

# 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 page 2 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](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca) or call 204-727-6648 ext. 9 for more information.

## Online Resources

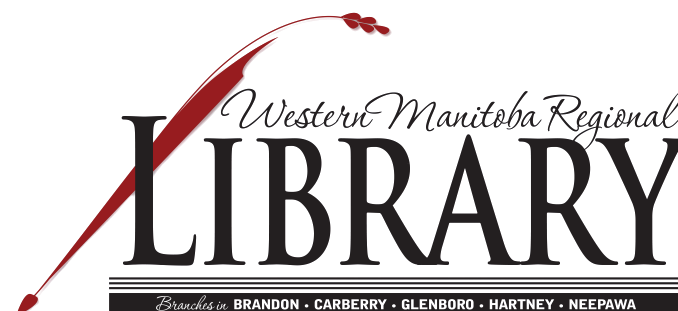
In addition to our physical collection, the Library provides a wide range of electronic resources, including eBooks and audiobooks, as well as movies and music. For a full list of our eResources, visit our website at [wmrl.ca/eresources](http://wmrl.ca/eresources)



Spring 2021

# Virtual Program Guide

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Find us on social media @WMRLibrary

# Program Registration

All WMRL programs are free to the public.

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](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca)**

If you need to reach out to your local branch (to reserve a take-home kit, request a delivery, etc.) please see the contact information below:

## **Brandon Downtown**

Program information: [programs@wmrl.ca](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca)

General inquiries: [info@wmrl.ca](mailto:info@wmrl.ca) or 204-727-6648 ext. 3

## **Brandon Shoppers Mall**

[wmrlshoppersmall@wmrl.ca](mailto:wmrlshoppersmall@wmrl.ca) or 204-725-9901

## **Carberry**

[carberry@wmrl.ca](mailto:carberry@wmrl.ca) or 204-834-3043

## **Glenboro**

[glenboro@wmrl.ca](mailto:glenboro@wmrl.ca) or 204-827-2874

## **Hartney**

[hartney@wmrl.ca](mailto:hartney@wmrl.ca) or 204-858-2102

## **Neepawa**

[neepawa@wmrl.ca](mailto:neepawa@wmrl.ca) or 204-476-5648

# Special Event

## **KAIROS Blanket Exercise**

**Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am-12:30 pm**

**Ages 18+ only**

**Held over Zoom**



Developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and educators, the KAIROS Blanket Exercise is an interactive & experiential teaching tool that explores the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in the land we now know as Canada. Participants are guided by trained facilitators who work from a script that covers pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization, resistance and much more. The exercise concludes with a talking circle, during which participants discuss the learning experience and deepen their understanding.

This workshop will be held virtually over Zoom. As spots are limited, registration is required in advance. Please email [programs@wmrl.ca](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca) to secure your spot!

**Trigger warning: The KAIROS Blanket Exercise walks through difficult life experiences, such as Indian Residential Schools, the Sixties Scoop and other instances of colonial violence and policies that have negatively affected Indigenous Peoples.**

## Adult Programs: Brandon

### Book Clubs

**General Interest: Mondays, once per month, at 7:00 pm**

**Non-Fiction: 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm**

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

Those looking to join a book club can email [programs@wmrl.ca](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca) to be connected to a group!

### Borrow a Tablet

Read e-books or listen to e-audiobooks from home with a Samsung tablet borrowed from the Library!

Library staff can pre-load a tablet with books of your choosing to assist with ease of use. These tablets can be borrowed for up to 8 weeks at a time.

The Library would like to thank Brandon Area Community Foundation as well as the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund for funding that allowed for the purchase these tablets.

To request to borrow a tablet, please email [programs@wmrl.ca](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca) or call 204-727-6648 ext. 9 and speak to Louise.



**Emergency  
Community  
Support Fund**

## Children's Programs

### Virtual Storytimes

**Facilitated by Paige**

**Geared towards a preschool audience**

**Wednesdays at 10:30 am**

Follow us @WMRLibrary on Instagram or Facebook and tune in for read alouds. Videos will remain accessible on our social media for 24 hours after the Livestream, in compliance with publisher permissions.

### Pajama Storytime

**Facilitated by Robin**

**Geared towards a family audience**

New videos will be posted on the following Tuesday evenings:

**April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11**

Put on your favourite PJs and join us on Instagram or Facebook (@WMRLibrary) for bedtime stories, rhymes, and songs. Videos will be posted on Tuesday evenings and will remain up on our social media pages for families to access at their convenience.

### Take & Make Crafts

Free craft kits for kids are available on a first-come, first-served basis each month. See below for participating locations. Contact your local branch to reserve a kit!

**April: Caterpillars**

Available in Brandon (Shoppers Mall), Carberry, & Hartney

**May: Butterflies**

Available in Brandon (Shoppers Mall), Carberry, Hartney, & Neepawa

**June: Rainbows**

Available in Brandon (Shoppers Mall), Carberry, & Hartney

# Children's Programs

Assiniboine Park Zoo presents

## The Needs of Living Things: How Zoos Care

Saturday, May 29 10:00-11:00 am

Ages 6-12

Held over Zoom

Assiniboine Park Zoo employees will present on *The Needs of Living Things: How Zoos Care*. All animals have the same basic needs, but animals in the Zoo meet some of those needs differently. Discover the passionate people who work at Assiniboine Park Zoo to learn how they ensure all of our animals' needs are met!

Limited spots are available. Please email [programs@wmrl.ca](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca) to secure a spot for your child/family.

## LEGO CLUB: Virtual Edition

Facilitated by Kendal

Ages 5+

New videos will be shared to YouTube on April 3, May 1, June 5

LEGO Club returns in a virtual format. Check out the WMRL YouTube page (search for "Western Manitoba Regional Library" and subscribe) on the 1st Saturday of the month for a new LEGO challenge. Participants must have their own building materials (substitutions will be suggested for those without LEGO). Send us a photo of your creation via Facebook or Instagram (@WMRLibrary on both) or email it to [programs@wmrl.ca](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca) and we will share it to our social media and give you a shoutout!

# Adult Programs

## Creative Writing

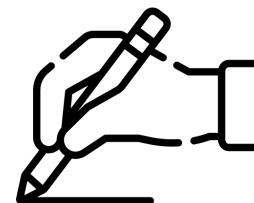
Facilitated by Alex

Meetings are held virtually over Zoom

Spring meetings will be held on alternating Wednesdays

April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26, June 9 & 23

7:00-9:00 pm



Submission deadlines for reading materials are due to [alex@wmrl.ca](mailto:alex@wmrl.ca) on April 21, May 5 & 19, June 2 & 16.

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!

Registration is required. Please email [programs@wmrl.ca](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca) to get signed up.

# **Adult Programs**

## **Take & Make Craft Kits**

**For ages 13+**

Free craft kits will be available at participating locations on a first come, first served basis each month. You may reserve a kit by contacting your local branch (see page 2 of this pamphlet for contact information).

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).

**April: Macrame Rainbows**

**Available at Brandon Shoppers Mall, Carberry, Glenboro, & Hartney**

**May: Yarn Butterflies**

**Available at Brandon Shoppers Mall, Carberry, Hartney, & Neepawa**

**June: Concrete Coasters**

**Available at Brandon Shoppers Mall, Carberry, Glenboro, & Hartney**

# **Youth Programs: Brandon**

## **STEM Kits**

**For youth ages 9-12**

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

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).

**April: Melting Snowman Oobleck**

**May: Layers of the Earth Playdough**

**June: Pool Noodle Periscope**

## **Take-Home Coding Kits**

**Available to youth, ages 7-17**

Coding Kits are available for borrowing from the Brandon Public Library and include an iPad, wireless keyboard and mouse, as well as instructions for coding activities.

Kits can be borrowed for two weeks at a time.

For more information or to reserve a kit, please email [programs@wmrl.ca](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca) or call 204-727-6648 ext. 9

Coding Kits were made possible thanks to funding provided by the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation!



## All Ages

### Storyteller: Michael Kusugak

**Saturday, April 10**

**Children's session (ages 6+): 10:00-11:00 am**

**Adult session: 11:15 am-12:15 pm**

**Held over Zoom**

Canadian Children's writer Michael Kusugak's books include *Northern Lights: The Soccer Trails* and *A Promise is a Promise* (co-written with Robert Munsch). Kusugak will read, share stories about Inuit culture, and discuss storytelling.

Registration is required. Please email [programs@wmrl.ca](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca)

The WMRL would like to acknowledge the support of Canada Council for the Arts and The Writers' Union of Canada.



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## NASA's Artemis Program: Our Return to the Moon

**Tuesday, May 11**

**Children's session (ages 6+): 10:00-10:30 am**

**Adult session: 10:45-11:15 am**

**Held over Zoom**

Patricia Moore, Communication Strategist for NASA, will present on the Artemis Program and NASA's plans to return to the moon.

A chance for Q&A about living & working in space, astronaut training, and more will follow.

## Adult Programs

**Winnipeg Public Library's  
Writer-in-Residence**

**Lauren Carter presents**

**Creating Fictional**

**Characters**

**Saturday, April 24**

**10:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Held over Zoom**

Lauren Carter is a multi-genre writer of fiction, poetry, and non-fiction. Her published works include the novels *Swarm* and *This Has Nothing to Do with You*. Carter is the current Writer-in-Residence for Winnipeg Public Library. She will present an online workshop to WMRL patrons on Creating Fictional Characters.

Characters make or break a story. The truer to life they are for the writer, the more vivid they'll be for the reader. In this online workshop, Winnipeg Public Library Writer-in-Residence Lauren Carter will lead you through several writing exercises to explore your fictional character's appearance, past, emotional realities, and objectives. Come prepared to write!

Thanks to the Winnipeg Public Library for making this event possible.