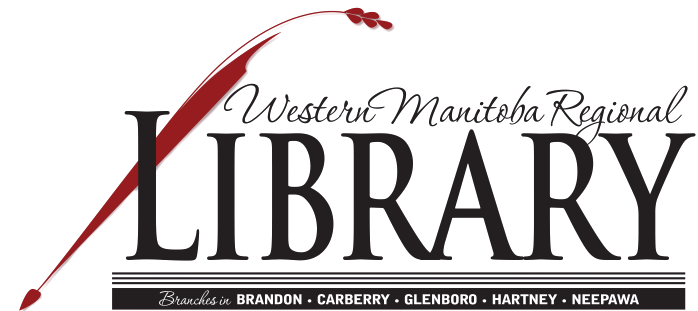




Brandonites is the Western Manitoba Regional Library's first podcast. Each episode features an interview with someone from the city of Brandon who is involved in something interesting. We hear what inspires them, what they're up to in our city, what keeps them going and what they've been reading lately. 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

Fall 2021 Program Guide for the



Visit our website: wmrl.ca



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“**Western Manitoba Regional Library**”

Program Registration

All WMRL programs are FREE to attend.

Any in-person programming will be held in accordance with public health guidelines and mandates. This may include social distancing, mask-wearing, hand sanitization, and/or proof of vaccination.

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.

Tours & Information Sessions

Are you part of a community group that would like to learn more about the Library? We can meet with you virtually over platforms such as Zoom and Teams and provide information about whichever programs and services are most relevant to your group. Depending on public health orders and restrictions, we may also be able to provide in-person tours this season. 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



Adults: Brandon

Scrabble Club

Hosted by The Brandon Scrabble Club

Held at Downtown Brandon branch

Wednesdays, beginning October 6

1:00-4:00 pm

Join members of The Brandon Scrabble Club for an afternoon of Scrabble, coffee, and laughs. Scrabble boards are provided by the club and all levels of skill are welcome.

No registration is required for this program.

Please note that due to COVID-19 concerns and public health orders, all participants will be required to wear masks and to provide proof of vaccination in order to participate.



Children's Programs

Virtual Storytime

Facilitated by Paige

Geared towards a preschool audience

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Follow us @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.

Take & Make Crafts

October: Paper Plate Spider Web

November: Puffy Tissue Paper Poppy

December: Craft Stick Christmas Tree

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!

Children's Programs: Brandon

LEGO Club

Facilitated by Kendal

Ages 5+

Downtown Brandon branch

Saturdays, October 2, November 6, & December 4

10:30– 11:15 am

New LEGO building challenges will be presented to participants each month, along with LEGO-themed adaptations of classic games. This program is free to attend and all LEGO will be supplied by the Library.

Spots will be limited and masks will be mandatory for all participants. We also require that guardians fill out a COVID-19 questionnaire for their child prior to the program. To sign-up, please email programs@wmrl.ca.

Storytime in the Park

Wednesday, October 6th, 10:30-11:00 am

Held at Princess Park in Brandon

All ages welcome, geared towards a preschool audience + caregivers

Join us in Princess Park where we will read stories and offer snacks and craft kits. No registration is required for this FREE children's program.

NOTE: This event is subject to the weather. Please stay tuned to our social media, as we will post an update if any location changes are necessary.

Adults: Brandon

Book Clubs

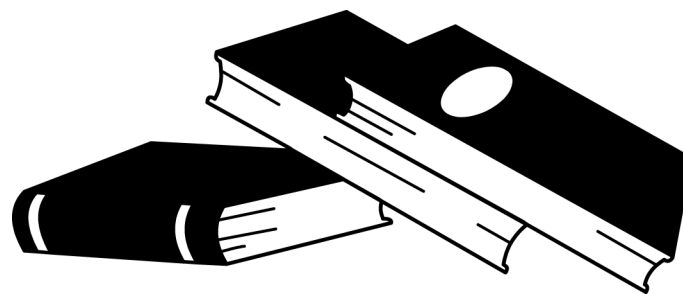
General Interest: 1st OR 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 pm

Non-Fiction: 4th Monday of each month, 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.



Adult Programs

Creative Writing

Facilitated by Alex

Meetings are held virtually over Zoom on alternating

Wednesdays:

October 13 & 27, November 10 & 24, December 8 & 22

7:00-9:00 pm

**Submission deadlines for reading materials are due to
alex@wmrl.ca on October 20, November 3 & 17,
December 1 & 15**

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 to get signed up.



Youth Programs

Kids Coding Club

Ages 8-12

Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 pm

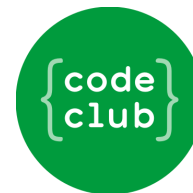
Oct 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec 1

Held over Zoom

Facilitated by Kids Code Jeunesse, the Library is offering an 8-week virtual coding club for youth who are interested in learning to code. No previous experience with coding is necessary, as this session will be geared towards beginners.

This is a free program, but participants must have access to the internet and a computer to attend the meetings. All WMRL branches offer options for coding kits that can be borrowed if you do not own a computer, and there may be opportunities to attend from your local branch for those without internet access at home.

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



All Ages: Brandon
Local Author Reading:
Cyndi Wiebe

All ages
Saturday, October 16
10:00-11:00 am
Downtown Brandon branch

Join Niverville-based artist and author Cyndi Wiebe. She will read from her new children's book, *Molly & Space for Adventure*. Follow Molly and Mr. Cow on an incredible adventure that all happens when they should be tucked into bed!

No registration is required for this free event. Masks are required for all attendees.

Thank you to the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba for partnering with us on this event. Cyndi Wiebe's artwork is featured at the AGSM in the Community Gallery as part of an exhibit titled *Conflux*. The exhibit will run from September 2 to October 16.



Adults: Brandon
Walking Tour:
Death, Disasters, and Disease in
the Wheat City

Wednesday, October 20, 10:30 am
or

Saturday, October 23, 10:30 am
Tours begin and end at the Downtown branch of the
Brandon Public Library (710 Rosser Avenue).

Join the WMRL and BGMA in the heart of Downtown Brandon, as we investigate some of the darker parts of our city's history. This walking tour will delve into the more grisly pieces of our past: epidemics, murders, deadly accidents, and other shocking stories from the "good" old days of the Wheat City.

This is a free event, but spots are limited. Please email programs@wmrl.ca to register for a tour.

Please note that this tour will involve the discussion of mature themes. Public health orders may require changes to the delivery of this event. All registrants will be updated in advance.



Adult Programs

Social Media's Impact on Mental Health

**Saturday, December 4
10:00-11:00 am
Held over Zoom**

With a growing trend to live, share, and experience our lives through the medium of social media, we are increasingly at risk for a variety of mental health stressors. This presentation, facilitated by the Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute, explores the impact of social disconnection, the technology-driven culture of perfectionism and the relentless fear of missing out (FOMO).

Access to/use of cameras and microphones are strongly recommended.

To register, please email programs@wmrl.ca.

The Library would like to thank and acknowledge Westman Mental Wellness and Suicide Prevention Association for providing grant funding that made this program possible.



All Ages

Take & Make Craft Kits

All ages

**October: Spooky Spider Candle Holder
November: Macrame Leaf
December: Cork Christmas Tree**

Free craft kits will be available at participating locations on a first come, first served basis each month.

Each kit will include the necessary supplies (any extras needed will be noted) as well as instructions for completing the craft. Hot glue guns are available for borrowing from the Shoppers Mall branch.

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.



All Ages

Stories Around the Campfire

All ages
Saturday, October 30
10:00-11:00 am
Held over Zoom

Join us over Zoom for family-friendly stories shared over a virtual campfire. This program comes just in time to help you get into the Halloween spirit!

To sign-up and receive the Zoom meeting link, please email programs@wmrl.ca



Adult Programs

Indigenous Author Series:

Richard Van Camp

Saturday, November 13
10:00-11:00 am
Held over Zoom

The Library's Indigenous Author Series continues! This season, our guest is Richard Van Camp. Van Camp will join us over Zoom to discuss his book, *Gather: Richard Van Camp on the Joy of Storytelling* and the art and tradition of storytelling.

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

The Library would like to thank and acknowledge the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation for providing grant funding that made this event possible.

