



# Off the Shelf

Library News and Events

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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:

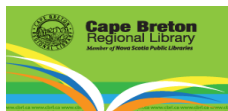
Annual donation to the Adopt-a-Book program

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 or email: [rgillis@nssc.library.ns.ca](mailto:rgillis@nssc.library.ns.ca)



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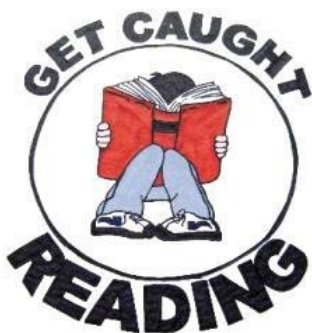
## Adopt-A-Book, or adopt many books, in 2011!

The Cape Breton Regional Library's Adopt-A-Book campaign kicks off in January to raise money for new books for the Library. Books can be adopted in memory of a loved one, anonymously, on behalf of yourself or someone else, as a group, or as a unique present for the person who has everything on birthdays, anniversaries, or retirement. You can adopt a book at any of our thirteen branches or two bookmobiles. The book you choose will stay in the library branch of your choice.

To adopt a book, check out the lists available for library regions. These lists are available online at [www.cbri.ca/support/adoptabook.asp](http://www.cbri.ca/support/adoptabook.asp) or at any of our library branches. When choosing a book, check the web site list to make sure it has not already been adopted. You can then fill out the Adopt-A-Book form available online or at your library branch and give us the purchase price of the book selected. If you cannot find a book you like on our lists, ask at the desk about having a book ordered in a subject area of your choice.

Over the last number of years, the Adopt-A-Book campaign has been an important fundraiser for the library's book budget. Your gift to Adopt-A-Book is a gift to your whole community. 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.

- Rosalie Gillis



## Cape Breton Regional Library Get Caught Reading!

Keep sending us pictures of yourselves and people you know reading!

We encourage you to send us images of people reading in strange and unusual places!

By sending us your photos, you give us permission to use them on our website (we will choose the best ones to upload). We will not name any of the photo subjects.

Send your photos to: [nwarren@nssc.library.ns.ca](mailto:nwarren@nssc.library.ns.ca)



## The Wilfred Oram Centennial Library has Re-Opened in its New Building!

The new North Sydney Library has moved into its new location—the North Sydney Culture and Heritage Community Centre at 309 Commercial Street, as of January 25th, 2011.

The hard-working librarian in charge of the Northside region and much of the new library's design, Clare MacKillop, is "very excited for the opening. It's been a long challenging journey, but our effort will pay off," she said.

Wilfred Oram was a respected Town Councillor, Bandmaster for the 562 Cabot Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets and elected member for the Northside Victoria District School Board.

## Introduction to Digital Media Downloads Sessions to be Offered in February

Have you heard any of the fuss about OverDrive and our new Digital Media Download Service? Do you wonder what it is? Would you like to know how you can download and enjoy digital audiobooks and digital/electronic books (e-books) from CBRL?

This winter we are offering free Digital Media Download Introductory Training Sessions. Come and learn the basics about how to download digital media from the library: learn about how to use the service and what it can offer you!

Sessions will initially be offered on Wednesday, February 9th from 2-4pm and 7-9pm at the James McConnell Library in Sydney. Additional sessions will be added as interest and ability allow.

**\*\*Please call the McConnell Library at: 562-3161 to Register\*\***

Sessions are open to anyone, but they will be geared toward people who already have a basic understanding of computers (such as how to email and browse the internet). If you are unfamiliar with the basics of computing, or would like to learn more, please consider taking an introductory computer course with the C@P Society of Cape Breton (Phone: 539-9063 or Email [coordinator@capcbco.ca](mailto:coordinator@capcbco.ca)).

-Nick Warren

### Friends of the Library December Gift Basket Winners

The winner of the New Waterford Gift Basket was: Anne Connell

AND

The Winner of the Sydney Gift Basket was: Patricia Jacobs



ABOVE: Organizer Sidney Reid hangs up another donation at the 2010 Knit-a-thon.

The 4th Annual KnitFit Community Knit-a-thon will be held at the McConnell and Baddeck Libraries again this year, on Saturday, February 26th, from 10 am to 5 pm. Hand knit and crocheted hats, mitts, socks, scarves, sweaters and blankets will be collected for the Every Women's Centre Adopt-a-Family

## 4th Annual KnitFit Community Knit-a-thon Supports Charities and Childrens' Literacy

program, and the Victoria County Dept. of Community Services. Last year, hundreds of finished items were donated from all over the region, and we raised over \$1400 in pledges to help fund Children's programs at CBRL branches!

To participate, get a pledge sheet from your branch or our website, collect pledges to sponsor your efforts, and bring it to the McConnell or Baddeck Library on Feb 26th. Come for all or part of the day to knit and crochet, drop off items, and to pick up more yarn to continue your efforts over the year. Beginners and experienced crafters are welcome. You can also participate by donating yarn at any CBRL branch before or at the Knit-a-thon.

Local grocers and restaurants generously donate food for lunches,

and yarn stores across the Maritimes donate lovely door prizes for our participants. There is a lot of conversation, merriment and help available, so come and spend the day with us! We will be issuing a "Chunky Challenge" this year to use up the many balls of chunky yarn we have collected so far, so bring your favorite pattern for chunky yarn, or use one of ours.

At both the McConnell and Baddeck Libraries, crafters meet regularly throughout the year for drop-in "High Fibre Lunches" where they can work on items for the Knit-a-thon or their own projects. Some also produce chemo caps for women with breast cancer, and baby blankets and premie caps for the Neonatal unit at the hospital. New crafters are welcome to drop in at any time.

Thank you to all who give their time and resources to make the Knit-a-thon a wonderful event!

- Chris Thomson

## Digital Media Downloads Help Corner: How to Get Started with E-Books and E-Readers

Did you recently purchase an e-reader or get one for Christmas? After you have downloaded and installed the Adobe Digital Editions software from the Digital Media Downloads/OverDrive website (accessible from our website: [cbri.ca](http://cbri.ca)) you will want to "authorize" your computer and e-reader. Authorizing allows you to transfer your e-books between your computer, your e-reader and other computers and devices which you also authorize.

### To Authorize Adobe Digital Editions on your computer, using an Adobe ID:

1. Open Adobe Digital Editions for the first time.
2. The 'Setup Assistant' dialog box is displayed.
3. Click 'Continue'.
4. The 'Authorize Computer' screen is displayed.
5. In the appropriate fields, enter the email address and password for your Adobe ID.
6. If you do not already have an Adobe ID, click 'get an Adobe ID online' and follow the instructions to sign up for an Adobe ID.
7. Click 'Activate'.
8. Your computer is activated to your Adobe ID.
9. Click 'Finish' to close the 'Setup Assistant' dialog box.

To begin Authorization after your first time using the program, open Adobe Editions, go to "Library" -> "Authorize Computer" and follow steps 2-9.

### To Authorize a supported eBook device using an Adobe ID:

1. Connect the eBook device to your computer.
2. Open Adobe Digital Editions.
3. Adobe Digital Editions launches and detects the eBook device. The 'Device Setup Assistant' dialog box is displayed.
4. Click 'Authorize Device'.
5. Adobe Digital Editions activates the eBook device. You can now transfer DRM-protected Adobe eBooks to the device.
6. Note that both Adobe Digital Editions and the eBook device must be activated with the same Adobe ID to transfer DRM-protected Adobe eBooks to the device.

### To Authorize a supported Sony® Reader using an Adobe ID:

Follow the steps above, but note that you must also have Sony eBook Library software installed on your computer to transfer Adobe eBooks to the Sony Reader.

To download Sony Reader firmware upgrades and the Sony eBook Library software, go to: <http://esupport.sony.com/US/perl/select-system.pl?PRODTYPE=74>.

Please note that the display of Adobe eBooks on Sony Reader may vary, depending on the nature of the content.

For more Digital Media Downloading help, visit our website and follow the links.

[www.cbri.ca](http://www.cbri.ca)



## Gordon Cooper

For many years, Gordon Cooper was a treasured patron of the McConnell Library. He spent many days reading in the reference section of the library, chatting with patrons and staff, demonstrating his passionate beliefs and being a friend to many. Gordon died this past year but, thanks to the generosity and talent of his friend, Alan Miles, the Library has a pastel and pencil portrait of Gordon to remember him by.

Over the years Gordon told library staff many stories. One highlight of his life was his visit to Paris in the 1970s that included time spent at the well-known book store on the Left Bank, Shakespeare & Company. Reading was one of Gordon's passions but he was also a supporter of many causes running the gamut of human rights to anti-seal hunting. Bev McGee, a long time employee of the McConnell Library, remembers Gordon as being a patron when she started at the Library 23 years ago. "I miss Gordon very much," said Bev McGee, "He was such an interesting person who always brightened my day with a story. We miss his presence at the library."

Mr. Miles met Gordon at the library and they spent time discussing books. He produced this portrait in recognition of this friendship and presented it to the James McConnell Memorial Library as a tribute to Gordon and a reminder of Gordon's place in the McConnell Library.

- Rosalie Gillis

## Canada Reads 2011

Head to your local library and get a copy of the 2011 CBC Canada Reads books! Look out for a local Canada Reads book panel too! They are:

- \* *The Best Laid Plans*—Terry Fallis - - Defended by Ali Velshi
- \* *The Birth House*—Amy McKay - - Defended by Debbie Travis
- \* *The Bone Cage*—Angie Abdou - - Defended by Geoges Laraque
- \* *Essex County*—Jeff Lemire - - Defended by Sara Quin
- \* *Unless*—Carol Shields - - Defended by Lorne Cardinal

Beat the Winter Blahs! Head to Your Local Library and Take out Some Good Books! We Have the Books, Audiobooks, Graphic Novels, Magazines, Digital Audiobooks, E-Books and DVDs to Turn Your **Blahs** into **La-La-Las!**



## CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY

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## Family Literacy Day

**Family Literacy Day is  
this January 30th, 2011!**

A day encouraging and  
celebrating families reading  
together.

Some Library Branches,  
including the James McConnell  
(Sydney) and Glace Bay  
Libraries, will be celebrating  
Family Literacy Day with  
special events.

See the Program Insert Inside  
for more information!

**Documentary Film not in the  
Program Insert:** *Mirage of  
Eldorado*. Possibly the only  
chance to see this  
documentary in Atlantic  
Canada. Feb. 16th at 7pm,  
McConnell Library, Sydney

# Cape Breton Regional Library

## Branch Hours

### BADDECK

526 Chebucto St. – Phone 295-2055

e-mail: [baddeck@nssc.library.ns.ca](mailto:baddeck@nssc.library.ns.ca)

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

### DOMINION

78 Commercial St. – Phone 849-3590

e-mail: [dominion@nssc.library.ns.ca](mailto:dominion@nssc.library.ns.ca)

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

### DONKIN (Elementary School)

81 Centre Ave – Phone 737-1154

e-mail: [donkin@nssc.library.ns.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

### INGONISH

(Victoria North Regional Branch)

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

### LOUISBOURG (W.W. Lewis Memorial)

10 Upper Warren St. – Phone 733-3608

e-mail: [louisbou@nssc.library.ns.ca](mailto: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](mailto:mainadie@nssc.library.ns.ca)

Hours: Tues: 11-3  
Wed: 6-8  
Thurs: 1-5, 6-8  
Sat: 2 - 5

### NEW WATERFORD

3390 Plummer Ave - Phone 862-2892

e-mail: [newwater@nssc.library.ns.ca](mailto:newwater@nssc.library.ns.ca)

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

### NORTH SYDNEY (Wilfred Oram Centennial)

309 Commercial St - Phone 794-3272

e-mail: [northsyd@nssc.library.ns.ca](mailto:northsyd@nssc.library.ns.ca)

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

### RESERVE MINES (Tompkins Memorial)

2249 Sydney Road – Phone 849-6685

e-mail: [reservem@nssc.library.ns.ca](mailto:reservem@nssc.library.ns.ca)

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

### SYDNEY (James McConnell Library)

50 Falmouth St – Phone 562-3161

e-mail: [mcconne@nssc.library.ns.ca](mailto:mcconne@nssc.library.ns.ca)

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

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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 -

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