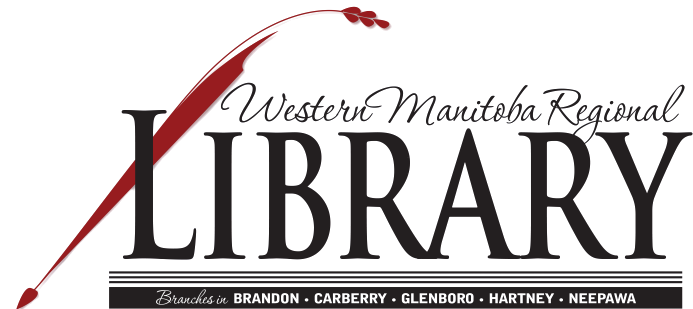




Brandonites is the Western Manitoba Regional Library's first podcast. Each episode features an interview with someone from the city of Brandon who is involved in something interesting. We hear what inspires them, what they're up to in our city, what keeps them going and what they've been reading lately. Our objective is to highlight local people who are redefining what it means to be a Brandonite.

You can listen to episodes at
www.anchor.fm/brandonites

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Visit our website: wmrl.ca



Find us on social media @[WMRLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/WMRLibrary)



YouTube channel:
“**Western Manitoba Regional Library**”

Program Registration

All WMRL programs are FREE to attend.

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

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

General inquiries: info@wmrl.ca or 204-727-6648 ext. 3

Brandon Shoppers Mall

wmrlshoppersmall@wmrl.ca or 204-725-9901

Carberry

carberry@wmrl.ca or 204-834-3043

Glenboro

glenboro@wmrl.ca or 204-827-2874

Hartney

hartney@wmrl.ca or 204-858-2102

Neepawa

neepawa@wmrl.ca or 204-476-5648

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 (homebound, isolating, etc.). 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.

Virtual Information Sessions

Are you 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. 9 for more information.

Online Resources

In addition to our physical collection, the Library provides a wide range of electronic resources, including e-Books and e-Audiobooks, digital newspaper access, movies, music, and more. For a full list of our eResources, visit our website at wmrl.ca/eresources



Adult Programs: Brandon

Book Clubs

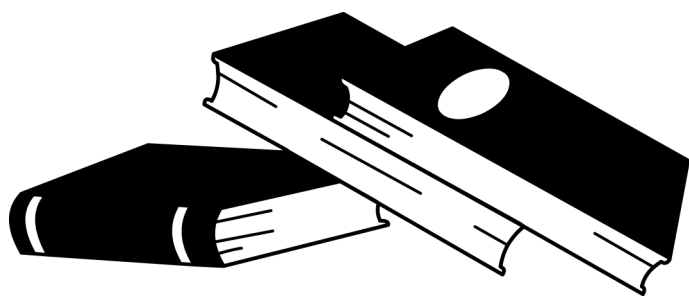
General Interest: Mondays, once per month, at 7:00 pm

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

All Library Book Clubs are self-run at this time and meet virtually over Zoom or outdoors in a socially distanced setting (when restrictions and weather permit).

The Library provides book club kits free of charge and we offer a wide variety of titles to choose from.

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



Children's Programs

Summer Reading Program

Anyone between ages 0-18 is welcome to join.

Program runs from June 28 to August 20.

Pick up a reading log from your local branch (if we are closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, please call or email ahead of time), or use your own notebook at home. Simply read as much as you want each week for 8 weeks (see dates above) and record the title and author of each book you read. You'll earn a halfway prize if you read every week for 4 weeks and a final prize for reading all 8 weeks.

For more information, visit our website, wmrl.ca, or email programs@wmrl.ca

Virtual Storytime

Facilitated by Paige

Geared towards a preschool audience

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Follow us [@WMRLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/WMRLibrary) on Instagram and tune in for new read alouds every Wednesday. Paige surprises us with a different theme each week! Some weeks offer accompanying crafts that can be picked up from the Brandon Shoppers Mall branch (or recreated at home)!

Videos will remain accessible on our social media for 24 hours after the Livestream, in compliance with publisher permissions.

Children's Programs

LEGO CLUB: Virtual Edition

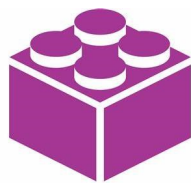
Facilitated by Kendal

Ages 5+

New videos will be shared to YouTube once a month:

July 5 & August 5

Check out the WMRL YouTube page (search for “Western Manitoba Regional Library” and subscribe) on the 5th 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 and we will share it to our social media and give you a shoutout!



Take & Make Crafts

Free craft kits for kids are available on a first-come, first-served basis each month. Kits will be available from the Brandon Shoppers Mall location, Carberry, Glenboro, Hartney, and Neepawa branches. Contact your local branch to reserve a kit!

July: Pop Bottle Fireflies

August: Pool Noodle Monsters

September: Pom Pom Hedgehogs

Adult Programs

Creative Writing

Facilitated by Alex

Meetings are held on alternating Wednesdays:
July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18, September 1, 15, & 29

7:00-9:00 pm

Held over Zoom



Submission deadlines for reading materials are due to
alex@wmrl.ca on

July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22

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 to get signed up.

Adult Programs

Lauren Carter: Writing During Difficult Times

Saturday, July 3
9:00 am-12:00 pm
Held over Zoom

Lauren Carter is an acclaimed multi-genre writer of fiction, poetry, and non-fiction. Her published works include the novels *Swarm* and *This Has Nothing to Do with You*.

In this virtual workshop, Lauren Carter will share lessons learned in writing during difficult times. Registration is required. Please email programs@wmrl.ca to sign-up and receive the Zoom meeting link.

Nora Decter: The Writing Process

Saturday, August 14
10:00 am-12:00 pm
Held over Zoom

Nora Decter is an award-winning author and educator. Her works include the YA novel *How Far We Go and How Fast*.

In this workshop, Nora Decter will introduce different writing techniques and concepts with the goal of demystifying the writing process. Registration is required. Please email programs@wmrl.ca to sign-up and receive the Zoom meeting link.



Children's Programs

Lady Buggy presents

Squirmy Wormy Bug Science

Ages 5+
Wednesday, July 21
11:00 am-12:00 pm
Held over Zoom

You dig in the dirt and find a long, skinny creature squirming along. It's a worm, right? Maybe not! Dig a little deeper into bug science and learn the difference between earthworms, millipedes, beetle larvae, and more.

Please email programs@wmrl.ca to register your child/family.

Royal Tyrrell Museum presents

Discovering Dinosaurs

Ages 5+
Thursday, August 12
1:15-2:00 pm
Held over Zoom

Explore Dinosaur Hall at the Royal Tyrrell Museum from the comfort of home! This tour introduces participants to the study of paleontology, and the dinosaurs that lived in ancient Alberta. We will learn about carnivores and herbivores, predators and prey, and plants and the ancient environment. After the tour, there will be lots of time for questions with the museum's dinosaur experts. Email programs@wmrl.ca to sign-up.



Children's Programs

Assiniboine Park Zoo presents

Life at the Zoo:

Understanding Life Cycles

Ages 5+

Thursday, August 19

10:00-11:00 am

Held over Zoom

Whether they are born here, come here, or leave here – every zoo animal experiences part or all of their lifecycle at the zoo. Learn how our zoo supports animals throughout their lifecycle, and helps animal lifecycles in the wild!

Limited spots are available, please email programs@wmrl.ca to register your child/family.

Bookish Baking Series

Facilitated by Kendal

Open to all ages

New videos will be posted to YouTube on Fridays

July 16, 23, 30, August 6

Find us on YouTube by searching for "Western Manitoba Regional Library" and subscribing. Tune in on the above dates as we share simple recipes inspired by some of our favourite books!

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).

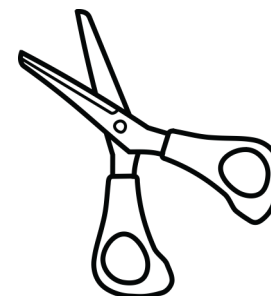
Each kit will include the necessary supplies (any extras needed will be noted) as well as instructions for completing the craft.

All kits will be available from the Brandon Shoppers Mall location, Carberry, Glenboro, Hartney, and Neepawa branches. Please contact your local branch to reserve a kit. Supplies are limited.

July: Beach Terrariums

August: Sun Catchers

September: Glass Glitter Magnets



Adult Programs

Square Foot Gardening with Mick Manfield

**Monday, July 5
7:00-8:00 pm
Held over Zoom**

Mick Manfield is an avid Master Gardener, Master Composter and Square Foot Gardening Instructor. He loves to pass on his knowledge about Square Foot Gardening to gardening groups.

This presentation will cover the 10 basic principles of Square Foot Gardening and some practical ideas for organizing a square foot garden.

A PDF copy of the presentation will be available for those who want it.

To register, please email programs@wmrl.ca.



Youth Programs: Brandon Edible STEM Kits

**Facilitated by Julia
Ages 9-12**

Free STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Kits will be available for pick-up from the Brandon Shoppers Mall location on a first-come, first served basis. Be sure to check our social media for release dates.

Please email 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).

July: Homemade Ice Cream

Rock Candy

August: Edible Soil Layers

Solar Oven S'mores

Youth Programs

Wreck This Journal Club

Facilitated by Julia

Ages 9+

Prompts will be posted to the Library's social media every Thursday throughout the summer

June 24-August 26

All you need to participate is a blank journal or notebook. Each week, we will share a prompt for decorating (or “wrecking”) a page of your journal to our Facebook and Instagram pages (follow us @WMRLibrary). Tap into your creativity and let your imagination run wild! Each prompt will have lots of room for interpretation. If you participate, please share your creations with us by sending a Facebook or Instagram message OR by emailing a photo to programs@wmrl.ca

Amateur Photography

Facilitated by Kendal

Ages 12+

Wednesdays: July 7, 14, 21, 28

2:00-2:45 pm

Held over Zoom

In this 4-week virtual program, teens will get an introduction to photography and learn tips and tricks for taking better photos! Participants must have their own cameras. Modifications will be suggested for various types of cameras. Registration is required.

Email programs@wmrl.ca to sign-up.

Adult Programs

Author Visit: Harold R. Johnson

Saturday, September 11

10:00-11:30 am CT

Held over Zoom

Harold R. Johnson is a best-selling author and former Crown prosecutor, whose books include *Firewater: How Alcohol Is Killing My People (And Yours)*. Harold will join us over Zoom for an author visit and reading, during which he will discuss his latest book, *Peace and Good Order: The Case for Indigenous Justice in Canada*. The book delves into Canada's justice system and its failure to effectively deliver justice to Indigenous people, ensuring long-term damage to Indigenous communities.

Email programs@wmrl.ca to sign-up and receive the Zoom meeting link for this special event.

