

Highlights of the Thursday, 16 July, 2026, Weekly Meeting

President Maureen, welcomed all members and Guest Speaker Emma Johnston and New Kiwanian Dave Pass to this Thursday 16, July 2026 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.

President Maureen called Phil Hoekstra to present the 50/50 Draw with Jim Steele, Leo Vos, Peter Liberati and Phil Hoekstra holding potential winning tickets. Peter Liberati found the “Joker” and won the pot. The “Pot” starts anew next week. Congratulations Peter Liberati.



President Maureen filled-in as Funmaster to help us celebrate anniversaries and Birthdays:

Anniversary of joining the Club (Yrs)

Graham Schram 48 Years

Dave Lewis 15 Years

Birthdays (July) Date

Joan Griffin 25

Faye Prince 26

President Maureen called for Happy Stories

- LG Randy MacKenzie indicated that this week was his wife Penny's birthday as well as his son Mathew's birthday and it was also Penny and Randy's Wedding Anniversary.
- Joanne Murray thanked everyone involved with the Business-After-Hours from presenting such a wonderful, fun and lively event.
- Leo Vos thanked everyone for the participation at the Chamber of Commerce / CSV / Kiwanis Event Tuesday 14-July. It was a great Day.
- Peter Liberati thanked everyone for contributing to the pot he just won.

President Maureen asked Linda Moyer to come to the podium to Introduce our speaker for today.

Linda Moyer welcome everyone and said it was a pleasure to introduce our Guest Speaker, Emma Johnson. who will be talking about many of the Services the County of Brant Public Library has to offer.

Linda said that, Emma Johnston is a lifelong resident of Brant County and has spent the past five years leading Adult Program and Outreach at The County of Brant Public Library, creating dynamic opportunities for connection and learning within her community.



With a background in publishing and public speaking, and undergraduate and graduate degrees in World Religions and Cultural Studies, Emma brings a wide scope of history to her role. She has a particular love for supporting newcomers to Canada, fostering inclusive programming that builds confidence, community, and belonging.

At home, she balances her professional life with raising three wonderfully chaotic teenagers.

Linda Moyer asked that we welcome Emma Johnson with a sound round of applause.



Emma Johnson greeted all members and indicated that she uses slides to support her extensive knowledge of the needs in her community as they have changed over several years.

Emma opened with some high-level items that the County Public Library offers, and went on in detail, about diverse sub-topics that are supported. She said that the Brant County Library is not just about Books.

What we offer (High Level): Books - print, digital, audio, educational resources, Archives, Adult Programs, Children's Programs, Makerspace tools and resources, Gear and Gadgets, Things 'to do' for all ages.

You can access the County Library by: [clicking here](http://www.brantlibrary.ca)

Emma took time to describe each of the items shown with enthusiasm and solid understanding of the needs of the people coming to their Library.

Virtual Spaces

- Website www.brantlibrary.ca
- Historical Archives
- Ancestry
- Hoopla, Libby
- Gale courses
- Consumer Reports
- Academic Journals
- Mango Languages
- Explora (homework helper)



In Branch Services

- Study and meeting spaces
- Programs and Events
- Tech support
- Free internet and computer access
- Readers Advisory
- Books and resources
- InterLibrary Loans ILLO
- Gear and Gadgets
- Seed Library
- Printing, Photocopying
- Games, puzzles, magazines



Emma explained that Members of the public, can come to the library to learn how to use the various services and get technical support for assistance or in some instances they simply come to the library to asked the library staff to produce what is needed.

Makerspace

3D Printing

Emma indicated that they have created an, Online form to streamline our 3D printing process and eliminate barriers. If you have taken one of our MakerWorkshops on 3D printing or booked a MakerMentor session, you can attach your file here and a staff member will contact you when your print is ready for pick up.

Welcome to the Makerspace!

Build. Innovate. Make it happen.



Large Format Printer

- Print professional, large-scale photographs, drawings, maps, posters, etc.
- Full posters or banners
- On Paper, poster, canvas



Emma mentioned another significant item that is available to the public with technical assistance, "Large Format Printing". Printing of posters and banners 48 inches wide to any length.

Emma had samples of mugs, tee shirts and several other items that can be produced at the Brant County Library using their, "Cricut Cutter".

Cricut Cutter, Mug Press, Hat Press and more

You can make:

- Custom Mugs
- Custom Buttons (Button Maker)
- Custom Coasters
- Custom Stickers and temp. tattoos
- Custom Merchandise (totes, t-shirts, hats)



Embroidery Machine

Free-to-use tools!

Ideas:

- Tea towels
- Aprons
- Custom sweaters & t-shirts
- Totes and bags



You can also get Tee shirt, aprons, totes and many other items Embroidered at their facilities.

3D Printing of dish washer wheels, Christmas ornaments, toys, flower pots, etc. are produced at the Brant County Library.

The Brant County Library is not just book.....

3D Printer

Ideas:

- Toys
- Organizational supplies
- Handy gadgets (tick removal, measuring cup)
- Repair pieces
- Flower pots/ planters



More than Books...



Gear and Gadgets



- Tools
- Gardening Supplies
- Outdoor Games
- Instruments
- Fitness Trackers
- Sports Equipment
- Binoculars
- Telescopes
- Activity Backpacks
- Rock Tumbler
- Gems and Fossils
- Games and Puzzles
- Projector
- Introductory Coding Robots
- VR Units

Drop-In Programs



- Storytime
- Pop up crafting stations
- Crafternoons/Craft and Create
- Slow stitching
- Crochet and Knitting
- Photography Club
- History Club
- Brant Writes
- English Conversation Circle

Programs and workshops

Programs

- Social media, business development, finances, legal and tech based
- Hobby and interest, including crafting, gardening, cooking, VR, history, fitness and health,
- Clubs, knitting, crochet, writing, book clubs, history,
- Newcomers (ESL, ECC)
- Mental health and support, grief, transitions, retirement



Spaces

Paris
St. George
Burford
Scotland
and Glen Morris

*rooms available as well as opportunities for pop ups throughout the County



Emma Johnson closed her presentation and answered a number of questions from various members.

Emma Johnson was thanked by Randy MacKenzie who informed her that: In recognition of her presentation, we have made a donation to a Charity we like to support. That charity is the Lansdowne Children's Centre Foundation. Thank You.

Emma was given a heart-felt and enthusiastic round of applause.

President Maureen called for Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Dave Lewis reminded everyone that we should be preparing to return their sold and unsold tickets within the next few weeks as the date of the draw is Thursday 27 August-2026
- Nancy Thompson reminded all, of the Brant Golf & Country Club July 31 Social @ 6:00PM Dinner & Music. Please fill-in the, sign up sheet or let Linda know that you wish to attend.

President Maureen, thanked all members and Guest speaker Emma Johnstone and new Kiwanian Dave Pass

President Maureen asked If there was anything else for the good of Kiwanis, seeing none, she adjourned the meeting with the ringing of the Bell.

Following are random images from the Chamber of Commerce, "Business-after-hours", event held Tuesday 14 July-2026 at the Children's Safety Village of Brant with the Kiwanis Club of Brantford.





The Village Jail House

