

Spring 2005



# KNOW *it* ALL

Your Complete Guide to Library Programmes, Services and Information

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Brampton Students

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Keeping Customers  
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Spring Job Fair

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# THE Brampton YMCA **WELCOMES YOU** to our community!

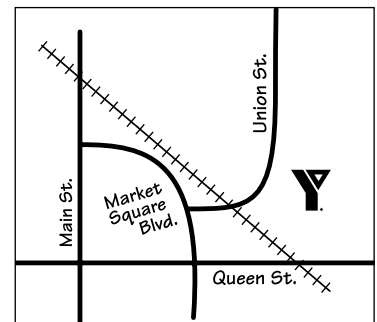
The YMCA's aim is to help people grow in spirit, mind and body.

YMCA Membership offers a variety of programs designed to enhance and celebrate your lifestyle in a clean, safe and friendly environment. You can participate in many activities from swimming, aerobics and weight training to racquet sports, recreational sports and more.

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- Adult Programs
- Fitness Classes
- Children's Programs

*The Brampton YMCA also offers quality Child Care Programs and Youth Employment Services.*



**Join us for a visit.**

Yes, it's true. Winter is finally on its way out. The promise of spring is upon us, and Brampton Library is ready. As always, our children's staff went to great lengths to bring families throughout the City some wonderful programmes to enjoy during the March Break, and the fun continues with many free spring programmes such as X-treme Readers, Share the Stories, Study Hall and Reading Buddies, as well as our paid Comic Art Instruction workshops, which are a huge hit among kids ages seven to 12. (For full information, see page 8.)

Don't forget our outstanding Teddybear Time programme, too — a preschool offering that promotes literacy and introduces young children to pre-reading through age appropriate picture books, songs, fingerplays, music and other activities. For just \$10, you and your child can enjoy 10 weeks of fun at any one of the Library's four locations. Registration begins Monday, March 21, for an April start. For more details, please see page 9.

Our dedicated staff has also worked hard to bring you a wide range of programmes for older youth, adults, small businesses and newcomers this spring. Complete information on offerings — including introductions to Word, Excel and PowerPoint; business plan, import/export and marketing resources @ your library; and job search skills for newcomers — can all be found in the pages of this issue of Know it All.

Further, if you are an employer looking to hire, or are 18 years or older and looking for work, be sure to join us at the Four Corners Branch on Thursday, May 19, for our first-ever Job Fair. Employers wanting to register can call (905) 793-INFO (4636) and ask for Emma Duncan or Surita Dey to book their space. Those seeking employment can simply show up on the day of the event, meet with prospective employers and sit in on job search information and company research sessions. (Additional details can be found on page 14.)

Brampton Library truly is committed to meeting the evolving needs of all members of our growing community in a range of ways. In fact, as one further step in that continuing direction, we have also recently concluded a six-month customer satisfaction survey. You can check out a summary of those results on page 5.

Of course, you can always feel free to provide additional feedback by phone, fax, email, regular letter or by simply dropping in and filling out a Customer Feedback Form. We appreciate hearing from you, and we value your input.

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For your convenience, all branches can now be reached via one telephone number: (905) 793-INFO (4636). Press 1 for branch hours and locations, plus automated telephone renewal information.

**Chinguacousy Branch**  
150 Central Park Drive  
Brampton, ON L6T 1B4

**Cyril Clark Branch and Lecture Hall**  
20 Loafers Lake Lane  
Brampton, ON L6Z 1X9

**Four Corners Branch and Employment Resource Centre**  
65 Queen Street East  
Brampton, ON L6W 3L6

**South Fletcher's Branch**  
500 Ray Lawson Blvd.  
Brampton, ON L6Y 5B3

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# GENERAL LIBRARY INFORMATION

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Thursday	10 am – 9 pm
Friday	10 am – 6 pm
Saturday	10 am – 5 pm
Sunday*	1 pm – 5 pm

\*Open the first Sunday in October until the fourth Sunday in June (inclusive).

## LIBRARY CARDS

- Require identification with signature and current address
- Available to all residents of Ontario
- May be used at any branch

## BORROWING, LOAN PERIODS AND OVERDUE FINES

### Maximum of 50 Items Allowed Per Card

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| • 8 videos       | • 5 books per subject         |
| • 2 DVDs         | • 5 periodicals of same title |
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- May be borrowed for 7 days
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- The Library is not responsible for any damage to equipment arising from or during the use of borrowed video, DVD or audio material

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- May be borrowed for 21 days
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- Overdue fine of 25¢ per day to a maximum of \$6.00
- Overdue fine for CD-ROMS of \$1.00 per day to a maximum of \$6.00

## FEATURES

### Public Internet Stations

- Available at all branches
- Express (15 minutes), 1/2-hour and 1-hour time slots
- Time limits may vary depending on branch
- Cost of printing is 20¢ per page

### Drop Boxes

- Available at all locations when Library is closed
- 24-hour access available at Chinguacousy branch

### Meeting Room Rental

- Available at the Chinguacousy and Four Corners branches
- Prices vary, see application form for more information
- Application forms available in all branches

## Homebound Book Delivery Service

- Books delivered by volunteers to customers that are “homebound”
- Application forms available at all branches

## Photocopiers

- Cost is 20¢ per page

## Interlibrary Loans

- Books, audiobooks, videos, and language learning materials that are not included in Brampton Library's collection can be requested from other library systems. This service is free, unless the lending library charges, in which case the charges will be passed on to the customer.

## Library Catalogue via the Internet

### [www.bramlib.on.ca](http://www.bramlib.on.ca)

- Catalogue available online either in the Library or from home
- A number of search options including the ability to search by keywords
- Customers can access their personal customer record, place holds, renew current loans or see what they have already checked out
- Catalogue includes lists of new titles for books, videos, and DVDs, holds can be placed directly from these lists. The lists are updated on a quarterly basis

## Remote Access

E-databases are available from your home/office computer through remote access. Customers are required to have a 14-digit Library card number. Databases included are:

- |                    |                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Career Cruising  | • The Canadian Encyclopedia           |
| • EBSCOHost        | • Peel Community Information Database |
| • eLibrary Plus    | • Bowker's Global Books in Print      |
| • NovelList        | • CBCA Fulltext Reference             |
| • Reference Canada |                                       |

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| 1 Chinguacousy Branch | 3 Cyril Clark Branch      |
| 2 Four Corners Branch | 4 South Fletcher's Branch |



# FOUR CORNERS EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTRE PROGRAMMES

ERC schedule is subject to change and prior registration for all programmes is necessary. Contact the ERC @ (905) 793-4636 ext. 1352 or visit <http://fcerc.bramlib.on.ca/>  
**Registration:** Four Corners ERC Reception Desk, Floor 2  
**Cost:** Free

## Employment Assistance

Have your résumé, cover letter, job search or interview skills critiqued.  
**Date:** Mondays – Thursdays  
**Time:** 10 am–6 pm

## Email Basics

Learn how to set-up an email account and email your résumé.  
**Date:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 9–11 am

## Internet for Job Seekers

Learn how to access the Internet for your job search.  
**Date:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 9–11 am

## Interview Techniques

Improve your ability to prepare for and succeed in interviews.  
**Date:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 2–4 pm

## Résumé Essentials

Learn tips and techniques on how to make a good first impression.  
**Date:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 2–4 pm

## Virtual Interviews

Participate in one-on-one video-taped practice interviews and see yourself as employers do!  
**Date:** Tuesdays & Thursdays  
**Time:** 2–4 pm

## Word Level 1

Learn basic techniques to navigate through MS Word to create and format career documents.  
**Date:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 9–11 am



## Keeping Customers Satisfied

According to you, Brampton Library is very important to our community and ranks high in terms of customer satisfaction, quality and value. These are just some of the findings to come out of a recent six-month, online Customer Satisfaction Survey implemented by the Library in a bid to find out what our customers like and would like to see improved.

More than 2,250 customers responded, and over 850 even took the time to provide individual comments. This extremely valuable information is now being analyzed and will be used to assess Library services, collections and activities, as well as to assist with future strategic planning.

Among other things, and perhaps most obviously, there has been a huge demand for additional Library locations to better serve the community. Specific areas for which these services have been requested include the northwest end of Brampton, near Snelgrove; Springdale; Bovaird and Chinguacousy; Gore and Queen; and north-east Brampton, north of Bovaird. Customers are also looking for another or a larger facility in the southwest.

Several comments regarding the need to further enhance the Library's collections and have more copies of each selection, more recent titles and more DVDs, have also been noted. As well, customers are asking for paperbacks and DVDs to be identified in the Library catalogue.

Many wonderful compliments have been received, too. Some specific programming accolades and suggestions were noted, including kudos for the no-cost and low-cost children's programming at all locations, suggestions for more general interest educational sessions, and a request for additional teen drop-in offerings such as poetry readings and mentorship opportunities.

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## BUSINESS PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES

### Business Plan Resources @ your library

Discover the resources available at the Library to assist with writing your business plan.

**Registration:** By phone or in person at any Library branch  
**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Tues., Apr. 26  
**Time:** 7–8:30 pm

### Company Research on the Internet

Find out how to access company information on the Internet. Discover free business directories, databases and much more.

**Registration:** By phone or in person at any Library branch  
**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Fri., Apr. 22  
**Time:** 12–1:30 pm

### Import/Export Resources @ your library

Access valuable import/export resources. Let the Library show you how.

**Registration:** By phone or in person at any Library branch  
**Cost:** Free

**Location:** South Fletcher's  
**Date:** Tues., May 3  
**Time:** 7–8:30 pm

### Marketing Resources @ your library

Learn how the Library can help you market your business.

**Registration:** By phone or in person at any Library branch  
**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Fri., June 3  
**Time:** 12–1:30 pm

### Small Business Resources on the Internet

Let the Internet work for your small business!

**Registration:** By phone or in person at any Library branch  
**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Sat., Apr. 9  
**Time:** 10–11:30 am

**Location:** Four Corners  
**Date:** Wed., May 18  
**Time:** 9–11 am

## Small Business Tax Seminars

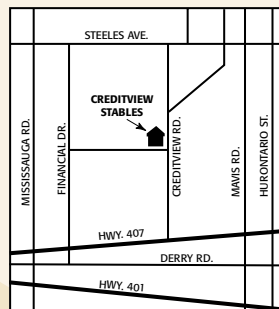
Want information on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and how to complete your GST return? Need to know more about reporting income for your unincorporated business and claiming expenses? Want payroll advice?

Brampton Library is pleased to host Canada Revenue Agency Small Business Information Seminars this spring that look at those issues and more. As a small business owner, you don't want to miss your chance to get some practical advice from a knowledgeable professional.

These free sessions take place on Tuesdays, April 12, May 10 and June 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required. To reserve your spot, contact Marcia Henry by calling (905) 566-6187 or e-mailing Marcia.Henry@ccra-adrc.gc.ca.

## Learn to Ride

- English riding lessons ages 8–adult
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- Riding programs with Brampton Parks & Recreation
- Customized school and college programs
- March Break day camp March 14–18
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## Kids Warm to Blac Ice

Comic book creators teach Brampton kids to bring characters to life

**B**rampton Library has its own superheroes and they're as good-hearted as their comic book character creations. Brothers Jermaine, Justin and Anthony Stanberry have been teaching comic arts skills to kids and teens through workshops at Brampton Library since November 2003.

The young trio, ages 17, 27 and 30 respectively, are the creators of Blac Ice — a comic book about three black main characters with superhuman abilities. The book appeared on Brampton and Toronto comic shelves in 2001 and sent the brothers into a spotlight they hadn't foreseen coming so soon. They're now working on the next edition, as well as a video game, and hope to eventually put together an animated television series.

The Stanberrys moved to Brampton from Toronto five years ago. As a kid, Anthony would study comic characters on Saturday mornings, so it's no surprise he later received his training in graphic design at George Brown College in Toronto. Soon after he graduated, Anthony began working for a design company. When the owner closed shop, Justin suggested Anthony put his incredible comic arts talent to work. The brothers drew up a business plan, and divided roles and responsibilities. Anthony does the drawing and colouring, Justin does the storyboard and public relations, and Jermaine does the 3-D animation, music and video game creation.

Blac Ice is in a field of its own in the comic world. It's a multicultural comic series that incorporates everything from family issues to the spiritual. The brothers bring their Christian faith into the characters, who, of course, are modeled on themselves.

In Blac Ice, the three Shadow Brothers have acquired super-human powers as a result of a military science project by their late father, Dr. Steven Shadow. One of the doctor's experiments goes very wrong and results in the creation of Darcticus, who becomes the original super-soldier prototype. Darcticus turns on his creator and kills him. On

their own, the brothers are not super soldiers like Darcticus, but together they form the ultimate super soldier. Darcticus realizes their threat and determines to destroy them in order to become the only Ultimate Soldier.

The Blac Ice comic book originally served as a promo piece for FreezeDNA, the name of the brothers' advertising and design agency behind Blac Ice. They then found a real market niche for the comic they had developed.

"We saw there was a void in black superheroes," says Justin. They also saw a need for kids who love to draw and create their own characters to learn how. That's when they introduced Brampton Library "Learn to Draw" workshops. "We see kids do a remarkable turnaround in their artistic ability," says Justin. The kids learn the essentials of drawing original characters, including human body poses and facial expressions.

Success for the Stanberry brothers has come quickly. Through attendance at several comic book conventions over the past few years, and as hits to their website ([www.freeze-kids.com](http://www.freeze-kids.com)) go up, the Blac Ice name is gaining a reputation.

"At first it was hard and we had to knock on a lot of doors," says Justin. Now they're preparing for a worldwide presence through Diamond Distribution, whereby kids in countries such as the Ukraine, France and England will be enjoying this home-grown comic success.

The Stanberrys are currently finishing another project called "Create Your Own Comic Book," coming to stores this spring. They'll be approaching a number of retail chains to sell the book. Eventually, the plan is to create an animated series and launch it on a children's television station.

At this rate, you may be seeing the Shadow brothers on a store shelf near you sometime soon. For more information, call Justin at (905) 789-9447 or (416) 627-2916.

# Children's Programmes

Brampton Library offers a wide variety of services designed specifically to encourage reading and language skills in children of all ages. From creative play, and storytimes to reading and homework assistance, the Library offers a programme to meet your needs. Take advantage of these opportunities and get your child off to a good start!

## The Book Club

Join us to talk about great books and movies. See the Book Club bulletin board or ask at the Floor One Information Desk at Four Corners Branch for a booklist.

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** Grades 5 and up

**Registration:** Drop in

**Location:** Four Corners

**Date:** Saturdays, Apr. 9, May 7 and June 4

**Time:** 3–4 pm

## Comic Art Instruction

Meet the creators of Blac Ice and learn how to develop your own comic book techniques.

**Cost:** \$75.00

**Age:** 7–12 yrs.

**Registration:** Call Justin Stanberry at (905) 789-9447

**Location:** Chinguacousy, Program Room

**Date:** Tuesdays, Apr. 5, 12, 19 and 26

**Time:** 6–8 pm

**Location:** Four Corners

**Date:** Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17 and 31

**Time:** 6–8 pm

**Location:** South Fletcher's

**Date:** Mondays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27

**Time:** 6–8 pm

## Read and Play

A morning of creative play and storytelling especially for little ones. Chinguacousy programme held in co-operation with Bramalea-Gore-Malton-Springdale Ontario Early Years Centre. Four Corners programme held in co-operation with Brampton West Mississauga, Ontario Early Years Centre. No class on Mon., May 23 (Victoria Day).

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** Birth–6 yrs.

**Location:** Chinguacousy

**Date:** Mondays, Apr. 4–June 27

**Time:** 9:30–11 am

**Registration:** Drop in. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

**Location:** Four Corners

**Date:** Mondays and Fridays,

Apr. 4–June 24

**Time:** 9:30–11 am

**Registration:** Register when you arrive for the program. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Programme limited to 40 child participants.

## Reading Buddies

A reading mentorship programme. Volunteers are available to read with your child for 1/2-hour sessions

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** JK–Grade 6

**Registration:** By appointment only

**Location:** All Branches

**Time:** Ongoing

## Saturday Storytime

Join us Saturdays for stories, songs, fingerplays, games, colouring or crafts. Programmes will feature special events and holidays throughout the year.

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** All ages

**Registration:** Drop in. Children, ages 5 and under, must be accompanied by an adult.

**Location:** Chinguacousy

**Date:** Saturdays, Apr. 9–June 18

**Time:** 11–11:30 am

**Location:** Cyril Clark

**Date:** Saturdays, Apr. 9–June 18

**Time:** 10:30–11 am

**Location:** Four Corners

**Date:** Saturdays, Apr. 9–June 18

**Time:** 10:15–10:45 am

**Location:** South Fletcher's

**Date:** Saturdays, Apr. 9–June 18

**Time:** 11–11:45 am

## Share the Stories Reading Circle

A reading circle where children and their parents come together to read for fun. For children learning to read.

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** Ages 6 and up

**Registration:** Registration required.

Inquire at your local branch.

**Location:** Cyril Clark Branch

**Date:** Tuesdays, Apr. 5–June 7

**Time:** 7–8 pm

## Sleepyhead Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, games and crafts. Younger children may wear their p.j.'s if they wish. Our programmes will feature holidays and special events throughout the year.

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** All ages

**Registration:** Drop in. Children, ages 5 and under, must be accompanied by an adult.

**Location:** Chinguacousy

**Date:** Mondays, Apr. 4–June 13

**Time:** 7–7:30 pm

**Location:** Cyril Clark

**Date:** Thursdays, Apr. 7–June 16

**Time:** 7–7:30 pm

**Location:** Four Corners

**Date:** Tuesdays, Apr. 5–June 14

**Time:** 7–7:30 pm

**Location:** South Fletcher's

**Date:** Thursdays, Apr. 7–June 16

**Time:** 7–7:45 pm

## Study Hall

A programme providing students with a welcoming and supportive environment to complete their homework assignments with easy access to resources and guidance. This is NOT a tutorial service.

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** Grades 1–8

**Registration:** Register in person or by telephone.

**Location:** Chinguacousy, 2nd Floor, Children's Nonfiction Area

**Date:** Mondays through June 11

**Time:** 4–5:30 pm

**Date:** Thursdays through June 7

**Time:** 6:30–8:00 pm

**Date:** Saturdays through June 9

**Time:** 10:30–12 noon

**Location:** Cyril Clark

**Date:** TBA

**Time:** TBA

**Location:** Four Corners

**Date:** Thursdays, Feb. 10–June 7

**Time:** 6:30–8 pm

**Location:** South Fletcher's

**Date:** TBA

**Time:** TBA

## X-treme Readers

We'll read together, play reading games and create our own newsletter. For children learning to read.

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** Ages 6 and up

**Registration:** No pre-registration required. Register at the programme.

**Location:** Four Corners Branch, Auditorium

**Date:** Wednesdays, Apr. 6–June 8

**Time:** 7–8 pm

# Teddybear Time

Welcome to Teddybear Time, a preschool programme that introduces young children to pre-reading through age-appropriate picture books, songs, fingerplays, music and other activities.

Please register in-person at the branch where your child will be attending the programme or by calling (905) 793-INFO (4636).

Children must be of specified age by the first day of the programme. Parents and caregivers are required to participate in the programme for ages 12 to 18 months and are encouraged to participate in other programmes as well. Parents and caregivers of children in the programme for ages 3 1/2 to 5 years are not required to participate but must remain in the Library.

Craft materials are provided ONLY for those children who are registered for the programme. The Library reserves the right to cancel a programme due to low registration. A full refund is issued in this case.

**Cost:** \$10 per child (non-refundable). Payment is due prior to or on the first day of the programme.

## Spring Registration:

Monday, Mar. 21  
(In person or by telephone)

## Fall Registration:

Monday, Sept. 12  
(In person or by telephone)

## Age: 12–18 months

**Location:** Four Corners Auditorium  
**Date:** Wednesdays, Apr. 6– June 8  
**Time:** 10:15–10:45 am

## Age: 18–30 months

**Location:** Cyril Clark  
**Date:** Tuesdays, Apr. 5–June 7  
**Time:** 10:15–10:45 am

**Location:** Four Corners Auditorium  
**Date:** Tuesdays, Apr. 5–June 7  
**Time:** 10:15–10:45 am

**Location:** South Fletcher's  
**Date:** Thursdays, Apr. 7–June 9  
**Time:** 10:30–11 am

## Age: 2–5 years

**Location:** Chinguacousy Program Room  
**Date:** Tuesdays, Apr. 5–June 7  
**Time:** 10:15–10:45 am

## Age: 2 1/2–3 1/2 yrs.

**Location:** Cyril Clark  
**Date:** Wednesdays, Apr. 6–June 8  
**Time:** 10:15–10:45 am

**Location:** Four Corners  
**Date:** Thursdays, Apr. 7–June 9  
**Time:** 10:15–10:45 am

**Location:** South Fletcher's  
**Date:** Wednesdays, Apr. 6–June 8  
**Time:** 10:30–11 am

## Age: 3 1/2–5 yrs.

**Location:** Cyril Clark  
**Date:** Thursdays, Apr. 7–June 9  
**Time:** 10:30–11 am

**Location:** Four Corners Auditorium  
**Date:** Thursdays, Apr. 7–June 9  
**Time:** 10:15–10:45 am

**Location:** South Fletcher's  
**Date:** Thursdays, Apr. 7–June 9  
**Time:** 2–2:30 pm



## Brampton Students Create Award-Winning Bookmarks

The winners of Brampton Library's 6th Annual Bookmark Contest have been officially recognized and awarded at an awards ceremony held on Thursday, February 10, 2005, at the Library's South Fletcher's Branch.

More than 200 students from preschool to grade eight submitted entries for the contest, which was launched as part of the celebrations for Ontario Public Library Week held in October 2004 and based on the theme: "I Love My Library." Three judges from Brampton's arts community chose the four winners — one in each of four categories.

This year's winners are Tisha Inot (Preschool to Kindergarten), Ada Du (Grades 1–3), Joseph Inot (Grades 4–5) and Kelly Anderson (Grades 6–8). The winning bookmarks have been printed and are now available at all Library branches while supplies last.



## MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMMES

**Cost:** Free

**Registration:** By phone or in person at any Library branch

### Canadian Workplace Culture

Newcomers will learn about the cultural differences, greetings, punctuality, body language, team work and relationships in the workplace.

**Location:** Chinguacousy, Program Room

**Date:** Thurs., Apr. 14

**Time:** 2–3:30 pm

**Date:** Thurs., June 9

**Time:** 2–3:30 pm

**Location:** Four Corners, Auditorium

**Date:** Wed., May 18

**Time:** 2–3:30 pm

### Job Search Skills for Newcomers

(2 half-day workshops)

Newcomers will learn job search techniques, Canadian workplace culture, résumé writing, interview skills and much more. For registration please call Korkoi Attoh at (905) 206-0755 ext. 229.

**Location:** Four Corners, Auditorium

**Date:** Tues., Apr 19 and Wed., Apr. 20

**Time:** 1–4 pm

**Date:** Tues., June 14 and Wed., June 15

**Time:** 9 am–12 pm

## Volunteers Make a Difference

Brampton Library is very fortunate to have close to 100 dedicated volunteers and numerous students who help ensure we can reach out to our customers in ways that would not otherwise be possible, including, but certainly not limited to:

- the Library's Homebound service, which delivers materials to customers who cannot make it into a Library branch on their own;
- the Study Hall programme, designed to offer homework assistance to students in grades one through eight;
- the Library's annual Book Ends Bonspiel fundraiser; and
- service and programming input for high school students, courtesy of our Teen Library Council.

Last year alone, 91 volunteers shared almost 700 hours of their time to meet the needs of others. Additionally, 155 high school students mandated by the school boards to complete 40 hours of community service in order to graduate also helped out at the Library — giving 2,807 hours of their time to act as Reading Buddies to young children, take part in community outreach events and perform other tasks, as required.

This year, National Volunteer Week takes place April 17–23. This special celebration provides the perfect opportunity to say thank you to those of you who give so generously of your time and talents in order to make Brampton Library a better place for our customers, and our community. You truly do make a positive and notable difference.



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# We still need YOUR help!

Brampton Library's Study Hall programme – designed to provide elementary school students with a welcoming environment to receive homework support – is doing well and has expanded to a second branch, but we still cannot meet the overwhelming demand for this service.

## You can make a real difference.

Thanks to the support of a number of generous donors, we are getting closer to reaching our goal of \$10,000.

But we're not there yet.

### NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL.

If you can find the means to help in any capacity, you will help us ensure those children who desperately need homework assistance can get it at any one of our four Library locations, and can have guaranteed access to the curriculum-based support materials and other resources and support services at no cost to them.

Of course, you can also give of your time.

Brampton Library is still seeking volunteers to act as homework helpers, especially at our South Fletcher's and Cyril Clark Branches.

If you're an adult who enjoys working and interacting with children and are willing and able to commit to one, 90-minute session per week for a minimum of one school semester ...

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Potential volunteers are required to complete a police check, fill out a Volunteer Application Form and undergo a brief interview.

Successful candidates are provided with orientation and training by Library staff.

Together we can help ensure children in our community are positioned for success.

To help, simply pick up your Donor Reply Form and/or Volunteer Application Form at any Brampton Library branch, or download them from our website at [www.bramlib.on.ca](http://www.bramlib.on.ca).

You can also request that a Donor Reply Form be mailed to you, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, by calling (905) 793-INFO (4636).

And please accept our sincere thanks for helping us help those children in our community who truly need it.

Any surplus monies will be used to further Brampton Library's general charitable purposes.  
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# Humanitarian Efforts Recognized

Rada Micic, a Library Technician at Brampton Library's Chinguacousy Branch, has recently been honoured in her native country of Serbia as Humanitarian of the Year. *Vecernje Novosti*, a leading Serbian daily paper, presents the award.

Rada read an article focused on Serbian mothers, whose sons were abducted in the summer of 1998, and how the grieving mothers had not lost hope that their sons were still alive. In Rada's own words, "The article broke my heart. Being a mother myself, I could not believe that you can lose your child from the door step, school, bus...I was moved by the strength of the mothers' hope...., that was the driving force for the whole project."

Rada wrote, directed, acted in, and even made costumes for a play she presented, delivering the message of pain and hope these mothers endure. Because of her efforts, she raised \$12,000, which was sent to

the Serbian mothers.

Shortly after, Rada searched for and met one of the mothers. Her comment to Rada was, "It was nice to hear that someone so far away would produce a play in remembrance of our sons. You have wiped away a tear."

Serbian President Boris Tadic presented this very prestigious award. Unfortunately, due to timing and commitments here in Canada, Rada was unable to attend the awards ceremony.

The Brampton Public Library Board members and staff wish to congratulate Rada.



## Book Clubs for All Ages

Would you like to join a fun book discussion group? Brampton Library currently offers three different options for you to enjoy.

Up For Discussion is an adult book club that meets monthly to discuss and find common bonds through books. The group meets on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Chinguacousy Branch. To access Up for Discussion's Book of the Month list, visit the Services for Adults section at [www.bramlib.on.ca](http://www.bramlib.on.ca). Meeting dates can also be found on page 14. Anyone is welcome to attend, but please call (905) 793-4636, ext. 4225, beforehand.

The OPEN BOOK CLUB, supported by Brampton Library and

held in the second floor boardroom at the Four Corners Branch, discusses all sorts of books — from bestsellers to obscure treasures. Book selection is based on availability, members' wish lists and cost. New adult members are welcome to join the group at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. For more information, call Sue at Book Haven at (905) 796-0678 or email [OpenBookClub@hotmail.com](mailto:OpenBookClub@hotmail.com).

Children in grade five and higher are welcome to participate in their own Book Club, held one Saturday a month from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Four Corners Branch to talk about great books and movies. A Book Club bulletin board is posted at that branch and booklists can be obtained at the Information Desk on the first floor. Spring dates can be found on page 8. No registration is required. Just drop in.

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### Spring 2005 Events

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## ADULT PROGRAMMES

**Registration:** By phone or in person at any Library branch.  
**Cost:** Free

### Advanced Hotmail

Learn how to use folders, contact lists and junk e-mail protection. Participants should already have a Hotmail account.

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Thurs., May 19  
**Time:** 7–9 pm

### Advanced Internet Searching

Learn how to use folders, contact lists and junk e-mail protection. Participants should already have a Hotmail account.

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Thurs., May 12  
**Time:** 7–9 pm

**Location:** Four Corners  
**Date:** Wed., April 27  
**Time:** 9–11 am

### Book Lovers Guide to the Internet

Learn to use Novelist, and the Internet to search for favourite authors and books.

**Location:** Four Corners  
**Date:** Wed., May 4  
**Time:** 9–11 am

### Computer Basics

Learn the basics of using a computer, including mouse control and using the keyboard.

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Thurs., Apr. 7 and May 26  
**Time:** 7–9 pm

### Excel Basics

Learn the basics of using Microsoft Excel, such as the basics of a spreadsheet and some simple formatting. Participants should have basic computer skills.

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Thurs., Apr. 21 and June 2  
**Time:** 7–9 pm

### Health Information on the Internet

Learn to search the Internet for health-related information. Participants should be familiar with the Internet and have basic search skills.

**Location:** Four Corners  
**Date:** Wed., May 11  
**Time:** 9–11 am

### Hotmail Basics

Learn how to compose and send e-mail using Hotmail. We will also help you set up a free Hotmail account.

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Thurs., Apr. 28  
**Time:** 7–9 pm

**Location:** Four Corners  
**Date:** Wed., June 1  
**Time:** 9–11 am

### Internet for Beginners

Learn about the Internet, Internet Explorer, Subject Directories, and Search Engines. Participants should have mouse and keyboard skills.

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Thurs., Apr. 14  
**Time:** 7–9 pm

**Location:** Four Corners  
**Date:** Wed., Apr. 6 and May 25  
**Time:** 9–11 am

### Library Catalogue for Beginners

Learn to search the Library catalogue for materials, place holds and keep track of your borrowing record.

**Location:** Four Corners  
**Date:** Wed., Apr. 13  
**Time:** 9–11 am

### PowerPoint Basics

Learn the basics of using Microsoft PowerPoint. Participants should have basic computer skills.

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Thurs., May 5  
**Time:** 7–9 pm

### Word Basics

Learn the basics of using Microsoft Word, such as formatting and using fonts. Participants should have basic computer skills.

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Sat., May 7  
**Time:** 10 am–12 pm

**Location:** Cyril Clark  
**Date:** Wed., April 13 and May 11  
**Time:** 9–11 am

**Location:** South Fletcher's  
**Date:** Tues., April 12 and May 10  
**Time:** 9–11 am

### Yahoo! Mail Basics

Learn how to compose and send e-mail using Yahoo! We will also help you set up a free Yahoo! account.

**Location:** Four Corners  
**Date:** Wed., April 20  
**Time:** 9–11 am

### Up for Discussion

An adult book discussion group that meets monthly to discuss and to find common bonds through books. For a Book of the Month list, visit the Services for Adults section ([www.bramlib.on.ca](http://www.bramlib.on.ca)).

**Registration:** Please call (905) 793-4636, ext. 4225, beforehand  
**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Chinguacousy  
**Date:** Wed., Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11 and June 15  
**Time:** 10 am–12 pm

## Help for Job Hunters

Brampton Library is gearing up to host a Job Fair for members of the community interested in discussing job opportunities with a range of Brampton and area employers, and in learning some practical job search skills.

The Job Fair will take place Thursday, May 19, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Auditorium at the Four Corners Branch. Job search infor-

mation and company research sessions will also take place on the second floor of the Library every hour on the hour from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Designed for adults aged 18 and over looking for employment, there is no cost to attend the Job Fair and meet with employers, or to attend the special sessions being hosted by professional business Librarians and employment specialists during that time.

Job fair attendees are encouraged to bring copies of their résumés as well. For more information or for companies wishing to book a table, call Emma Duncan at (905) 793-INFO (4636) ext. 4220.

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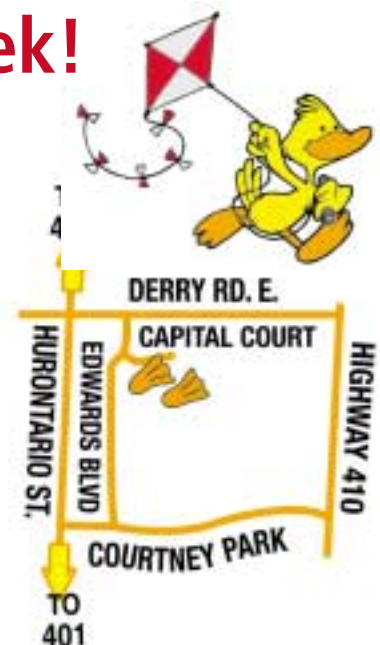
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