



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

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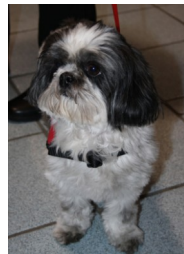
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Paws to Read at the McConnell Library

Paws to Read is back! Parents can register their children for a 4-week reading session with a furry friend (March 5th–26th and May 7th-28th). The Paws to Read program was developed to help children who need reading encouragement and practice to improve their reading skills, by spending some one-on-one reading time with a Therapy dog team.

Reading to an excellent listener who is not going to judge them, helps make reading out loud more comfortable for some children and gives them a chance to practice their reading skills and build up reading confidence. Parents who feel that their children could benefit from some reading time with a Paws to Read team should inquire about this program at the front desk, or by phone at 562-3161.

The Paws to Read Program is hosted by the CBRL with certified volunteer handlers and dogs from Therapeutic Paws of Canada.



If you want to learn more about Therapeutic Paws of Canada, check out their website www.tpoc.ca or phone Therapeutic Paws of Canada – Cape Breton Team Leaders, Linda Kennedy (862-3793), or Paulette Corbett (562-2792).
- Tara MacNeil

Book Sale! Book Sale! Book Sale! Book Sale! Book Sale! Book Sale!

The Cape Breton Regional Library will be holding a Used Book Sale from Thursday, April 7 at 5:00 P.M., to Saturday, April 16 at 5:00 P.M at the McConnell Library. The sale will run during regular library hours. The Library will be selling thousands of good, used books to make room for new materials and to support the programs and services of the Cape Breton Regional Library. The Friends of the McConnell Library Pre-Sale will be held on April 7 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. This Pre-sale is open to members of the Friends of McConnell Library only. Members of the Friends group will be at the Library from 1:30 to 3:00, selling memberships. The annual charge for a Friends membership is \$5. For more information on the sale, ask at the library or phone 562-3161 or 562-3279.
- Rosalie Gillis

BELOW: The exterior of the new North Sydney Library



BELOW: The interior of the new North Sydney Library



Baddeck Youth Writer's Group

Baddeck and area teens are spreading ink in the library - but that's okay with the library staff. The ink is flowing during the library's twice-monthly Youth Writers' Group meetings, which began in November, 2010. The group provides a place for young writers to experiment, share, and practice the fine art of critiquing. The format emphasizes on-the-spot writing challenges meant to exercise creative muscles. For example, at one recent meeting, everyone received a photo torn from a magazine, with the instruction to write for ten minutes in the voice of the person in the photograph. Writers may choose to share the results with the rest of the group, and are challenged to provide constructive feedback to one another. Over time, participants are building up collections of story ideas and finished work. They're also building confidence as writers. New members are welcome. Please call the Baddeck Library at 295-2055 for details, and ask for Kate.

- Kate Oland



ABOVE: Regional Librarian Faye MacDougall and other knitters get down to business

4th Annual KnitFit Community Knit-a-Thon: a Success!

The 4th Annual KnitFit Community Knit-a-thon in Sydney attracted over 30 people on Saturday, February 26th despite the bad roads, and everyone was happy they came. Over 300 handcrafted items donated by CBRL patrons graced the walls as crafters added their creations throughout the day. Donated items will go to the Every Women's Centre for their Adopt-a-Family program.

Almost \$800 was raised to support children's literacy programs at CBRL. We thank generous local sponsors for providing the beautiful lunch, and all the local and Maritime businesses who donated door prizes for the participants.

The Knit-a-thon at the Baddeck Library had to be postponed due to the bad weather in Victoria County that day, but everyone will be raring to go on Saturday March 12th (10 am to 5 pm). Items from that event will be made available to clients of the Victoria County Dept. of Community Services.

- Chris Thomson

Adopt-a-Book

Adopt-A-Book kicked off with a \$500 donation from the Friends of the McConnell Library. To adopt a book, check out the lists available for library regions. These lists are available online at 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. Fill out the Adopt-A-Book form 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 getting 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 (in the mail). For more information, please call 562-3279 or visit your local library branch.

- Rosalie Gillis



ABOVE: Friends of the McConnell Library, Nancy Burgess, left, and Keith Sanderson, look over some of the books the Friends purchased with a donation to Adopt-A-Book.

Celebrate International Women's Day (March 8th)

Novels:

The Handmaid's Tale / Margaret Atwood
Persepolis / Marjane Satrapi (Graphic Novel)
Mists of Avalon / Marion Zimmer Bradley

Non-fiction:

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide / Nicholas Kristof
A room of one's own / Virginia Woolf
The vagina monologues / Eve Ensler

Films

Manon Rhéaume : the woman behind the mask
Polytechnique
The Stoning of Soraya M.



Book Clubs: Do you want more?

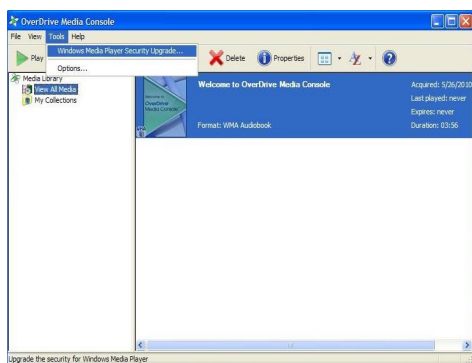
Cape Breton Regional Library currently has two book clubs on the go: The Seniors' Book Club and the 'Book Club for Men.' We hope to see the continued success of these clubs in 2011.

If you fall outside the seniors or male demographic, or would like to see book clubs based out of your local branch, let us know. Call your local branch and tell them what you would like to see — the more interest we receive, the more likely we are to go ahead with projects!

- Nicholas Warren

Digital Media Download Help Corner: Have Problems with Installing the Windows Media Player Security Upgrade for OverDrive Media Console?

You will have to download a Windows Media Player security upgrade in order to run OverDrive Media Console (OMC) on your computer. If you don't already have it on your PC, it is easy to install. Just follow the prompt to install it the first time you use OMC. If you missed the prompt, go to 'Tools' — 'Windows Media Player Security Upgrade' in OMC.



If the 'upgrade' won't install, here are some things to try:

- 1) Your browser's pop-up blocker might be blocking the license acquisition tab when you try to download the update. Temporarily disable your pop-up blocker
- 2) Make sure that Windows Media Player is not being blocked from accessing the internet by your Windows Firewall (or any other firewall programs)
- 3) If you still cannot get the security upgrade to install, use the following link with Internet Explorer: <http://drmlicense.one.microsoft.com/indivsite/en/indivit.asp>. Once at the site, click on 'upgrade.'
- 4) If you still cannot get it to work, please contact me at: nwarren@nssc.library.ns.ca with a detailed description of your problem, including your library barcode, phone number, operating system, browser name and version.

Searching for a good book? Did you know that the library catalogue allows you to do a subject search for novels?

Why would you search by subject?

This may be useful if you are looking for books with common themes such as "Coming-of-age" or "Time Travel". Or maybe you just want to browse through a list of books in your favourite genre "mysteries" for example.

How to search by subject:

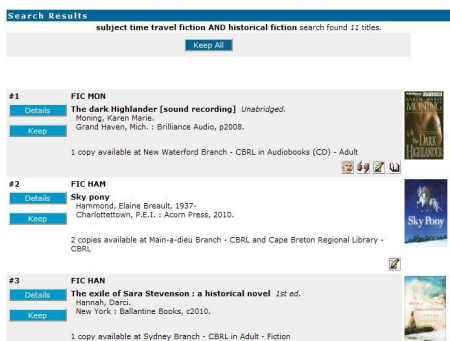
From the library's homepage www.cbri.ca enter the subject you want to search, followed by the word "fiction" in the Search the Catalogue box (BELOW RIGHT). Make sure you select "subject" from the dropdown box on the right and then click "Search."

e.g. You can search by broad genre headings such as:

suspense fiction
historical fiction
romance fiction

or more specific subjects such as:

slavery fiction
time travel fiction



My search for "time travel fiction" gave me 199 titles. Since this is a lot of books to browse through, I narrowed my results by searching for two subjects at once.

This time I tried "time travel fiction AND historical fiction".

This gave me 11 results.

There are hundreds of different subjects you can try, so go ahead and experiment a little! Just remember to add the word "fiction". For kids books use the term "juvenile fiction."

- Erin Phillips

****Thanks to a generous donation by the Central Cape Breton Community Health Board the McConnell Library has been able to offer healthy snacks at some of our regular programs and special events during 2011!****



ABOVE: Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Donated by Northside Credit Union to Wilfred Oram Centennial Library in North Sydney. Kristine Stubbert, left, of the North Sydney Credit Union checks out the new AED with library staff person, Daphne Webber.



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Easter Closures (All Branches):

Good Friday
- Friday, April 22

Easter Monday
- Monday, April 25



ABOVE: Kate Oland reads with a charming Baddeck Branch Snowperson

Cape Breton Regional Library

Branch Hours

BADDECK
526 Chebucto St. – Phone 295-2055
e-mail: 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
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
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 (W.W. Lewis Memorial)
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: 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
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
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
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
Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10 -9
Sat: 10 - 5:30

SYDNEY MINES (Martha Hollett Memorial)
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

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