



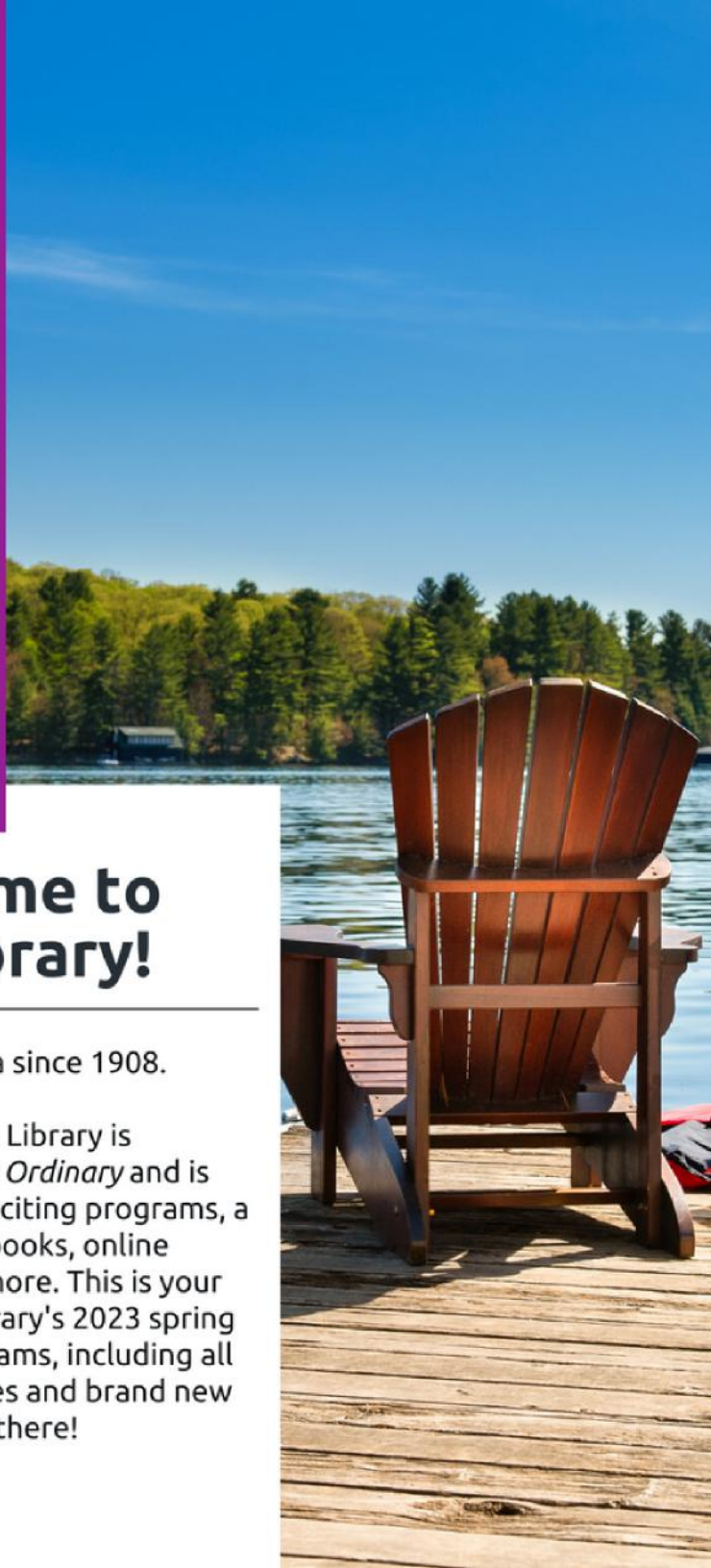
2023 Spring & Summer Programs Guide

2023 Programs

Welcome to the Library!

Serving Muskoka since 1908.

The Bracebridge Library is *Anything but the Ordinary* and is packed full of exciting programs, a wide variety of books, online resources, and more. This is your guide to the Library's 2023 spring & summer programs, including all of your favourites and brand new events. See you there!





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Don't Forget These Special Events!

SENIORS TEA
JUNE 14 | 3 - 4 PM
FREE TEA & SNACKS

**PARTY IN
THE PARK!**
JUNE 2 | 4 - 7 PM

**INTO SUMMER
READING CLUB**
JULY & AUGUST

For programs with RSVP required, please register through our website at: BracebridgeLibrary.ca/events

May to June

Children's Weekly Programs



Please note that these programs only run from May to June, as they are school based programs. The last day these program will be running is **Friday, June 23**.

Storytime | Drop-In

Mondays | 10:30 - 11:00 AM | Ages 3 - 5

Join us for catchy songs, enchanting stories, fun crafts, and exciting activities that are perfect for any pre-schooler.

Parachute Club | RSVP ✨

Wednesdays | 10:30 - 11:00 AM | Ages 1.5 - 3 years

Join our Parachute Club! Your child will be excited to play parachute games, sing, learn new rhymes, and nurture their love of reading.

New Parent Meet Up | Drop-In

Thursdays | 10:30 - 11:00 AM | Parents & Infants

Are you a new parent wanting to connect with other parents and little ones in the community? Join us for a 30 minute drop-in where we'll share early literacy tips and tricks, enjoy sensory activities, sing songs, read stories, and much more!

Home School Meet Up | RSVP ✨

Thursdays | 1:30 - 2:30 PM | Ages 6 - 10 & Siblings

Connect with other local Home School Families and experience the wonderful world of STEAM. Join us each week for a different STEAM activity, including engineering challenges, science experiments, robotics, guided art lessons, and more!

Ready for School | RSVP ✨

Fridays | 10:30 - 11:00 AM | Ages 3 - 4 years

Is your child starting kindergarten in 2023 or 2024? We are here to help get your little one ready for school! Build early literacy skills and independence through games, stories, songs, and new activities each week.

Baby Time | Drop-In

Fridays | 1:30 - 2:00 PM | Ages 12 - 24 months

Fill your Friday afternoons with sensory play, songs, stories, and rhymes for busy little ones. This program is best for babies who are upright, walking, and ready to get moving!

Creator Club | Drop-In

Mon, Wed, Thur, & Fri | 3:30 - 4:00 PM | Ages 6 - 10 years

Join Creator Club on weeknights after school! Get creative with our weekly lineup: Science Lab Mondays, Lego Wednesdays, Art Attack Thursdays, and Fun Fridays!



May

2023 Programs

Special Events



Local Author Talk: Paige Taylor ✨

Saturday, May 27 | 10:00 - 11:30 AM | All Ages | RSVP

Join local high school student and author, Paige Taylor, who will speak about her debut novel "Secrets Wrought in Blood." Learn about how she became an author, the process of being published, and listen to a passage from her book. Books will be available for purchase from the author.



Teen Programs



Dungeons & Dragons | Monthly Meetings

Tuesday, May 2 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | RSVP ✨

Are you curious about Dungeons & Dragons, or an avid player looking for a space to play? Join our D&D group to connect with other players, complete campaigns, and learn more about the game. All levels of experience and abilities are welcome.

RSVP AT: BRACEBRIDGELIBRARY.CA/EVENTS ✨



Teen Programs

Say Yes to Your Dress! | Drop-In

Saturday, May 13 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Free Dresses

Stop by the Library and find your **perfect grade 8 grad, prom, special event dress, or suit for FREE!** We know prom and grad attire can be expensive, but we are here to help make these events accessible to all. Dresses are in excellent condition, in style, and have a wide range of sizes. Join us and say yes to your dress!



Rainbow Book Club | RSVP ✨

Thursday, May 25 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | Ages 13 - 17

Rainbow Book Club is a safe space built to support and connect LGBTQ2S+ teens and allies. Representation matters, and this month we will discuss the award winning novel "Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe" by Benjamin Alire Sáenz. FREE snacks are provided; books are available starting May 1.

Tween Book Club | RSVP ✨

Tuesday, May 30 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM | Ages 10 - 12

Join our Tween Book Club for an evening full of fun games, books, and new friends! This monthly book club was created for tweens to have a space to enjoy and share their love for reading. For May, we will be reading the first book in The Cloud Horse Chronicles, "Guardians of Magic," by bestselling author-illustrator Chris Riddell. Books are available starting May 1.

Teen Programs



Youth Advisory Committee

Wednesdays | 4:00 - 5:00 PM | Grades 9 - 12 | Drop-In

Are you a high school student in need of volunteer hours? Join our Youth Advisory Committee to earn hours and have a say in Library programs and services. Don't forget, FREE snacks!

Adult Programs



Genealogy Group | *New Date*

Tuesdays | May 2 to July 25 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM | Drop-In

Are you interested in researching your family tree and lineage? Learn how to discover your history through Ancestry Library Edition, print documents, and online resources. Join our weekly drop-in genealogy workshops for assistance with digging into your family roots. All are welcome.

Appy Hour: Games for Your Phone!

Wednesday, May 3 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | RSVP ✨

Did you know you can download solitaire, brain games, sudoku, and Scrabble onto your phone? Learn how to find and download popular games to your smartphone or tablet.



Cacao Boys: Binge Worthy Chocolate

Wednesday, May 3 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Chocolate lovers rejoice! Cacao Boys' head chocolatier, Jim Jeffery, will be hosting a chocolate seminar at the Library. Learn the origins of chocolate, its different flavour profiles, the science behind chocolatiering, and of course... sampling some delicious chocolate!



Learning about Lavender with NEOB Lavender

Saturday, May 6 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Lavender is most famous for its use in aromatherapy, but did you know that it can be used for cooking, skincare, cleaning, and flavoured coffee? Learn all about this multipurpose herb with local business NEOB Lavender.

Custom Creation: Alcohol Ink Vase

Wednesday, May 10 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Have you ever wondered what to do with that tired old vase you have lying around? Learn how to repurpose and upscale glass at our Alcohol Ink Vase program. This adult craft workshop will teach you how to use an alcohol ink technique to create a one-of-a-kind glass vase. All materials provided. Participants are free to bring their own vase.

Dementia Awareness with the Alzheimer's Society of Muskoka

Thursday, May 11 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Join the Alzheimer Society of Muskoka as they discuss dementia and how it affects those diagnosed. This presentation will cover topics like the dementia experience, strategies for communication, and how the Alzheimer's Society can be of assistance. They will also review how you can help make Muskoka a more dementia friendly community.



Kombucha with Wicked Brew

Tuesday, May 16 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Curious about Kombucha and its health benefits? Join Audrey King, a registered Holistic Nutritionist and owner of Wicked Brew, as she talks about the fermentation process involved in making kombucha tea and its health benefits. Participants will get to sample Wicked Brew's kombucha.

Drop-In Tech Help

Wednesday, May 17 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | **Drop-In**

Need help with your tech devices? Drop-in to the Library to get help with your computer, tablet, eReader, or smartphone! We're here to help with any questions you have about tech.

Local Author Talk: Ray Love

Wednesday, May 17 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Join local author and historian, Ray Love, for an author talk on his new release, "Resort Days." Learn about growing up at Elgin House on Lake Joseph in the 1960s and interesting facts about Muskoka's history. Books will be available for purchase. All are welcome.

Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden

Saturday, May 20 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Spring is in the air! Join Nancy Thompson from the Bracebridge Horticultural Society for an information session on why pollinators are a vital part of the ecosystem and what types of flowers will attract pollinators. Participants will receive a free packet of seeds to help start their pollinator garden at home!





A Father's Memoir with Henry Blumberg

Tuesday, May 23 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Join author Henry Blumberg as he talks about his memoir "Sean Left Quietly," which details his family's journey through grief toward healing after their youngest son took his life at age 35. Books will be available for purchase from the author.

Primitive Rug Hooking Workshop

Tuesday, May 30 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Join Diane van de Valk as she discusses the history of rug hooking in Canada and how it's the ultimate recycling craft. View a selection of completed rugs for inspiration, and watch as Diane gives hands-on demonstrations so you can try the practice at home.

Library Book Club: Family Drama

Wednesday, May 31 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Welcome to the Library Book Club! Each month we share books on a different topic or genre. Join us and broaden your reading to include new authors and new reading themes. Suggested reading lists are available. Refreshments provided. The theme for May is Family Drama.

Digital Skills and Marketing for a Micro Business

Tuesdays & Thursdays | April 11 - May 4 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM

In partnership with Huntsville YMCA Employment and Learning Services, the Bracebridge Library will be hosting a digital skills course for local entrepreneurs. **Register by calling 705-787-0349 or by emailing muskokalearns@sm.ymca.ca** ✨

June

2023 Programs

Special Events



Party in the Park | Drop-In

Friday, June 2 | 4:00 - 7:00 PM | All Ages | Memorial Park

We want to celebrate with you and welcome the summer heat! The Bracebridge Library is ecstatic to host another fun night in the park packed with activities. From live music for all ages to games, prizes, and crafts; it will be a night you don't want to miss! This event is free for all and fun for the whole family. Thank you to all of our community partners who are joining in on the fun.

Any community group looking to participate in the event and have a booth can contact us at: info@bracebridgellibrary.ca

Children's Programs



Father's Day: Cards & BBQ Aprons

Saturday, June 10 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Ages 7 - 12 | **RSVP** ✨

Get ready for Father's Day with our fun crafting program! Kids can create a custom card and BBQ apron for their dad using our Cricut. The perfect gift for the summer BBQ season. This program is in honour of William Tough (2018-2022). Thank you to his family for their donation.

RSVP AT: [BRACEBRIDGELIBRARY.CA/EVENTS](https://bracebridgellibrary.ca/events) ✨



Teen Programs

Dungeons & Dragons | RSVP ✨

Tuesday, June 6 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | Ages 13 - 17

Don't miss out on our last meeting before the summer holidays! Are you curious about Dungeons & Dragons, or an avid player looking for a space to play? Join our D&D group to connect with other players, complete campaigns, and learn more about the game. All levels of experience and abilities are welcome.

Tween Book Club | RSVP ✨

Tuesday, June 20 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM | Ages 10 - 12

Join our Tween Book Club for an evening full of fun games, books, and new friends! This monthly book club was created for tweens to have a space to enjoy and share their love for reading. For June, we will read about self-love and body positivity through the book "Starfish" by Lisa Fipps. Books are available starting June 1.

Rainbow Book Club | RSVP ✨

Thursday, June 29 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | Age 13 - 17

Rainbow Book Club is a safe space built to support and connect LGBTQ2S+ teens and allies. Representation matters, and this month we will be reading "Elatsoe" by Darcie Little Badger. FREE snacks are provided; books are available starting June 1.

Youth Advisory Committee | Drop-In

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Adult Programs



Adult Summer Reading Challenge

Friday, June 2 to Thursday, August 31 | **RSVP** ✨

The Adult Summer Reading Challenge is back and better than ever! The theme this year is **MYSTERIES**, and your challenge is to read 8 books in 3 months. Register and receive a suggested reading list and logbook. Once you have read your 8 books, return your logbook for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate for dinner at a local "mystery" restaurant. Are you up for the challenge?

Genealogy Group

Tuesdays | May 2 to July 25 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM | **Drop-In**

Are you interested in researching your family tree and lineage? Learn how to discover your history through Ancestry Library Edition, print documents, and online resources. Join our weekly drop-in genealogy workshops for assistance with digging into your family roots. All are welcome.

Bone Health with Crystal Ilcznya

Tuesday, June 6 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Did you know that by age 40 bone density will begin to deteriorate? Join registered Holistic Nutrition Practitioner, Crystal Ilcznya, as she highlights the ways that specific food groups, exercise, and supplements can help improve bone density as we age.

Appy Hour: TikTok

Wednesday, June 7 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | **RSVP** ✨

Need the 101 on TikTok? This online social media platform is a great way to promote a business, advertise products, make creative fun videos, and keep you entertained for hours! RSVP to learn about what it is all about.

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Adult Game Night

Wednesday, June 7 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Did you know the Library has a great board game collection? Join us for an adult game night featuring fun interactive games like Goat Lords, Catan, Clue, Bracebridge-opoly, and more! Snacks provided.

Insect Appreciation Day Walk

Thursday, June 8 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM | All Ages | **RSVP** ✨

Go on an evening bug walk with the Muskoka Conservancy and the Library for National Insect Appreciation Day. Learn the role insects play in our environment, how to locate them, and the best way to photograph them. Bring a smartphone or tablet with you to explore and help build your insect identification skills with iNaturalist. All ages welcome.

Cricut Creation: Canvas Market Totes

Saturday, June 10 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

June marks the start of the Bracebridge Farmer's Market. Get market-ready by creating a custom canvas tote bag. Learn how to use the Cricut and heat press to turn a canvas bag into a custom creation. Perfect for carrying all the produce you purchase at the market!

Muskoka Steamship & Discovery Centre

Tuesday, June 13 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Join Ann Curley a curator at the Muskoka Steamship & Discovery Centre as she talks about the Centre's exciting new exhibits slated for summer 2023. Learn about Muskoka's boat history from the Indigenous presence in Muskoka for more than 10,000 years, the last 250 years of development, and to the electrified Wanda III.

June Continued



Adult Programs



Seniors' Tea

Wednesday, June 14 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

June is Seniors' Month and we want to celebrate with you! Join us for a beautiful afternoon tea and information session with Tea on the 45. Owner Marc Baudendistel will provide refreshments inspired by English High Tea and talk about the history and traditions surrounding high tea service.

Chickens 101

Saturday, June 17 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | **RSVP** ✨

Interested in getting some backyard chickens but don't know where to begin? We're covering all the basics and teaching you how to get cracking with basic chicken care, coop considerations, different breeds, and more!

Drop-In Tech Help

Wednesday, June 21 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | **Drop In**

Need help with your tech devices? Drop-in to the Library to get help with your computer, tablet, eReader, or smartphone! Any questions you have about tech, we're here to help.

1-on-1 Tech Training

By appointment: The Bracebridge Library offers free 1 hour 1-on-1 tech training sessions. Get help with a new device or learning a new program on the computer. Call 705-645-4171 or email Info@BracebridgeLibrary.ca to set up your free session.

RSVP AT: [BRACEBRIDGELIBRARY.CA/EVENTS](https://www.bracebridgelibrary.ca/events) ✨

Section 53 | LIVE MUSIC

Wednesday, June 21 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM | **Drop-In**

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This day is to recognize, celebrate and honour Indigenous cultures and communities. Section 53 is honoured to share their music to help celebrate and remember their heritage, specifically the beautiful children who brought their bright lights and blew through every heart they touched.

Library Book Club: Canadian Authors

Wednesday, June 21 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Welcome to the Library Book Club! Each month we share books on a different topic or genre. Join us and broaden your reading to include new authors and new reading themes. Suggested reading lists are available. Refreshments provided. The theme for June is Canadian authors.

Bug Investigation with The District of Muskoka

Saturday, June 24 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Did you know that bugs are not only an important part of our ecosystem but are also indicators of water quality? Join The District Of Muskoka for their macroinvertebrate monitoring workshop, try hands on sampling techniques, and bring your smartphone or tablet to build your insect identification skills.

Twice Told Tales with Grace Taylor

Wednesday, June 28 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Do you have a passion for local history and want to learn more? Join local author Grace Taylor as she talks about her book "Twice Told Tales: Stories and Letters by Muskoka Families." Learn about Muskoka's history as told by those who lived it.





Say yes

TO YOUR DRESS!

FREE DRESSES & SUITS

PROM/GRAD DRESSES - MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



SATURDAY, MAY 13 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | DROP-IN



Seniors'
Tea

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, June 14

RSVP AT 705-645-4171

OR bracebridgelibrary.ca/seniors-tea/

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Party In the Park!

Friday, June 2 | 4:00 - 7:00 PM | Memorial Park



LIVE MUSIC | FUN GAMES | ACTIVITIES | FREE SNACKS | & MORE

It will be a night you don't want to miss! This event is free for all and fun for the whole family. Drop-in program.

July

2023 Programs

Children's Programs



Into Summer Reading Club | RSVP ✨

Tuesday, July 4 - Friday, August 25 | Ages 6 - 9

Read and record your books with us all summer long and play "Spin the Wheel" for a chance to win a fantastic prize! Also, receive reading prompts, learn fun facts, and play mini-games as you help us climb to our reading goal of 1,000 books. Report your books and spin the wheel at the Library weekdays from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm and 3:30 - 5:00 pm.

What's your summer reading goal?

Into the Desert Week | RSVP ✨

Tues, July 4 - Fri, July 7 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Ages 6 - 9

This week we will venture into the desert! Learn about tarantulas, lizards, and cacti through creative STEAM activities. Join us on Friday and meet real life reptiles with Scales Nature Park as we kick off our first week of summer programs! RSVP for the week or individual days.

Into the Rainforest Week | RSVP ✨

Mon, July 10 - Fri, July 14 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Ages 6 - 9

Join us and venture into the rainforest! We will explore the different layers of the rainforest through different STEAM activities. Make tiny terrariums, sock monkeys, craft a unique tree and test its strength, plus take home a fungi! RSVP for the week or individual days.



Children's Programs

Into the Woods Week | RSVP ✨

Mon, July 17 - Fri, July 21 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Ages 6 - 9

This week participants will journey into the woods! Each day will be a different fun woodland-themed STEAM activity. Experiment with making your own beaver dam or bird's nest, design your own animal notebook, learn about animal tracks, and make an adorable bear pin. RSVP for the week or individual days.

Into the Sea Week | RSVP ✨

Mon, July 24 - Fri, July 28 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Ages 6 - 9

This week we will be diving into the deep sea! Learn about whales, ocean currents, fresh water vs salt water, and how ocean tides affect everyday life. These sea themed STEAM activities will have you lost at sea. RSVP for the week or individual days.

Into the Stars Week | RSVP ✨

Mon, July 31 - Fri, August 4 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Ages 6 - 9

Join us as we launch into the stars! Learn about the different galaxies, planets, and constellations that shine in the night sky. Build your own twinkle light star sign and space rover. It's going to be out of this world! RSVP for the week or individual days.

Preschool Summer Reading & Storytime

Monday to Thursday | 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Ages 1.5 - 5 | Drop-In

Keep your little one entertained all summer with our Preschool Summer Reading & Storytime! Each day enjoy different collections of songs, stories, and themed craft activities that will keep your little ones busy. Share your recent reads and collect fun tags to track your summer reading progress!

Children's Programs



Parachute Club

Fridays | 10:30 - 11:00 AM | Ages 1.5 - 5 | **RSVP** ✨

To enjoy more of the summer season, Parachute Club will be moving outside to Memorial Park! Play with our giant parachute and bubble gun as we sing, learn new rhymes, and read fun stories. Rain days Parachute Club will be moved to the Library. 📍 Location: Memorial Park

Rainbow Party - Muskoka Pride Week | **RSVP**

Saturday, July 22 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM | Age 10 and under ✨

Kick-off Muskoka Pride at the Bracebridge Library! Our Rainbow Party is a children's party built for families to celebrate Muskoka Pride together! Make rainbow buttons, paint love rocks, enjoy rainbow themed snacks, create ribbon flags, and play pin the wig on the flamingo!



PRIDE!



Teen Programs



Tween & Teen Summer Reading Contest ✨

Tuesday, July 4 - Friday, August 25 | Ages 10 - 12 & 13 - 17

Do you want the chance to win a prize by simply reading books? Who wouldn't! For every book you check out from the Library this summer, you will receive one entry into our draw for a chance to win a grand prize! Tweens (ages 10-12) will have a chance at winning a \$30 gift card, and teens (ages 13-17) will be entered to win a \$50 gift card to a local store. Ready, set, read!

Young Bakers Academy | RSVP ✨

Thursdays | July 13 - August 24 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | Ages 10 - 12

Are you a tween new to baking and would like to improve your skills? The Bracebridge Library is proud to partner with Stevens' Your Independent Grocer to host a tween baking night every Thursday evening in their training kitchen. Learn new skills and try your creations all for free! All materials will be provided. Signed consent form is required. 📍 Location: 270 Wellington St



Tween Book Club | RSVP ✨

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Living Simple and Off-Grid with Heather Nessler

Tuesday, July 4 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Are you thinking about downsizing, living off the grid, or exploring in a camper van but don't know how to start? Join Heather Nessler, owner of Vanlife Ontario, as she speaks about her experience downsizing and living life simply. Learn about off-grid systems, where to get started, myths and facts about downsizing, and being aware of the resources you consume daily.

Appy Hour: VPNs

Wednesday, July 5 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | **RSVP** ✨

Keep yourself safe on public networks or while travelling with a VPN! Get started and learn which VPNs are best suited for you.

The Seven Wonders of the World: Green Screen Travel

Saturday, July 8 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Travel the world with us as we go over the history and mystery behind the Seven Wonders of the World. Learn more about these unique locations, followed by a fun photo shoot posing with your favourite locations.

Muskoka Conservancy Presents: Why Are Wetlands Important?

Saturday, July 15 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Muskoka is home to a vast number of wetlands, including marshes, bogs, and fens. Join Amanda Porter, Conservation Coordinator at the Muskoka Conservancy, and learn why wetlands are an important part of our ecosystem and how you can help protect them.

Craft Brewing with Katalyst Brewery

Tuesday, July 18 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM

19+ Licensed | **RSVP** ✨

What's better than a free beer tasting? Join Katalyst Brewery as they talk about the process of brewing craft beer. Learn how beer is made, the different types of beer, the business behind brewing, and sample some of their products! This is a 19+ event.

Drop-In Tech Help

Wednesday, July 19 |
10:00 - 11:00 AM | **Drop In**

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Cricut Creations: Bug Out Glass Etched Votives

Wednesday, July 26 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Muskoka summer night essentials are good friends and citronella candles! Using the Cricut, create two beautiful bug themed glass etched votives to hold citronella candles to keep the pesky mosquitoes away. All supplies provided including citronella candles!

Cookbook Show, Share and Smoothies!

Saturday, July 29 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Do you have a favourite cookbook? One that has the best recipe you have ever tried and will forever recommend? Come share your favourite cookbook and recipes with us while learning some great new ones. You will also get to sample a delicious summer fruit smoothie from one of our cookbooks!

Essential Skills for Micro Business

Wednesdays & Fridays | July 12 - August 4 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM

In partnership with YMCA Employment and Learning Services, the Bracebridge Library will be hosting a micro business workshop for local entrepreneurs. Help build the confidence to get your micro business off the ground by:

- researching your business
- making a business plan
- exploring resources available

Register by calling 705-787-0349 or by emailing
muskokalearns@sm.ymca.ca ✨



INTO SUMMER READING!

Weekly Programs & Reading Club

STEAM Programs - Summer Reading - Monday to Friday - Ages 6-9

Into Summer Reading Club

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Read and record your books with us all summer long and play "Spin the Wheel" for a chance to win a fantastic prize! Also, receive reading prompts, learn fun facts, and play mini-games as you help us climb to our goal of 1,000 books. ✨

Weekly Summer Programs

Monday - Friday | Fun STEAM based programs | Ages 6 - 9

July

Into the Desert Week ✨

Tues, July 4 - Fri, July 7 | 2 - 3 PM

Into the Rainforest Week ✨

Mon, July 10 - Fri, July 14 | 2 - 3 PM

Into the Woods Week ✨

Mon, July 17 - Fri, July 21 | 2 - 3 PM

Into the Sea Week ✨

Mon, July 24 - Fri, July 28 | 2 - 3 PM

August

Into the Stars Week ✨

Mon, July 31 - Fri, Aug 4 | 2 - 3 PM

Into the River Week ✨

Tues, Aug 8 - Fri, Aug 11 | 2 - 3 PM

Into the Farm Week ✨

Mon, Aug 14 - Fri, Aug 18 | 2 - 3 PM

Into the Unknown Week ✨

Mon, Aug 21 - Fri, Aug 25 | 2 - 3 PM

RSVP AT: BRACEBRIDGELIBRARY.CA/EVENTS ✨

August

2023 Programs

Children's Programs



Into Summer Reading Club | RSVP ✨

Tuesday, July 4 - Friday, August 25 | Ages 6 - 9

Read and record your books with us all summer long and play "Spin the Wheel" for a chance to win a fantastic prize! Also, receive reading prompts, learn fun facts, and play mini-games as you help us climb to our goal of 1,000 books. You can report the books and spin the wheel at the Library during weekdays from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm and 3:30 - 5:00 pm.

What's your summer reading goal?

Into the Stars Week | RSVP ✨

Mon, July 31 - Fri, Aug 4 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Ages 6 - 9

Join us as we launch into the stars! Learn about the different galaxies, planets, and constellations that shine in the night sky. Build your own twinkle light star sign and space rover. It's going to be out of this world! RSVP for the week or day.

Into the River Week | RSVP ✨

Tues, Aug 8 - Fri, Aug 11 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Ages 6 - 9

Muskoka is home to many rivers, and learn about how they work with Into the River Week. Explore how tadpoles become frogs, the science behind steamboats, making nest protectors for turtles, and creating pebble art. RSVP for the week or day.



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Into the Farm Week | RSVP ✨

Mon, Aug 14 - Fri, Aug 18 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Ages 6 - 9

This week we will venture into the farm! Explore different farm-themed STEAM projects daily including how to build your own tractor. Learn what life is like on the farm by planting and dissecting crops, doing a mini tractor pull, and much more. RSVP for the week or individual days.

Into the Unknown Week | RSVP ✨

Mon, Aug 21 - Fri, Aug 25 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Ages 6 - 9

Join us for the last week of summer programming as we venture into the unknown! Learn about the world's greatest mysteries and wonders featuring Marianas Trench, the Bermuda Triangle, the Loch Ness Monster, Easter Island, and Stonehenge. What do you think lies behind these great wonders? RSVP for the week or day.



Preschool Summer Reading & Storytime

Monday to Thursday | 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Ages 1.5 - 5 | Drop-In

Keep your little one entertained all summer with our Preschool Summer Reading & Storytime! Each day enjoy different collections of songs, stories, and themed craft activities that will keep your little ones busy. Share your recent reads and collect fun tags to track your summer reading progress!

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Parachute Club

Fridays | 10:30 - 11:00 AM | Ages 1.5 - 5 | **RSVP** ✨

To enjoy more of the summer season, Parachute Club will be moving outside to Memorial Park! Play with our giant parachute and bubble gun as we sing, learn new rhymes, and read fun stories. Rain days Parachute Club will be moved to the Library. 📍 Location: Memorial Park

Teen Programs



Tween & Teen Summer Reading Contest

Tuesday, July 4 - Friday, August 25 | Ages 10 - 12 & 13 - 17

Do you want the chance to win a prize by simply reading books? Who wouldn't!? For every book you check out from the Library this summer, you will receive one entry into our draw for a chance to win a grand prize! Tweens (ages 10-12) will have a chance at winning a \$30 gift card, and teens (ages 13-17) will be entered to win a \$50 gift card to a local store. Ready, set, read!

Young Bakers Academy | **RSVP**

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Thursdays | July 13 - August 24 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | Ages 10 - 12

Are you a tween new to baking and would like to improve your skills? The Bracebridge Library is proud to partner with Stevens' Your Independent Grocer to host a tween baking night every Thursday evening in their training kitchen. Learn new skills and try your creations all for free! All materials will be provided. Signed consent form is required. 📍 Location: 270 Wellington St
Thank you to Stevens' Your Independent Grocer for sponsoring this event.





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Tween Book Club | RSVP ✨

Tuesday, August 29 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM | Ages 10 - 12

Join our Tween Book Club for an evening full of fun games, books, and new friends! This monthly book club was created for tweens to have a space to enjoy and share their love for reading. For August, we will be reading the deepsea wonder that is "A Whale of the Wild" by Rosanne Parry. Books are available starting August 1.

Rainbow Book Club | RSVP ✨

Thursday, August 31 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | Ages 13 - 17

Rainbow Book Club is a safe space built to support and connect LGBTQ2S+ teens and allies. Representation matters, and this month we will talk about the bestselling paranormal novel "Cemetery Boys" by Aiden Thomas. FREE snacks are provided; books are available as of August 1.

Youth Advisory Committee | Drop-In

Wednesdays | 4:00 - 5:00 PM | Drop-In | Grades 9 - 12

Are you a high school student in need of volunteer hours? Join our Youth Advisory Committee to earn hours and have a say in Library programs and services. Don't forget, FREE snacks!



Adult Programs

Appy Hour: Libby

Wednesday, August 2 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | RSVP ✨

Did you know you can borrow free eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines with your Library card?! Learn how to download the Libby app and borrow items for free.



Adult Programs



Adult Summer Reading Challenge

Friday, June 2 to Thursday, August 31 | **RSVP** ✨

The Adult Summer Reading Challenge is back and better than ever! The theme this year is **MYSTERIES**, and your challenge is to read 8 books in 3 months. Register and receive a suggested reading list and logbook. Once you have read your 8 books, return your logbook for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate for dinner at a local "mystery" restaurant. Are you up for the challenge?

Custom Creation: Wooden Plank Pet Portraits

Saturday, August 5 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Calling all pet lovers! Join our custom creations program to create a unique portrait of your pet. We will teach you all the steps to create this unique wooden print you can repeat at home. Bring a picture of your pet and all other materials will be provided.

Wills, Probates, and Power of Attorney with Cameron Hoos

Thursday, August 10 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Have you thought about making a will but do not know how to get started? Join Cameron Hoos of Hoos Law Professional Corporation and learn about wills, probates, and power of attorney. All are welcome to this free law information session.

10th Annual Tall Pine Tales

Saturday, August 12 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | **RSVP** ✨

The Muskoka Cottage Country Writers proudly present the 10th annual Tall Pine Tales! This annual public reading series features talented local writers and authors reading excerpts from their latest work. Enjoy a variety of fiction, nonfiction, memoir, and humour stories. Refreshments provided. All are welcome.

Drop-In Tech Help

Wednesday, August 16 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | **Drop-In**

Need help with your tech devices? Drop-in to the Library to get help with your computer, tablet, eReader, or smartphone! Any questions you have about tech, we're here to help.

Custom Creation: Personalized Wind Chimes

Wednesday, August 23 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Enjoy the summer breeze and the August heat with this unique custom creation! Build a customized wind chime that perfectly complements any outdoor space. All supplies provided.

Library Book Club: Southern Fiction

Wednesday, August 30 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | **RSVP** ✨

Welcome to the Library Book Club! Each month we share books on a different topic or genre. Join us and broaden your reading to include new authors and new reading themes. Suggested reading lists are available. Refreshments provided. The theme for August is Southern Fiction.

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The Bracebridge Library offers free 1 hour 1-on-1 tech training sessions. Get help with a new device or learning a new program on the computer.

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Info@BracebridgeLibrary.ca
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Ready to Register?

Scan the QR to see our
2023 program calendar
& register!





Cool Things To Borrow

The Bracebridge Library offers a variety of unique collections beyond books. From Ontario Parks day permits to board games and a PlayStation; we have it all!

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and reserve your favourite items!**



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