday parties, school projects, and more.
- A great collaborative project for families.
- Free online button making templates available at button-designer.com

Other Notes...



Who can borrow the button maker?

The button maker can be borrowed at the Main Branch by anyone with an adult Brantford Public Library card. The button maker must be used in the Library.



Can I buy button making supplies at the Library?

You can purchase packages of five one-inch and two-inch button supplies for 55 cents at the Main Branch.



What size buttons does it make?

You can make one inch and two inch diameter buttons.



Can I bring my own supplies?

You can bring your own supplies to make one inch and two inch diameter buttons.

Carbon Dioxide Monitor



What it is...

Measure the air quality of your home or indoor environment with a carbon dioxide monitor. The device monitors levels of carbon dioxide, temperature and relative humidity.

NOTE: This device is NOT a carbon monoxide detector.

Why it's amazing

- The monitor helps keep yourself and your home well. It immediately displays the level of CO₂, temperature and humidity in the area it is placed.
- It is set to automatic and calibrated at the factory. Temperature, humidity and CO₂ levels are easily checked along with the ventilation status.
- It is battery-operated and portable so it can be placed free standing anywhere in any room.
- The monitor can guide efforts to improve ventilation.

Other Notes...



How long can I borrow the monitor?

The monitor can be borrowed for one week.



An app is available!

Download the Aranet4 app to your device and view real time data over time. The app is available for Android and Apple devices.



Where to find it?

The monitor can be found on the Library's Health & Wellness page. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



Where can I find more information?

Guidelines on carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels in your home can be found on the Government of Canada website: canada.ca

Cricut Maker



What it is...

The Cricut Maker is an electronic cutting machine that cuts designs from a variety of material, including paper, vinyl and card stock.

Why it's amazing

- Make homemade cards, gifts, scrapbooks, and other craft projects.
- The Cricut Maker Machine can cut over 300 different types of materials, from fine paper to balsa wood.
- Use Cricut's online Design Space to access thousands of free projects all in one place.

Other Notes...



Who can borrow the Cricut Maker?

You must have an adult library card for at least six months to borrow the Cricut Maker. You must show photo ID and sign a waiver form.



How to I use Cricut's online Design Space?

You will need to create a Cricut Design Space account to access free online projects.



Where to find it?

The Cricut Maker can be picked up and dropped off at the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



How long can I borrow it?

You can borrow the Cricut Maker for 14 days.

Embroidery Machine



What it is...

The Brother Embroidery Machine allows you to personalize clothing, pillows and other items. You can use 125 built-in designs, or upload your own design using a USB.

Why it's amazing

- Machine is pre-loaded with 125 designs (including 45 Disney patterns)
- A great way to create custom clothing and gifts
- Has a USB port that allows users to embroider their own design
- The machine is free for adult members to borrow (a \$720 value)

Other Notes...



Borrowing Rules

- Can be borrowed for 14-days
- Available to members that are 18-years and older and have been a member in good standing for at least six months
- Must sign a waiver
- Must show ID when picking up



Pick up and return

Must pick up and return from the Main Branch only



No heavy materials

Do not use leather, canvas or heavy denim in this machine. See website for link to instructional video



Grand River Conservation Authority Pass

What it is...

Whether you are a nature enthusiast or just looking for a fun day out with family and friends, the Grand River Conservation Area Pass is the perfect way to enjoy the great outdoors.

Why it's amazing

- Free admission to 11 stunning conservation areas.
- Year-round access, seven days a week.
- Allows up to six people per vehicle to visit.
- Explore and appreciate the flora and fauna of the Grand River Watershed.

Other Notes...



Who can borrow a pass?

Passes can be borrowed by anyone with a valid adult library card.



Can I place a hold on a pass?

Yes! Visit the Library's online catalogue or call the Library to place a hold.



How long can I borrow a pass?

Passes can be borrowed for one week. Passes cannot be renewed.



Where can I find more information?

Visit the Grand River Conservation Authority website for maps, guides, and more: www.grandriver.ca

Light Therapy Lamps



What it is...

Light therapy lamps provide relief by mimicking outdoor light. Therapy lamps have been shown to lift your mood and ease other symptoms of SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder), such as being tired most of the time and sleeping too much.

Why it's amazing

- Save money by borrowing a therapy lamp instead of purchasing one.
- Very helpful during the short days of winter.
- Safe and drug-free therapy.
- Improves memory, productivity and focus.

Other Notes...



Who can borrow the therapy lamps?

Therapy lamps can be borrow by any member with an adult library card.



How long can I borrow it?

Therapy lamps can be borrowed for seven days.



Where to find it?

Therapy lamps can be picked up at the Main or St. Paul branches. Place a hold in the Library catalogue.



Where can I find out more about light therapy?

The Consumer Health Complete database from EBSCOhost offers more information on light therapy.

Ontario Parks Pass



What it is...

Whether you are a nature enthusiast or just looking for a fun time out with family and friends, an Ontario Parks Pass is the perfect way to enjoy the great outdoors.

Why it's amazing

- Free admission to over 100 Ontario provincial parks.
- Year-round access, seven days a week.
- Includes entry for one vehicle and its passengers.
- Explore and appreciate the flora and fauna of Ontario.

Other Notes...



Who can borrow a pass?

Passes can be borrowed by anyone with a valid adult library card.



Can I place a hold on a pass?

Yes! Visit the Library's online catalogue or call the Library to place a hold.



How long can I borrow a pass?

Passes can be borrowed for one week. Passes cannot be renewed.



Where can I find more information?

Visit the Ontario Provincial Parks website for a list of parks and more information: ontarioparks.ca

Radon Detector



What it is...

The radon detector can test for dangerous radon gas in your home. Radon gas comes from uranium in the soil and has been linked to lung cancer after long term exposure. Radon gas can enter through cracks or holes in the foundation of your home.

Why it's amazing

- Health Canada states radon levels can build to unsafe levels in your home and the only way to know your risk is by testing.
- Protect your investment by testing for radon gas levels before you sell your home. Self-generate a free printable report and use the radon test results as a selling point.
- Test for radon gas throughout your home. The detector is battery operated and portable.
- Enjoy peace of mind knowing your family is safe.

Other Notes...



How long can I borrow the radon detector?

The detector can be borrowed for up to 35 days.



How do I create a free report?

Visit the [Corentium Home Radon Report](#) page to generate a free, printable report.



Where to find it?

The detector can be found on the [Health & Wellness](#) page of the Library's website. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



Where can I find more about radon gas?

More information on radon gas can be found on the [Government of Canada's website: canada.ca](#)

Sewing Machines



What it is...

The Singer Tradition 2277 and Singer Fashion Mate 7256 portable sewing machines are perfect for everything from simple sewing projects for beginners to fancy creations from budding fashionistas.

Why it's amazing

- Create, adjust, personalize, and repair clothing and household items.
- Repairing instead of discarding clothing and other items saves you money and reduces waste.
- Purchasing your own sewing machine can cost hundred of dollars– so borrowing one instead offers huge savings.
- A great opportunity to learn a new skill or teach a friend or relative how to sew.

Other Notes...



Who can borrow a sewing machine?

Sewing machines can be borrowed by customers over 18 years of age who have been a library member for at least six months.



What do I need to supply?

You must supply your own threads and materials to use the sewing machines.



Where to find it?

Sewing machines must be borrowed and returned to the Main Branch only. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



Where can I find out more about sewing?

The Library offers a great selection of sewing books. You can also download digital sewing magazines from PressReader with your library card.

Snowshoes & Trekking Poles



What it is...

Borrow a set of snowshoes for fun winter trekking. The Library has nine pairs of snowshoes in varying sizes and weights for adult and youth. Each set of snowshoes is matched with a pair of aluminum poles and comes in its own carrying case.

Why it's amazing

- Try a winter activity for free. All you need is a library card, and you can borrow a set of snowshoes for up to a week.
- Enjoy the fresh air and nature. Explore parks in the community or combine your snowshoes with one of the Library's park passes.
- It is great exercise. Whether you trek over flat or hilly terrain moving your body through fresh or crisp snow will get your heart pumping.
- A great opportunity for the family to enjoy some time outdoor together.

Other Notes...



Are family sets available?

Yes. A kit with two sets of adult and children's snowshoes are available to borrow.



How do I select the right pair of snowshoes?

On the Library's catalogue check the recommended weight range when borrowing snowshoes as the load will include what you wear/carry.



Where to find it?

Snowshoes can be found on the Health and Wellness page of the Library's website. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



What park passes are available?

You can borrow day passes to the Grand River Conservation Area and Ontario Parks for one week with an adult library card.

Lifelong Learning

- Ancestry Library Edition
- Birth, Marriage, Death Index
- Digital Archives
- EBSCOhost Databases
- G1.ca
- Gale Databases
- Grant Connect
- LinkedIn Learning
- Local History Microfilm
- NoveList Plus
- ProQuest
- Transparent Language
- Universal Class
- WLU Community Borrower Card



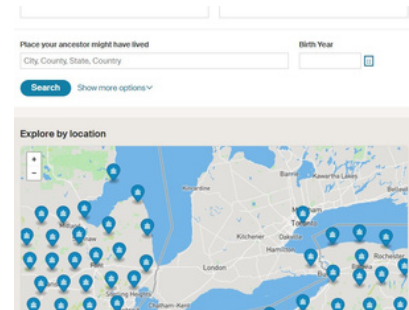
Ancestry Library Edition

What it is...

Ancestry Library Edition is one of the world's most popular genealogical sites that has access to billions of records including census, birth and death, military, and immigration from Canada, the United States, Europe and more.

Why it's amazing

- The premiere resource for amateur and professional genealogists.
- Over 11 billion records available as far back as the 16th century.
- Historical photos, postcards and maps available.
- New genealogical records are continually added.



Other Notes...



How do I access Ancestry?

Ancestry is only available on Library computers or on your own device at both branches. Visit our Digital Services webpage for access.



Is help available when searching?

Staff can provide basic assistance. If you need more help use our Book A Librarian service.



Can you print, download or email?

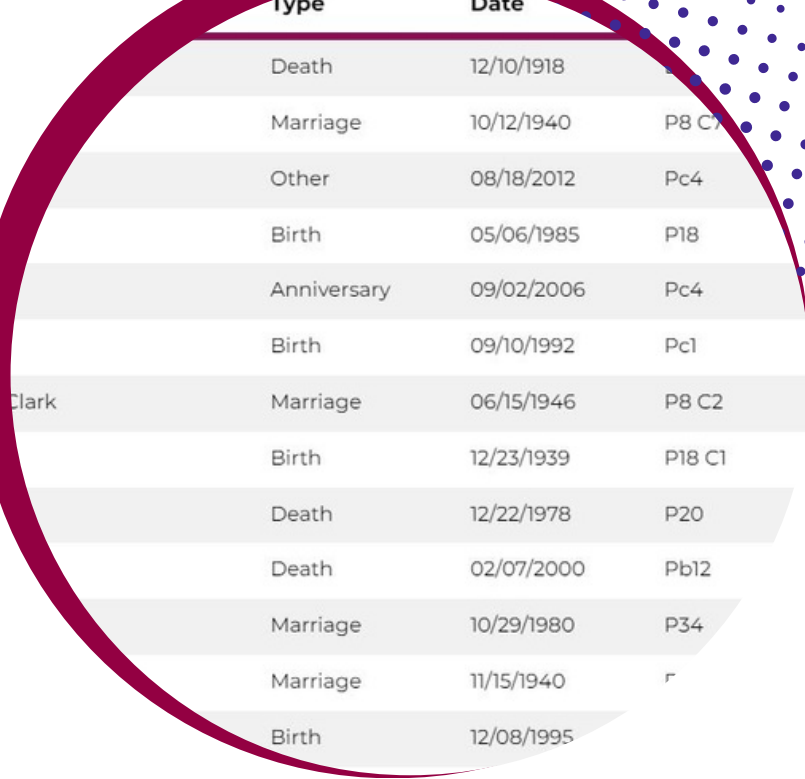
Printing is available for 10 cents per page. Downloading to a USB or emailing is free.



Other genealogy resources

Visit the Library's online Birth, Death & Marriage Index and other resources on the Library's website: brantfordlibrary.ca

Birth, Marriage & Death Index



	Type	Date	
	Death	12/10/1918	
	Marriage	10/12/1940	P8 C1
	Other	08/18/2012	Pc4
	Birth	05/06/1985	P18
	Anniversary	09/02/2006	Pc4
	Birth	09/10/1992	Pc1
Clark	Marriage	06/15/1946	P8 C2
	Birth	12/23/1939	P18 C1
	Death	12/22/1978	P20
	Death	02/07/2000	Pb12
	Marriage	10/29/1980	P34
	Marriage	11/15/1940	r
	Birth	12/08/1995	

What it is...

The Birth, Marriage, Death Index (BMD) index on the Brantford Public Library website will help you locate specific birth, marriage, or death notices in the Library's Brantford Expositor microfilm collection.

Why it's amazing

- You can search the online BMD index using key words, such as first or last name. Findings can be filtered by year.
- The online BMD index can be searched anywhere you have an internet connection.
- The index makes finding BMD records easy and will save people significant amounts of time.

Other Notes...



What years are included?

The BMD database includes 1852-1916 (weekly), 1917-1947 (daily), 1950-1951, 1956 (daily), 1960-2017 (daily).



Use the Microfilm Collection

Once you find the record in the BMD Index, you can visit the Library's Main Branch to see the actual announcement in the Library's Microfilm collection.



Where to find the BMD Index?

You can find the index on the Library's website:
brantfordlibrary.ca/bmd



Can I print from the microfilm?

Yes. Printouts are 10 cents per page or scan to a USB for free.

Digital Archives



What it is...

The Library's Digital Archives provides access to images and materials related to the history of Brantford, County of Brant, and Six Nations. It is a collection of resources that focuses on documenting and showcasing the heritage, culture, events, people and development of our community.

Why it's amazing

- Digitized local history books about the history of Brantford, including topics like local landmarks, notable individuals, industries, and significant events.
- Offers a collection of historical photographs, postcards, and images that visually capture the local area and its people throughout history.
- Includes historical maps that depict the area at different points in time, showing the changing geography, land use, and development.

Other Notes...



Who can use it?

The Digital Archives are available to everyone. You do not have to have a library card to use it.



Can I download items from the Digital Archives?

Yes! All images and textual material can be saved and downloaded to your computer.



Where to find it?

You can find the Digital Archives on the Library's website: brantfordlibrary.ca, or search the Archives at the Library.



I have items to contribute to the Digital Archives.

You can drop off items to add to the Archives at both branches. You will need to sign a release form.



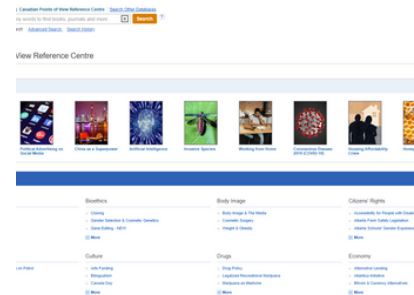
EBSCOhost Databases

What it is...

EBSCOhost is a collection of databases (Explora, Canadian Points of View, MasterFile, Consumer Health and Home Improvement) that contain hundreds of full-text articles, images and videos covering a variety of subjects.

Why it's amazing

- Learn a new skill like masonry and stonework or build on past skills with the Home Improvement Reference Center.
- Visit Consumer Health to get access to timely articles and trending topics like mental health, exercise and more.
- Understand the full scope of controversial topics to develop persuasive arguments and essays with Canadian Points of View Reference Centre.



Other Notes...



Logging In

Your library card number and four-digit PIN are required to log in and use EBSCOhost.



Can I download articles?

Articles can be downloaded and saved in a variety of formats, sometimes with complete citations.



Where to find it?

Can be found on our Digital Services webpage or the Digital Research and e-Learning page.



Who is it for?

Students as well as lifelong learners will find EBSCOhost very helpful.



G1.ca

What it is...

G1.ca is a free driver education program where you can access G1 practice tests for cars, M1 practice tests for motorcycles as well as car and motorcycle test simulators.

Why it's amazing

- Get access to a FAQ section with detailed answers to over 100 MTO related questions.
- A great way to practice before writing the official exam.
- Ask Driving Genie AI offers hints to answer questions.
- G1.ca's mock tests use the same scoring system used by MTO, which means you'll feel confident when you take the real test.



Other Notes...



Logging In

No Library membership is required to use G1.ca. Just select your test and begin.



Does the Library have the official MTO driver handbooks?

Yes. You can borrow the official MTO handbooks for cards, trucks and motorcycles for free with your Library membership.



Where to find it?

Can be found on our Digital Services webpage or the Digital Research and e-Learning page.



Who is it for?

Anyone preparing to take their driver's test or wanting a refresher on the rules of the road.



Gale Databases

What it is...

Gale databases are a collection of eBook encyclopedia and reference sources that cover a variety of topics. For those seeking information on favourite authors, the Gale Literary Index provides full coverage of authors and their works.

Why it's amazing

- Offers 100+ ebooks covering topics such as business, religion, environment, and more.
- Literary index provides quick and easy lists of authors and their works.
- Ebooks can be translated into 37 different languages.
- Fully accessible – includes options for adjusting font size and line spacing as well as the option to listen to text.

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Other Notes...



Logging In

Sign in with your library card number.



Where to find it?

Can be found on the Research and Learning page of the Library's website.



Can I download articles?

Documents and automatic source citations can be exported in a variety of different formats – to Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, printed, emailed or downloaded.



Who is it for?

Students in secondary and post-secondary studies.

Grant Connect



GRANT CONNECT

What it is...

Grant Connect is an all-in-one solution for fundraising research. It includes searchable details on thousands of funders along, with relationship management tools to track your data.

Why it's amazing

- Search thousands of funding opportunities quickly.
- Target funders by type of support, gift size and location.
- View detailed profiles on potential funding sources.
- Save money for your organization - paid subscription is \$629 per year.

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Community Support Program Arts and culture, Canadian culture, Community recreation, Brantford Area, Children and youth (0 to 18)... Headquarters: Brantford, ON	Funding Programs: 1	Median Gift: N/A Next deadline: September 30, 21
Brant United Way Local Services, Brantford / Brant, Program funding Headquarters: Brantford, ON	Funding Programs: 1	Median Gift: \$20,000
Samuel W. Stedman Foundation Arts and culture, Community improvement, Education, Health care, Brantford / Brant, Children and youth (0 to 18)... Headquarters: Brantford, ON	Funding Programs: 1	Median Gift: \$5,500 Next deadline: September 15, 21

Other Notes...



Logging In

Grant Connect is only available for in-library use at the Main and St. Paul branches.



Are other fundraising resources available?

The LinkedIn Learning database offers many courses on fundraising for nonprofits. Sign in to LinkedIn Learning for free with your library card.



Where to find it?

Grant Connect can be found on our Digital Services webpage or the Digital Research and e-Learning page.



Who is it for?

Any charitable organizations that are seeking funding.

LinkedIn Learning

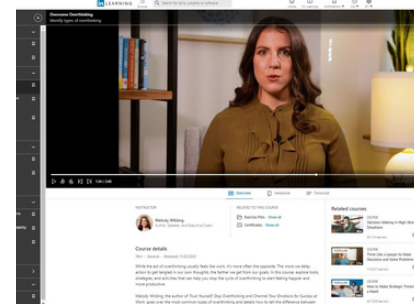


What it is...

LinkedIn Learning is an on-demand online library of instructional videos covering the latest business, technology and creative skills. It provides personalized course recommendations based on beginner, intermediate and advanced skill/knowledge levels.

Why it's amazing

- Offers more than 20,000 on-demand video tutorials.
- Lessons include transcripts and project files.
- A subscription to LinkedIn Learning would cost \$21.90 per month (annual) or \$47.61 per month (monthly basis) - so it's a huge savings!
- Watch individual videos or full courses.



Other Notes...



Logging In

Log in with your library card and four-digit PIN.



An app is available!

If using the LinkedIn Learning app, it's best to log in first on a desktop or laptop. Then, when using the app for the first time, you will need to enter the Library ID. This Library ID is brantfordlibrary



Where to find it?

LinkedIn Learning can be found on our Digital Services webpage or the Digital Research and e-Learning page.



Who is it for?

Anyone looking to learn a new skill or doing any sort of upgrading.

Local History Microfilm



What it is...

The Brantford Public Library's Local History Room offers both The Brantford Expositor (1852–present) and the Brantford Courier (1884–1918) on microfilm.

Why it's amazing

- Historic newspapers are invaluable resources for historical research. They provide firsthand accounts of past events, cultural perspectives, social norms and much more.
- Our microfilm collection is a valuable resource for researchers, historians, and genealogists interested in exploring and learning about their local history and family history.
- The microfilm collection provides a means to preserve and protect our community's heritage.

Other Notes...



Do I need a library card to use the microfilm collection?

No. You do not need a library card to use the microfilm collection.



Can I print or scan from the microfilm?

Yes. You can print from the microfilm for 10 cents per page or scan to a USB thumb drive for free.



Where to find it?

The microfilm collection is available in the Local History Room at the Main Branch.



Do I need to make an appointment?

No. You do not need to make an appointment. The microfilm is available during regular Library hours.

NoveList Plus



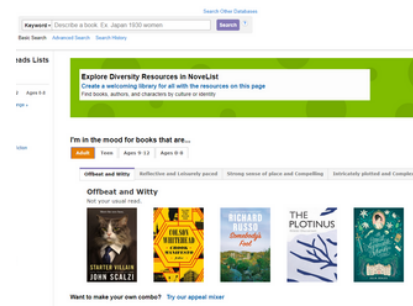
What it is...

Novelist Plus is a comprehensive database of book recommendations for all readers.

This service provides reading recommendations based on genre, authors, themes, and many more story elements.

Why it's amazing

- Search for read-alikes based on previous books you have read.
- Find authors who write in a similar style.
- Reading recommendations available for adults, teens and children.
- Novelist Plus is linked to the Library's online catalogue allowing you to easily request recommended books.



Other Notes...



Logging In

Novelist Plus is available through the EBSCOhost suite of products. Log in with your library card number.



Create your own account

You can create an account using your email to save book titles, lists, and articles.



Where to find it?

Can be found on our Digital Services webpage or the Digital Research and e-Learning page.



Who is it for?

Readers of all ages looking for something comfortable and familiar or new and challenging to read.

ProQuest

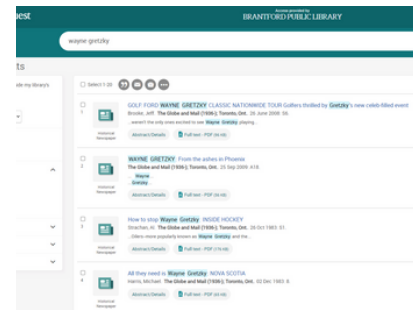


What it is...

ProQuest is an online searchable database that offers complete historic issues of the Toronto Star and Globe and Mail newspapers. Search through almost two centuries of Canadian and international news.

Why it's amazing

- 175 years of Canadian and international news available.
- Toronto Star coverage from 1894 - 2019 and Globe and Mail coverage from 1844 - 2018.
- Basic and advanced search features are available.
- Download, print and email any articles as well as complete newspaper pages.



Other Notes...



Logging In

Your Library card number is required to log in.



Additional features

You can also save documents to Google Drive and Microsoft OneDrive. A selection of citation options for articles is also available.



Where to find it?

Can be found on our Digital Services webpage or the Digital Research and e-Learning page



Who is it for?

An excellent resource for students, historians, and genealogists.

Transparent Language

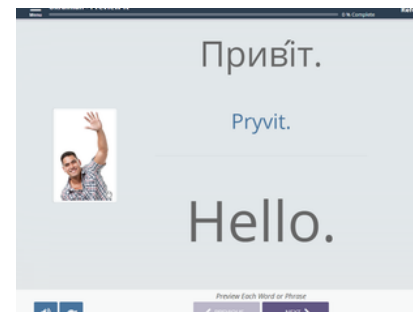


What it is...

Transparent Language is an online learning service that offers instruction for over 110 languages available for free with your membership at the Brantford Public Library.

Why it's amazing

- Customize courses to your own skill level.
- Focuses on all four elements of language: listening, speaking, reading and writing.
- Offers a course to learn American Sign Language.
- English as a Second Language courses available for multiple languages.



Other Notes...



Logging In

Create an account for free with your library membership.



An app is available!

A free app is available to download for Android and Apple devices.



Where to find it?

Can be found on our Digital Services webpage or the Digital Research and e-Learning page



Who is it for?

Anyone looking to learn a new language for travel or work as well as new Canadians who want to improve their English skills.

Universal Class

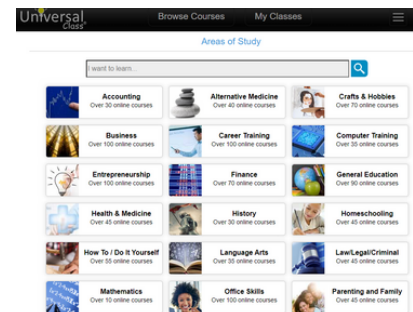


What it is...

Universal Class is an on-demand online library of instructional videos covering a broad range of educational and creative opportunities. It offers an easy-to-use learning environment that promotes skill-building with verified achievements.

Why it's amazing

- Offers more than 600 courses.
- Courses include lessons, exams, assignments, discussion boards and actual assessments of your progress.
- Take as many courses as you want.
- All courses are self-paced. Learn when you want on your own time.



Other Notes...



Logging In

New users must register using their Library card number.



Course completion certificates available

When you have completed a course, you will earn a certificate that you can share online or download and print as a PDF.



Where to find it?

Can be found on our Digital Services webpage or the Digital Research and e-Learning page



Who is it for?

Anyone looking to learn a new skill or doing any sort of upgrading.

WLU Community Borrower Card



What it is...

The WLU Community Borrower Card provides free access to books from the Wilfrid Laurier University Library collection for members of the Brantford Public Library.

Why it's amazing

- Borrow books from the WLU Brantford collection and Laurier's Main Library in Waterloo.
- No fee for a Community Borrower Card.
- A great resource for students and lifelong learners.
- Save money by borrowing rather than purchasing expensive titles.

Other Notes...



Can I use my Brantford Public Library card?

No - you will be issued with a separate WLU Community Borrower card.



Where can I search for books from WLU Libraries?

Visit the WLU Library website at library.wlu.ca to search their collection of books.



Are electronic databases also available?

No - the Community Borrower Card allows you to borrow printed books only.



How long can I borrow books from WLU?

The loan period and any overdue fines on items borrowed with the Community Borrower Card are set by the University.

Services For You

- Book a Librarian
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Book a Librarian



What it is...

Book a Librarian is a free hour-long session you can book for one-on-one help with a Library staff member to answer your questions about technology or Library resources.

Why it's amazing

- Available Tuesdays through Saturdays every week.
- Book a session in advance that fits your schedule.
- Get the most out of your laptop, tablet or smartphone.
- Find out about free Library databases and apps.

Other Notes...

**Where is it available?**

Book a Librarian is offered at the Main Branch.

**Do I have to be a Library member?**

You do not have to be a Library member to use this service. However, you can apply for membership before or after your session.

**How do I book a session?**

Call the Library or visit the Library's online Event Calendar to book a session.

**What services are not available?**

Library staff are unable to assist with troubleshooting laptops, installing software, typing documents and forms, and online purchases.

Book Club in a Bag



What it is...

The Book Club in a Bag service allows you to borrow ten copies of the same book for six weeks. Each book club bag also contains a question guide to facilitate discussion about the book.

Why it's amazing

- Use this service to start your own book club with friends, family members, or co-workers.
- Save money by borrowing instead of buying books.
- Over 150 titles in our Book Club in a Bag collection to choose from.
- Some Book Club in a Bag kits include DVD movies of the book.

Other Notes...



Who can borrow a kit?

Anyone with an adult Brantford Public Library card can borrow a kit.



Where can I pick up and drop off kits?

Kits can be picked up and returned at both Main and St. Paul branches. Staff will contact you when your kit is ready for pick-up.



How do I reserve a kit?

You can reserve a kit through the online booking calendar on the Library's website: brantfordlibrary.ca



Are there other books clubs I can join?

The Library offers several community book clubs. Visit the Event Calendar on the Library's website for more information.

Cellphone Charging Station



What it is...

The eight-compartment charging station is available to charge your Apple or Android cellphone while visiting the Library. You will have to create a unique 4-digit PIN that will provide you with security and access.

Why it's amazing

- Easy to access and instructions are posted on the station.
- Eight individual compartments eliminates wait times.
- Compatible with older "brick" phones.
- Peace of mind when personal chargers are lost or unavailable.



Other Notes...



Do I need a Library card?

You do not need a library card to use the charging station.



What if I forget my PIN?

Library staff are able to unlock each compartment and will ask a couple of security questions to ensure the safety of each cellphone.



Where to find it?

The charging station is available on the second floor of the Main Branch.



How can I charge my older cellphone?

USB adapters for older cellphones are available to borrow at the Green Desk.

Curriculum Kits



What it is...

Curriculum kits are bags of 20 children's library items including flashcards, Playaway Views, DVDs and books on specific subjects and activities.

Why it's amazing

- Kits follow the Ontario school curriculum and are age-specific.
- Kits offer a quick, ready-made selection of children's items on specific subjects and activities for teachers, parents, and students.
- Wide variety of kits available for different subjects and grades

Other Notes...



How long can I borrow a kit?

Curriculum kits can be borrowed for six weeks.



Can I place a hold on a kit?

You can place a hold on a Curriculum kit through the Library's online catalogue. Kits are available on a first come-first served basis.



Where to find it?

Curriculum kits are available at the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



Does the Library offer other learning supports?

You can borrow Launchpad tablets, VOX Read Along books and coding and electronics items.



Exam Proctoring

What it is...

The Library offers exam proctoring services to students and lifelong learners who need to write an exam.

Why it's amazing

- Service is available for free.
- Quiet study rooms are available to write your exam.
- Free wifi is available to write online exams.
- Library computers are also available to write exams.

Other Notes...



Is there a fee for exam proctoring?

No. Exam proctoring is free. Any costs in the delivery or return of the exam must be paid by the student.



Do I have to be a Library member?

No. You do not have to be a Library member to use the exam proctoring service.



Where to find it?

Exam proctoring is available at the Main Branch during regular Library hours and subject to staff availability.



How do I book this service?

Visit the Library's website for details and fill out the exam proctoring form.



Home Delivery Service

What it is...

Home Delivery Service is free to City of Brantford residents who are unable to visit the Library in person. Every four weeks, we deliver a new bag of library materials and pick up materials to be returned.

Why it's amazing

- Reduces physical barriers to the Library collection.
- Customers can make requests through our online catalogue or have Library staff select items based on their reading interests.
- Customers who want more flexibility when receiving Library material can register for Pick-Up Service and designate a friend or family member to collect a prepared bag of material at either branch.
- Over 7000 items each year are delivered to homebound customers throughout Brantford.

Other Notes...



Who is eligible?

Individuals who can't visit the Library due to physical disability, mobility issues, long-term illness or caregivers of the above.



How do you register?

Contact hdelivery@brantfordlibrary.ca or phone 519-756-2220 ext. 3323.



Where does the Library deliver?

Private houses or apartments, retirement homes, and Long-Term Care facilities within the City of Brantford.



What items cannot be delivered?

Home Delivery is not available for Bestseller or Express copies, inter-library loans, Makerspace, or special collection items.



Interlibrary Loan

What it is...

Interlibrary loan (ILL), is a service offered by the Brantford Public Library that allows users to borrow books and other materials from other libraries. It facilitates access to resources that are not available in your own library.

Why it's amazing

- Enables libraries to share resources and expand access to a wider range of materials beyond what is available locally.
- Promotes collaboration and cooperation among libraries.
- Saves libraries and their users money.
- Service is available for free.

Other Notes...



Who can use the service?

Interlibrary loan is available to any adult library cardholder with no outstanding fines.



Are there limits on items that can be borrowed?

Bestsellers and items that have been published in the past two years are generally not available through interlibrary loan.



How long can I borrow the material?

The loan period is set by the lending library and is usually two to three weeks.



Are there overdue fines for Interlibrary loan items?

Overdue fines are charged for Interlibrary loan items that are not returned by their due date.

Meeting & Study Rooms



What it is...

The Library's study rooms offer a quiet place to study, write an exam, or meet with a small group. Meeting rooms offer a place for larger groups and organization to get together.

Why it's amazing

- Study rooms are available for free.
- Rooms can be booked for corporate or private events.
- Meeting rooms offer computers and HD television screens for presentations.
- Meeting rooms can be used for free by Not-For-Profit groups and organizations for non-commercial purposes.

Other Notes...



Who can use the study rooms?

Anyone with a Library membership can book a study room for free. Study rooms can be booked for up to two hours.



How can I book a study or meeting room?

Study or meeting rooms can be booked on the Library's website.



Where to find it?

Study rooms and meeting rooms are available at the Main Branch. Visit the Library's website for specific room sizes and capacities.



Is there a charge to use the meeting rooms?

Meeting room fees are listed on the Library's website.

Print, Copy, Scan



What it is...

Our printing, scanning, and photocopying services available at both of our branches are an excellent resource for anyone who needs to print, copy, or scan documents. With our affordable prices, convenient apps, and helpful staff, we make it easy to get your work done quickly and efficiently.

Why it's amazing

- Print from home: Use our website to send your print jobs remotely, from anywhere with an internet connection.
- Wireless printing: Print wirelessly from your device at both branches, no need to use a Library computer.
- Scanning: Scan documents for free using our photocopiers and save them as PDF, JPG or TIFF files.
- ID Card Copy: copy both sides of identifications cards on to a single sheet.

Other Notes...



Logging In

Use your library card and PIN to login and print from Library computers or scan the QR code near the copiers to use the wireless printing service.



Can I print and copy in colour?

Yes - colour printing and copying are available on the copier located on the first floor at the Main Branch.



Where to find it?

Two copiers/scanners are available at the Main Branch and one at the St. Paul Branch.



What is the cost?

Black and white copies are 10 cents each and colour copies are 25 cents each. Scanning is free.

Technology

- 3D Printing
- Cafe Scanner
- Digital Media Lab
- Laptops
- Photo Scanner
- Playaway Launchpads
- VHS to DVD Converter
- Virtual Reality Headsets
- Wifi Hotspots
- Wolverine Slide Converter
- Wolverine Super 8 Movie Maker

3D Printing



What it is...

3D printing lets you print three-dimensional models in plastic of items you have designed yourself or downloaded from websites offering premade designs.

Why it's amazing

- Use your imagination to create and design objects.
- Free software available online to create custom objects.
- Print items in a variety of colours.
- Create customized gifts for friends and family.

Other Notes...



Is there a cost?

Prints under one hour are free. Prints over one hour cost \$1 plus 10 cents per gram of filament used.



Where can I find premade objects?

Visit thingiverse.com to search and download thousands of free pre-made 3D designs.



How do I submit designs to print?

Files to print must be submitted through wetransfer.com using the email bplmaker@brantfordlibrary.ca



Are there 3D printing courses?

Check the Library's Event Calendar for in-library courses. Online courses are available for free with your library card from LinkedIn Learning.

Cafe Scanner



What it is...

The Cafe Scanner is a large format scanner that can scan black and white and colour photos and documents such as books and magazines.

Why it's amazing

- Quickly and easily scan large documents and photos.
- Convert to different file formats such as TIFF, JPG, PDF, Searchable PDF, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel.
- Multiple scanning options available.
- Free to use.

Other Notes...



Do I need a library card?

No library card is required. Bring your own USB key to save. You can also print, email, or save to your cloud storage.



How do I use it?

Follow the instruction sheets provided in the Local History Room. You can also find the instruction sheets on the Library's website.



Where to find it?

The scanner is located in the Local History Room at the Main Branch



Who is it for?

Anyone who wants to scan documents, especially multiple pages of books, magazines, and files.

Digital Media Lab



What it is...

Digital Media Lab provides all the tools you need to unleash your creativity and produce high-quality digital media projects. It is equipped with a green screen, Adobe Creative Cloud and other multimedia tools to create and edit videos, music, podcasts and more.

Why it's amazing

- Cost savings: our lab provides access to expensive equipment and software instead of purchasing these items yourself.
- The Adobe Creative Cloud includes Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and Premier Pro.
- A great opportunity to enhance your digital literacy and creativity.
- Green screen technology for immersive video production.

Other Notes...



Who can use the Digital Media Lab?

All customers with an adult library card can use the Digital Media Lab for free.



Can I book a time to use the Digital Media Lab?

Yes! You can call the Library or use the online booking tool on the Library's website to book a time. You can book two hours a day up to two weeks in advance.



Where to find it?

The Digital Media Lab is available at the Main Branch during regular Library hours.



How can I learn more about creating digital content?

The Library's LinkedIn Learning database offers free courses on the Adobe Creative Cloud and editing photos, video & audio.



Laptops

What it is...

Our laptops are durable and easy to travel with. Borrow a laptop for seven days with your library card you can bring home the reliability and convenience of a fully functioning computer.

Why it's amazing

- Fast, convenient machines that you can take anywhere, as they come with a heavy-duty shoulder bag for easy travel.
- Charging cable and mouse are included.
- Windows 10 operating system loaded on all laptops.
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) loaded on all laptops.

Other Notes...



Who can borrow a laptop?

Laptops can be borrowed by an adult library card holder who has been a member for at least six months with a good borrowing history.



What happens if the laptop is lost or damaged?

A replacement fee will be charged to your account if the laptop is lost or damaged (beyond reasonable wear).



Can I place a hold on a laptop?

Yes. Visit the Library's online catalogue or call the Library to place a hold.



Where do I pick up and return laptops?

Laptops must be picked up and returned at the Main Branch. Please return laptops to the Green Desk.

Photo Scanner



What it is...

The scanner delivers remarkable scans from business card sizes up to 11" x 17". It scans black and white, color photos, and important oversized documents like drawings or maps, or other odd-sized items in digital format.

Why it's amazing

- Easily automate tasks - place multiple photos on the scanner glass, can scan more than one photo at a time.
- Scanner can drop out selected colors or choose a color and convert it to black.
- Scan to the Cloud. Easily scan to services such as Dropbox, Evernote, and Google Drive.
- Scan text documents and convert to a searchable PDF.

Other Notes...



Where to find it?

The scanner is available in the Digital Media Lab at the Main Branch.



Are instructions available?

Yes - instruction sheets are available and you can also find them on the Library's website: brantfordlibrary.ca



What computers can I use?

An iMac and Windows computer are hooked up to the scanner.



Do you have photo editing software?

Yes - the Adobe Creative Cloud Suite is available in the Digital Lab. The Suite includes Photoshop.

Playaway Launchpads



What it is...

Launchpads are tablets that come preloaded with fun and education content for kids – including learning apps, games and videos.

Why it's amazing

- Launchpads can be used anytime, anywhere! No Wi-Fi or long download times required.
- Launchpads are very durable because they are designed for kids.
- Each Launchpad is preloaded with unique content focused on a specific learning theme and age range. The Library's collection of Launchpads cover early literacy, math, STEAM and many more learning themes!
- Parents can be certain their children are viewing quality videos and games.

Other Notes...



Who can borrow a Launchpad?

Launchpads can be borrowed for one week with an adult library card.



Do I need to charge the Launchpad?

No. The Launchpads are loaned fully charged and recharged by Library staff when they are returned.



Is there a list of Launchpads available?

Visit the Library's online catalogue for a full list of Launchpads and to place a hold.



Where do I pick up and return Launchpads?

Launchpads can be picked up at both Library branches. Please return Launchpads to Library staff at a desk.

VHS to DVD Converter



What it is...

Do you have old VHS (Video Home System) tapes? Would you like to convert them to DVDs? You can easily transfer your VHS tapes to DVD with our Philips DVD Recorder.

Why it's amazing

- Preserve your precious family events recorded on VHS tapes.
- Declutter and free up storage space at home.
- Easy to share with family and friends.
- DVDs last longer and can be easily copied on a home computer.

Other Notes...



What do I need to use this service?

Just bring your VHS tape and a blank DVD-R or DVD-RW. The service is free.



How long does it take to convert?

The conversion takes the same amount of time as the recording on the VHS tape. So a VHS tape with two hours of recording would take two hours to convert.



Where to find it?

The VHS to DVD converter can be found in the MakerSpace area at the Main Branch.



Are instructions available?

Yes - an instruction sheet is available with the converter and on the Library's website.

Virtual Reality Headsets



What it is...

A one size fits all headset that gives users an immersive 360 – degree view of a three-dimensional virtual reality world using an app on the user’s smartphone.

Why it's amazing

- Be a virtual hero by fearlessly engaging in gaming challenges and battles.
- Try before you buy. Interested in purchasing a VR headset? Try one out for free first.
- Explore oceans, outer space and other fascinating environments.
- Get up and moving with a wide variety of VR games.

Other Notes...



What headsets are available?

One OculusGo and two Meta Quest 2 headsets are available to borrow.



Are instructions available?

Yes - instructions are available with the device or online.



Where to find it?

Can be found in the MakerSpace area at the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library’s catalogue.



Who is it for?

Students, adults and seniors looking to explore a fascinating new technology or those considering purchasing the device.

Wifi Hotspots



What it is...

Wifi hotspots are mobile devices that allow you to connect your own device (laptop, smart phone, tablet) to a high-speed, reliable and portable internet connection.

Why it's amazing

- Fast, reliable, unlimited internet on the go.
- Stay online and connected while you are on vacation or traveling.
- Save money with a free internet connection.
- Keep everyone in your family online by connecting multiple wifi enabled devices at once.

Other Notes...



Who can borrow a wifi hotspot?

Wifi hotspots are available to patrons who are 18 years of age or older and have been a member of the Library for at least six months with a good borrowing history



What happens if the wifi hotspot is overdue?

The Library does not charge overdue fines, however the hotspot will be deactivated remotely when it is overdue.



Where to find it?

Wifi hotspots must be borrowed and returned to the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



How long can I borrow a hotspot?

You can borrow a wifi hotspot for one week. The item cannot be renewed but you can put it on hold again.

Wolverine Slide Converter



What it is...

Convert your old family slides and photo negatives into digital format quickly and easily with the Wolverine slide converter. It comes with a selection of adapters to fit most slides and negatives.

Why it's amazing

- Preserve and share images from special family events.
- Unique speed-load adapters for fast-loading slides and negatives.
- Simple to use stand-alone unit does not require a computer or special software.
- Save money by borrowing instead of buying a converter.

Other Notes...



How long can I borrow the slide converter?

The slide converter can be borrowed with an adult library card for free for three weeks.



How do I use the converter?

The kit comes with an instruction sheet. You can also find the instruction sheet on the Library's website.



Where to find it?

You can find the side converter in the MakerSpace area at the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



Who is it for?

Anyone wanting to convert, preserve and share family events and other memories on slides and film negatives.

Wolverine Super 8 Movie Maker



What it is...

Convert and save your old home movies to digital with the Wolverine Super 8 Movie Maker. This fully automated digitizer converts old 8mm and Super 8 movie reels into digital videos.

Why it's amazing

- Preserve and share films of family vacations and events.
- Frame-by-frame digitizing for high-quality digital output.
- No computer or software required. This stand-alone unit scans and saves digital movies into SD/SDHC cards.
- Save money by borrowing instead of buying an expensive converter.

Other Notes...



How long can I borrow the film converter?

The film converter can be borrowed with an adult library card for three weeks.



How do I use the converter?

The converter comes with an instruction manual.



Where to find it?

You can find the film converter in the MakerSpace area at the Main Branch. Place a hold in the Library's catalogue.



Who is it for?

Anyone wanting to convert, preserve and share family events and other memories on 8mm and Super 8mm film.