



Off the Shelf

Library News and Events

Welcome to our new Newsletter!

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Library Giving: Your Gift Speaks Volumes

The Library is a registered charity that relies on help from the community to provide services. There are many ways you can make a difference at your Public Library:

- Annual donation to the Adopt-a-Book program
- Donation in memory of someone you love or in honour of a special occasion
- Make a lasting contribution by giving to the Library Legacy Book Fund
- Remember the Library in your will

For more information, phone 562-3279/ email rgillis@nssc.library.ns.ca

KnitFit Knit-a-thon is Back

Get out your knitting needles and crochet hooks- the KnitFit Knit-a-thon is back for a second year!

In February 2008, two dozen crafters came out on a snowy Saturday to knit and crochet warm and woolly items for charity. Those who couldn't come sent in yarn, finished mitts, hats, scarves and sweaters before the knit-a-thon through their local library branches. Crafters also raised money for children's programs at CBRL through pledges. In the end, we had over 250 finished items to donate to the Every Women's Centre. Many of the items were given to families this past Christmas

through the Adopt-a-Family program. Funds raised through pledges (almost \$1200) provided much needed support for the Summer Reading Program, the on-line Teen Summer Reading Program, and children's programs across the region. We couldn't have done it without you, so please join us again!

This year our work will be donated to the Salvation Army "Clothe-a-Family" program, and the Baddeck Library will be joining in. So come to McConnell Library or the Baddeck Library, Feb 21, 2009 10am-5-pm to knit, or crochet winter items for Cape Breton families, to support us, or just to watch!

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"High Fibre Lunches" McConnell Library Fridays 1-3 pm

Bring your latest "fibre" or craft project and join us for crafting, conversation and a cup of tea. No registration is required – just drop in!

Adult Programs – Feb 2009

McConnell Library

Tuesday February 10th
Inspirational Singers
(Eddie Parris and friends)
7:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday February 11th
2008 Tax Information Q&A
(Katie Markotich, CRA)

Tuesday February 17th
Avoiding Drug Interactions
(Sarah Boutilier, Stephen MacInnis, Syd R. Shoppers)

Wednesday February 18th
"Between Forest and Sky: Life in a Fire Tower"
(Sharon Stratton, Alta)

Thursday February 19th
Canada Reads Book Panel Presented by CBC Radio 1

Wednesday February 25th
Cross Canada Bike Tour
(Errol Jamieson, VeloCB)

North Sydney Library
Tuesday February 10th
Fly Rod Repair (session 2)

Thursday February 19th
Fly Tying Intermediate
(Gordie MacKinnon)

"Table Talk"
Thursdays 2:00 pm
Informal tea and discussion
Feb 12th, 19th, 26th

Baddeck Library

Tuesday February 17th
"Between Forest and Sky: Life in a Fire Tower"
(Sharon Stratton) 6:00-8:00 pm

REGISTRATION POLICY

All programs are free. Please register by visiting or phoning the Library within two weeks prior to each program. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. If unable to attend a program, please inform the Library as there may be a waiting list. The Cape Breton Regional Library would like to thank all our guest speakers for volunteering their time to our program schedule.

Adult Programs: 7:00-9:00 pm unless otherwise indicated



Children's Programs

For more information on any of these programs, or to register, please contact your local library branch! All library programs are free.



♥ Babies and Books

For children up to 17 months and their adult caregivers. An hour of songs, interactive rhymes, and activities. Six weeks. Registration required.

McConnell Library

Thursdays 10:30 am and 1:30 pm
Next program starts April 9th
Registration March 24th

♥ Toddler Time

For children 18-35 months and their adult caregivers. Fifty minutes of songs, rhymes, stories and music. Six weeks. Registration required.

McConnell Library

Wednesdays 10:10 am and 11:10 am
Next program starts April 8th
Registration March 24th

North Sydney Library

Wednesdays 10:00 am
Feb 11th, 18th, 25th (Full)

♥ Preschool Story Time

For children 3 to 5 years old. Half hour of stories, crafts, games, films and videos. Six weeks. Registration required.

Baddeck Library

Tuesdays 10:00 am
TBA

Glace Bay Library

Wednesdays 1:30 pm
Feb 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

McConnell Library

Thursdays 10:30 am
Next program starts February 26th
Registration February 10th

New Waterford Library

Wednesdays 3:00 pm
Feb 4th and Feb 11th

North Sydney Library

Tuesdays 10:30 am
Feb 3rd, 10th (Full)

Sydney Mines Library

Wednesdays 10:30 am
TBA

♥ Saturday Story Time

For children 3 years and up. Half hour of stories, crafts, films, games and videos. Registration not required.

Dominion Library

Saturdays 11:00 am
TBA

Glace Bay Library

Saturdays 10:30 am
Feb 7th to Feb 28th

McConnell Library

Saturdays 10:30am and 2:30pm
Feb 7th to Feb 28th

New Waterford Library

Saturdays 3:00 pm
Feb 7th to Feb 28th

North Sydney Library

Saturdays 2:30 pm
Feb 7th to Feb 28th

Sydney Mines Library

Saturdays 2:30 pm
TBA

♥ Puppet Plays

Ages 3 and up.
Preregistration not required.

McConnell Library

Last Saturday of the month
2:30 pm

♥ Conte et bricoage

French Story Time. For information call Veronique Legault, 539-8872.

McConnell Library

Saturday Feb 14th
12:30-1:30 pm

♥ After School Programs

Activities for school aged children.

North Sydney Library

Wednesdays and Fridays
3:00 pm

♥ Paws to Read

Children read to trained Therapeutic Paws dogs. Registration required.

Glace Bay Library

Last Saturday of the month,
11:00-12:00 pm

McConnell Library

First Saturday of the month,
11:30-12:30 pm

North Sydney Library

Second Saturday of the month,
11:00-12:00 pm

♥ Reading Together Clubs

Bookclubs for children in grades 2-3 and 4-6, and their parents. Call 564-8404 (ALA CB) to register.

- George D Lewis School, Louisbourg
- Glace Bay Library
- McConnell Library

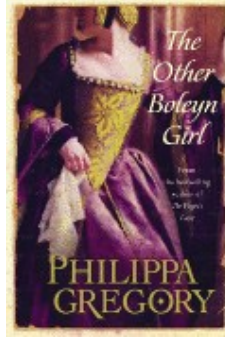
March Break Program

March 17th – 20th
Registration March 3rd
McConnell Library

ADOPT-A-BOOK Program Help Us Grow!

The Adopt-A-Book program is a unique way for people to give a gift to their library that reflects their personal tastes while helping to develop a strong library book collection for the whole community. Donations made through Adopt-A-Book help the Library to provide a greater selection of books and library materials to users.

Books can be adopted in memory of a loved one; for yourself or someone else; anonymously; as a member of a group; or as a unique gift for a birthday or anniversary. Donors get to choose an inscription for the bookplate that is placed in the front of the book and they can borrow the book first. The book will be placed in the permanent collection of the community library the donor chooses.



There are hundreds of new book titles on the adult and children's Adopt-A-Book wish lists that are available in library branches across Cape Breton and Victoria Counties or online at:
www.cbri.ca/support/adoptabook.asp.

If you do not see a book that appeals to you on the list, you can suggest a subject area and library staff will find books to suit your interests. The Cape Breton Regional Library is a registered charity so donors receive a charitable tax receipt for the amount of their gift.

For more information, please call 562-3279 or your local library branch.

Focus on ... Main-a-Dieu Branch

The Main-a-Dieu Library, one of our smallest branches, is located in the Coastal Discovery Centre in the old Main-a-Dieu elementary school. With the recent retirement of library clerk Lillian Murray, the reins have been passed to Diana Furlong who used to visit the library at it's previous location as a child.

Diana has been actively reaching out to citizens in nearby areas to raise awareness of the library, and to ensure that the

library is a vital part of the community. Many patrons have rediscovered the services provided by the library and circulation has increased dramatically.

Special programs and events began around Christmas and have continued into the New Year with participation in the Family Literacy Day World Record Attempt for "Most children reading with an adult – multiple locations". Along with the North Sydney, Baddeck and McConnell Libraries,

at the end of January, Main-a Dieu hosted 3 readers (Scott Boyd of 101.9 the Giant, Rob Calabrese and Jennifer Ludlow of 89.7 the Coast) and over 30 children who enjoyed 5 Robert Munsch stories together. In total, 206 children and readers participated at CBRL.

Plans are underway this winter for a Writer's Circle, a program on shipwrecks and an evening of Ghost Stories. Stay tuned for details. Everyone is invited to attend, and visit the Main-a-Dieu Branch.

If you like to read... Historical Fiction

Did you like the *Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory? If so, then try these authors:

- Jean Auel
- Geraldine Brooks
- Tracey Chevalier
- Catherine Cookson
- Dorothy Dunnett
- Diana Gabaldon
- Margaret George
- Robert Graves
- Georgette Heyer
- Jeanne Kalogridis
- Karleen Koen
- Rosalind Laker
- Stephen Marlowe
- Robin Maxwell
- Patrick O'Brian
- Jean Plaidy
- Jeff Shaara
- Irving Stone
- Judith Tarr

CANADA READS 2009

Get ready for the debates on CBC Radio One March 2 to 6, and come to the CBRL Canada Reads Book Panel taping at McConnell Library, Thursday Feb 19th, 7-9 pm.

The Books:

- The Fat Woman Next Door is Pregnant, by Michel Tremblay
- The Book of Negroes, by Lawrence Hill
- Fruit, by Brian Francis
- The Outlander, by Gil Adamson
- Mercy Among the Children, by David Adams Richards



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Sydney, NS
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www.cbri.ca

Cape Breton Regional Library

Branch Hours

BADDECK

526 Chebucto St. – Phone 295-2055

e-mail: baddeck@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Mon: 1 - 5
Tues: 1 - 5, 6 - 8
Thurs: 5 - 8
Fri: 1 - 5, 6 - 8
Sat: 10 - 12, 1 - 5

DOMINION

78 Commercial St. – Phone 849-3590

e-mail: dominion@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Mon & Tues: 1 - 5:30, 6:30 - 8:30
Wed: 1 - 5:30
Thurs & Fri: 10 - 12, 1 - 5:30, 6:30 - 8:30
Sat: 10 - 12, 1 - 5:30

DONKIN (Elementary School)

81 Centre Ave – Phone 737-1154

e-mail: donkin@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Mon & Tues: 2:30 - 5:30
Wed & Thurs: 2:30 - 5:00 & 6:00 - 8
Fri: 2:30 - 5:00

FLORENCE

676 Bras d'Or Florence Rd – Phone 736-7583

e-mail: florence@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Tues: 1-5, 6-8
Wed & Fri: 1 - 5
Thurs: 1 - 5, 6 - 8
Fri: 1 - 5
Sat: 10 - 1

GLACE BAY

121 Union St. – Phone 849-8657

e-mail: glacebay@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Mon: 2 - 9
Tues - Fri: 10 - 9
Sat: 10 - 5:30

INGONISH

(Victoria North Regional Branch)

36243 Cabot Trail, Ingonish – Phone 285-2544

e-mail: ingonish@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Tues - Thurs: 12 - 5, 6 - 8
Fri: 9 - 12, 1 - 5
Sat: 10 - 12, 1 - 5

LOUISBOURG

10 Upper Warren St. – Phone 733-3608

e-mail: louisbou@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Tues & Thurs 2 - 5, 6-8
Wed & Sat: 2 - 5
Fri: 10 -11:30, 2 - 5:30

MAIN-A-DIEU

2886 Louisbourg Main-a-Dieu Road
Phone 733-5708

e-mail: mainadie@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Mon & Wed: 6 - 8
Tues: 1 - 5
Thurs: 12 - 4
Sat: 2 - 5

NEW WATERFORD

3390 Plummer Ave - Phone 862-2892

e-mail: newwater@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Mon: 1:30 - 5:30, 7 - 9
Tues - Thurs: 10 - 9
Fri: 10 - 5:30, 7 - 9
Sat: 10 - 5:30

NORTH SYDNEY (Wilfred Oram Centennial)

299 Commercial St - Phone 794-3272

e-mail: northsyd@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Mon: 1:30 - 5:30, 7 - 9
Tues - Thurs: 10 - 9
Fri: 10 - 5:30, 7 - 9
Sat: 10 - 5:30

RESERVE MINES (Tompkins Place)

2249 Sydney Road – Phone 849-6685

e-mail: reservem@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Mon - Tues & Fri: 2 - 5:30
Wed - Thurs: 2 - 5:30, 6:30 - 8:30

SYDNEY (McConnell Library)

50 Falmouth St – Phone 562-3161

e-mail: mconne@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10 -9
Sat: 10 - 5:30

SYDNEY MINES

1 Fraser Ave – Phone 736-3219

e-mail: sydneymi@nssc.library.ns.ca

Hours: Mon: 1:30 - 5:30, 7 - 9
Tues, Wed, Thurs: 10-5:30, 7 -9
Fri: 10-5:30
Sat: 10-12, 1-5:30

- BOOKMOBILES -

CAPE BRETON COUNTY BOOKMOBILE

Headquarters: 50 Falmouth St. Sydney
Phone: 562-3279

VICTORIA COUNTY BOOKMOBILE

Headquarters: 526 Chebucto St. Baddeck
Phone: 295-2055

Look for bookmobile schedules on our
website: www.cbri.ca