

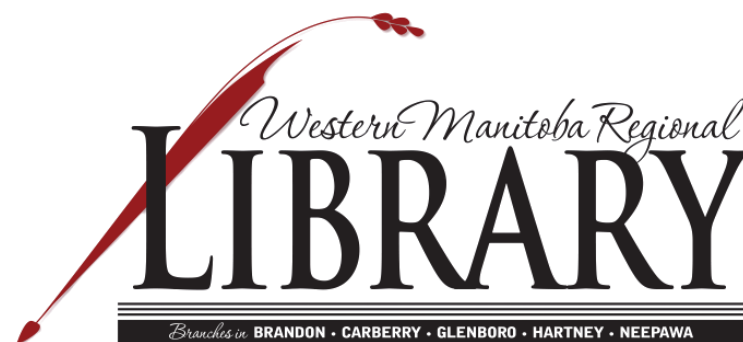


*Brandonites* is the Western Manitoba Regional Library's first podcast. Each episode features an interview with someone from the city of Brandon who is involved in something interesting. We hear what inspires them, what they're up to in our city and what they've been reading lately. Our goal is to highlight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

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Season Two is coming in Spring of 2022!

# Spring 2022 Program Guide for the



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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. We recommend respecting these guidelines. Please call your local branch or check our website for updates.

**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

# 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 to 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](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 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](http://wmrl.ca/eresources)



# Neepawa Public Library

## Contact Info:

204-476-5648 / neepawa@wmrl.ca

## Spring Break Library Scavenger Hunt!

March 28th to April 1st: Drop in to the Neepawa Library for a Library Scavenger Hunt. The age categories are: Preschool, 6 to 10 and 11 to whatever. Everyone gets a prize!

## Storytime Club Kits

Register your preschooler for a StoryTime Kit to pick up alternate weeks at the Library. Each kit has two picture books, rhymes and games that can be done together, as well as a themed craft kit.

## Storytime for Preschoolers

Dependent on Public Health Guidelines, we plan to start weekly Storytime again at the Neepawa Library. Please call to register for upcoming sessions.



# 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 crafts that can be picked up from the Brandon Shoppers Mall branch or recreated at home. Videos will be accessible on our social media for 24 hours after the livestream, in compliance with publisher permissions.

## Saturday Storytime

April 30th, May 28th, June 25th

1 PM

@ Shoppers Mall branch

Join us for a story, some rhymes and maybe even some crafts at our new location in the Shoppers Mall.

## Take & Make Crafts

April: Easter Egg Doilies

May: Plant Pots

June: Stained Glass Rocks

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

## Coding Club

Ages 8 to 12

**Wednesdays from 4 PM to 5 PM**

**April 6th to May 25th**

**Held over Zoom**

With Kids Code Jeunesse, we are offering an eight-week virtual coding club for youth who are interested in learning to code. No previous experience 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 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](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca) to register your child.

## STEM Craft Kits

**April 16th: Crystal Names**

**May 14th: Magnetic Painting**

**June 18th: Slime**

Come by the Shoppers Mall branch to pick up an interesting STEM craft kit that you can put together at home. Instructions will be included. Please email [wmrlshoppersmall@wmrl.ca](mailto:wmrlshoppersmall@wmrl.ca) or call 204-725-9901 to reserve a kit.

# Hartney/Grassland Library

## **Contact Info:**

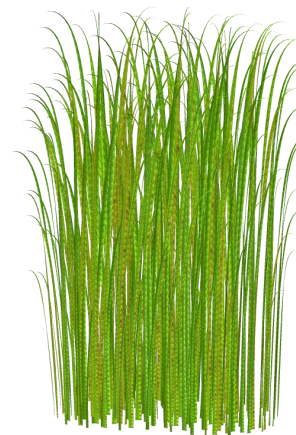
204-858-2102 / [hartney@wmrl.ca](mailto:hartney@wmrl.ca)

## **Book Club:**

Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month, January through June. The group meets in the library activity room @ 1:30 PM. Book club kits are available for reading and discussion. New members are welcome.

## **Arts West Travelling Gallery:**

Arts West is hoping to return to an in-person Westman Juried Art Show this spring. If Public Health regulations permit, the show will be held from April 29th to May 1st, hosted by the Turtle Mountain Arts Council. If the show is a go, 20 works will be chosen by the jurors for the Travelling Gallery.



# **Glenboro/South Cypress Library**

## **Birds and the Bees**

Starting on Earth Day, we will be celebrating the Earth by talking about the birds and the bees... well, sort of:

- Caring for the Earth's resources is an important part of our responsibility as humans. There will be book displays on topics such as: honey bees, gardening, bird watching, and other Earth Day topics.
- Activity packages will be available for kids from ages 5 to 12 that will include different things to do in the Spring, word searches, coloring pages, and other fun games.
- Starting on May 5th, seed kits will be ready to go with supplies to get your seeds started (indoors) to be ready to plant in the gardening season!
- A mini-seed library will start on May 3rd. This will include seed packets that you can "borrow" from the library to plant at your home. Selection will be mostly for fruits and vegetables, with some flowers possible. Selection will be based on a first-come, first-served basis

## **Mother's Day Prize Draw**

Celebrate mothers by entering a local prize draw to win a prize pack for a special mother. Details of the prize available to be won will be shared on the Glenboro/South Cypress Library's Facebook page (must enter draw in person). Draw to begin April 25th and drawn on May 6th.

## **Father's Day prize Draw**

Celebrate fathers by entering a local prize draw to win a prize pack for a special father. Details of the prize available to be won will be shared on the Glenboro/South Cypress Library's Facebook page (must enter draw in person). Draw to begin June 6th and draw date is June 17th.

# **Children's Programs**

## **Lego Club**

**Ages 5 and up**

**@ Downtown Brandon branch, in the Meeting Room**

**Saturdays**

**April 2nd, May 7th & June 4th**

**From 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM**

New LEGO building challenges will be presented 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. To sign-up, please email [programs@wmrl.ca](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca).

## **Comic Creations**

**Ages 7 to 9: April**

**Ages 9 to 12: May**

**Tuesdays from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM**

**@ Downtown Brandon branch, in the Program Room**

Kids are invited to learn the basics of comics and cartooning. We will explore characters, dialogue bubbles, plot, and paneling. Come explore the world of making comics and get creative in this fun and dynamic class!

# Children's Programs

## Reading Assistance Program

Ages 5 to 9

Saturdays from 11 AM to 12 PM

(Except April 16th & May 21st)

@ Downtown Brandon branch, in the Meeting Room

The Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba is facilitating a Reading Assistance Program for children, facilitated by retired teachers, at the Downtown branch of the Brandon Public Library.

This program is free to attend, but participants must register ahead of time.

Please note that due to COVID-19 concerns and public health orders, all participants may be required to wear masks and to follow any additional guidelines that are put into place by the province.



## Summer Reading Program

Stay tuned to our social media pages and website for updates on the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

# Carberry

**Contact Info:** 204-834-3043 / [laurie@wmrl.ca](mailto:laurie@wmrl.ca)

**Coding Club:** 4 PM on Wednesdays. This club meets after school at the library to work on coding projects together. Work at your own pace on projects you're interested in. Chromebooks with mice available for borrowing. All levels of coders welcome. Please call to register.

**Book Clubs:** We meet once a month, usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, dates and locations are flexible. Contact us to join.

**Puzzles and Board Games:** Choose from a large selection of puzzles and board games. New puzzles arrive every day and our selection is constantly changing. We're always taking donations of good quality puzzles to add to our collection.

**Story Time and Craft:** Wednesdays at 10 AM, starting April 13th.

**Learn to Play Dungeons and Dragons:** First three Saturday afternoons in May. Learn the basics of how to play this classic role-playing game. We will cover how to create a character, basic game mechanics, and play a few mini adventures. Designed for beginners. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in joining us.

Please be aware that we will follow all public health recommendations in our programming. We will continue to disinfect all surfaces and provide space to social distance. Please do not attend programming if you are not feeling well. Staff and participants may still choose to wear a mask. We expect that all our patrons will be respectful of others and we appreciate your patience if we need to make changes.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok  
@carberrylibrary for updates and more events. 11

## **Adult Programs**

### **Scrabble Club**

**Hosted by The Brandon Scrabble Club**

**@ Downtown Brandon branch, in the Program Room**

**Wednesdays**

**From 1 PM to 4 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 may be required to wear masks and to provide proof of vaccination in order to participate.



## **All Ages Programs**

### **VR Play**

**Saturdays in April, May & June**

**10:15 AM to 12:30 PM**

**@ Downtown Brandon branch, in the Program Room**

Come get strapped into our Virtual Reality system to explore, learn and play. People of all ages are welcome to book a one-hour session in our Program Room. Please email [programs@wmrl.ca](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca) to book your session.



### **Earth Day Craft Kit**

**April 22nd**

**All WMRL branches**

Visit your local WMRL branch to pick up a Take & Make kit to create your own birdseed cookies in honour of Earth Day. Once you hang these feeders up outside, keep an eye out for all the different birds that show up!



## **Adult Programs**

### **Book Clubs**

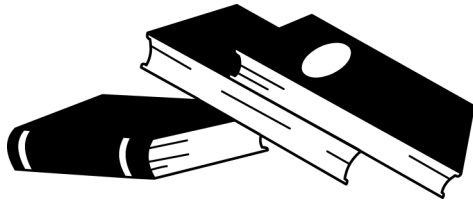
**General: 1st or 2nd Monday of each month, 7 PM**

**Non-Fiction: 4th Monday of each month, 7 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](mailto:programs@wmrl.ca) to be connected to a group.



### **National Canadian Film Day**

**April 20th**

**Carberry, Hartney & Neepawa Libraries**

This one-day celebration of Canadian film encourages all Canadians to celebrate our nation's filmmakers. Join us for popcorn and an in-person screening of a Canadian film at the library. This year's theme is Indigenous Voices. Call or email your local branch to register.

## **Adult Programs**

### **Take & Make Crafts**

**April: No-Sew Sock Bunnies**

**May: Straw Weaving Bookmarks**

**June: Flower Drop Garden Ornaments**

Free craft kits for adults 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!

### **Creative Writing**

**Held over Zoom on alternating Wednesdays:**

**April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22**

**From 7 to 9 PM.**

**Submissions (limited to 1000 words each) are due to [alex@wmrl.ca](mailto:alex@wmrl.ca) on: April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18, June 1 & 15.**

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!

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