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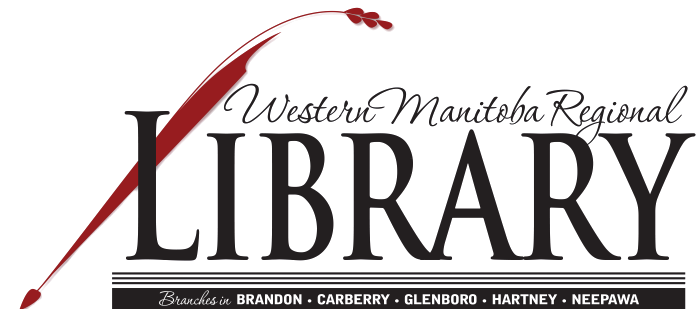
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Winter 2021 Virtual Program Guide for the



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Find us on social media @[wmrlibrary](https://twitter.com/wmrlibrary)

Program Registration

All WMRL programs are free.

To ensure the health and safety of our patrons as much as possible amidst COVID-19 concerns, all of our programs will be held virtually this season.

Registration requirements are noted for applicable programs. To register for a program, please email programs@wmrl.ca or call

204-727-6648 ext. 3



Outreach Services

Homebound Deliveries

All branches of the WMRL will deliver books and other materials to local patrons who are unable to make it to the library themselves. Patrons can specify which types of materials they would like to receive (eg. large print books, regular print books, audiobooks, magazines), which genres interest them, and how many books or other materials they would like to receive in a delivery. For more information, please contact your local library by email or phone. See the back of this pamphlet for contact information specific to each of our locations.

When our Libraries are open to the public, deliveries are limited to those who are physically unable to visit our locations. During COVID-19 related closures, deliveries may be available to others as well. Please contact your local branch for details.

Virtual Information Sessions

Are you a teacher or part of a community group that would like to learn more about the Library?

Although we are unable to provide Library tours during the COVID-19 pandemic, we can meet with you virtually and provide information about whichever programs and services are most relevant to you. Information sessions can include topics such as how to access e-Resources and how to utilize our website and online catalogue.

Email programs@wmrl.ca or call 204-727-6648 ext. 7 for more information.

Online Resources

In addition to our physical collection, the Library provides a wide range of electronic resources, from eBooks and audiobooks, as well as movies and music. Check out our eResources at wmrl.ca/eresources.



Mindfulness Workshop

Facilitated by Alex

Saturday, February 6

10:30 am-12:00 pm

Participants will be introduced to the basics of mindfulness. Through teaching, practice and discussion we will learn how to build this incredibly helpful skill into our daily lives. No previous experience is needed. Be prepared to settle in and get to know yourself.

This workshop will be held virtually over Microsoft Teams. Registration is required in advance, please email programs@wmrl.ca to secure your spot!



Children's Programs

Rhyme Time

Facilitated by Robin
Geared towards infants & toddlers

New videos posted on Tuesdays: February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9

Join us on Instagram or Facebook (search "WMRLibrary" and follow us) for videos of rhymes, lap bounces, and songs. Videos will be posted on Tuesday mornings and will remain up on our social media pages for caregivers to access at their convenience. To receive a package that includes all of the rhymes/songs, please email programs@wmrl.ca

Virtual Storytimes

Facilitated by Elayna, Paige, & Louise
Geared towards a preschool audience

Virtual Storytimes will continue into the new year! Follow @WMRLibrary on Instagram and join us on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am for a read aloud. Each video will remain accessible on our social media for 24 hours after the Livestream, in compliance with copyright rules.

Take & Make Crafts for Kids:

Brandon

Free craft kits for kids are available from the Shoppers Mall Library on a first-come, first-served basis each month!

January: Penguins

February: Stained glass hearts

March: Beaded shamrocks

Children's Programs

Arachnids All Around

with Lady Buggy

Monday, February 8th

(Professional Development Day for Brandon School
Division)

Ages 6-8: 11:00 am

Ages 9-12: 12:15 pm

Lady Buggy of Calgary will lead these hour-long educational programs all about arachnids. Real live tarantulas, scorpions, and other awesome arachnids will all make appearances!

This virtual program will be held over Microsoft Teams. Limited spots are available and registration is required ahead of time. Please email programs@wmrl.ca to secure a spot for your child/family.



Adults

Creative Writing

Facilitated by Alex

Meetings are held virtually on alternating Wednesdays

January 20, February 3, 17, March 3, 17, 31

7:00-9:00 pm

Submission deadlines for reading materials are due to alex@wmrl.ca on January 27, February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24. Submissions are limited to 1000 words each.

This Creative Writing program follows a workshop model. The group meets virtually every two weeks to provide each other with feedback on works in progress. In the intervening weeks, participants email their work to Alex, who then distributes the writing to everyone in the group. No previous writing experience is necessary!

As spots are limited, registration is required. Please email programs@wmrl.ca to get signed up.



Adults: Brandon

Take & Make Craft Kits

For ages 13+

Free craft kits will be available from our Shoppers Mall location on a first come, first served basis each month. You may reserve a kit by emailing wmrlshoppersmall@wmrl.ca or by calling 204-725-9901

Each kit will include the necessary supplies (any extras needed will be noted) as well as instructions for completing the craft. Instructional videos for visual learners will also be posted to our YouTube channel (search for Western Manitoba Regional Library and follow us).

January: Tassel Bookmarks

February: Paper Bead

March: Marbled Mugs



Youth Programs: Brandon

Take-home Coding Kits

Available to youth, ages 7-17

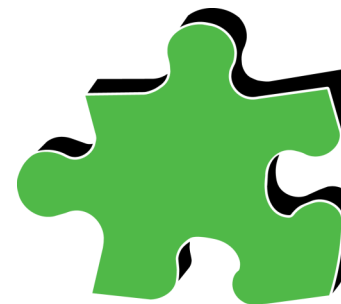
While our CoderDojo program is on hiatus due to COVID-19 constraints, the Library is pleased to introduce free Take-Home Coding Kits!

These kits will be available for borrowing from the Brandon Public Library and will include an iPad, wireless keyboard and mouse, as well as instructions for coding activities with varying levels of difficulty.

Coding kits can be borrowed for two weeks at a time. You must hold a valid Library membership and sign a waiver agreeing to be held responsible for lost or damaged equipment in order to borrow a kit.

For more information or to reserve a Take-home Coding Kit, please email programs@wmrl.ca or call 204-727-6648 ext. 7

Coding Kits were made possible thanks to funding provided by the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation. Thank you to the BNRC for their support!



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STEM Kits

For youth ages 9-12

Free STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Kits will be available for pick-up from our Shoppers Mall location on a first-come, first served basis. Please email wmrlshoppersmall@wmrl.ca or call 204-725-9901 to make arrangements for pick-up.

Instructions for each project will be included in the kits. Instructional videos will also be posted to our YouTube Channel (search for “Western Manitoba Regional Library” and subscribe). Kits will be released on the dates listed below and available until they run out.

February 6: Robotic Hand

February 13: Mason Jar Aquarium

February 20: Kaleidoscope

February 27: Gum Drop Structure



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Book Clubs

General Interest: Mondays, once per month

Non-Fiction: 4th Monday of each month

All Book Clubs are self-run at this time and meet virtually.

Spots are limited.

Those looking to join a book club can email programs@wmrl.ca to be connected to a group!

