



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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Storyteller-in-Residence Appointed!

The Cape Breton Regional Library Board is very pleased to announce Ken Chisholm as the first ever Storyteller-in-Residence. Ken is an accomplished singer, songwriter, musician, actor, director and writer who has been telling stories in many different ways for more than 30 years in Cape Breton. During his two-year term, he will participate at library and community events to promote storytelling to residents of all ages. The Storyteller-in-Residence programme is the first in Atlantic Canada, recognizing and promoting Cape Breton's rich storytelling heritage.

Ken says he's honoured by the appointment and is looking forward to representing the Library at various events, "The Regional Library has been invaluable to me over the years as a resource in all of my creative endeavours", Chisholm remarks "I've used their research files, attended author readings, learned from their workshops and lectures and most recently enjoyed being part of their book club for men. It is a huge thrill to be their Storyteller-in-Residence and I can't wait to get to work."



Storyteller-in-Residence - Ken Chisholm

The Library is eager to showcase our Storyteller-in-Residence. "Through the telling and sharing of stories, we learn, preserve history, and develop an understanding of our heritage," said Faye MacDougall, Regional Librarian, "The library recognizes the value and importance of this rich oral tradition, and looks forward to working with Ken as he researches and imparts many wonderful, inspiring, and memorable stories." -Rosalie Gillis

Upcoming Used Book Sales

North Sydney ~ During Bar Town Days, the Cape Breton Regional Library will hold a Used Book Sale at the Wilfred Oram Centennial Library in North Sydney - Thursday, July 21 at 5pm to Saturday, July 23, during regular library hours. For more information, phone 794-3272.

Baddeck ~ One-day, sidewalk Used Book Sale at the Baddeck Library on Saturday, August 6, during regular library hours.

Also in Baddeck everyone is invited to the Summer Welcome Program Series Thursday evenings starting at 6:30pm, in July & August at the Baddeck Public Library. For further details contact the Library 295-2055 or follow updates on facebook.

CBRL serving our communities for 60 years!

Highlights from 2010/11:

- 457, 888 items borrowed.
- 57, 443 holds placed (a record number!)
- 287, 701 visits to library branches.
- 50, 683 hours of use on our public computers.
- 11, 269 children attended a Library program.



Programs Assistant working hard in our branches!

Laurie MacCormick joined the Cape Breton Regional Library in February of 2011 for a one-year term position as a Programmes/Outreach Assistant. Her role is to provide programming for all ages to patrons in some of CBRL's smaller branches. To date, Dominion, Reserve Mines, Louisbourg, Main-A-Dieu and Ingonish branches have offered a variety of programs, such as: "Pets on Parade" which is a fun pet photo contest for all ages; a "Comic Club" where children learn to draw their own comic book or comic strip; a Recipe Swap; Family Fun Days full of games, crafts and activities; Walking Clubs; Adult/Senior Game Days; and Summer Reading Kick-off events. Please drop by one of these branches to see what's happening! If you have any suggestions or ideas, Laurie would love to hear from you!

Pictured at left: Laurie MacCormick

Wii for Seniors

Join Jenna at the McConnell Library and try some Wii sports for fun! Board games and cards will also be set-up.

**Tues July 12th
Wed July 20th
Thurs Aug 18th
1:30-3:00pm**

CBRL Library staff honoured in June

Three staff members' work efforts were recognized in June: Chris Thomson was honoured for her work with the provincial Adopt-a-Library Program, and Bev McGee and Tara MacNeil were presented with a 'Caring at Work Award' at Cape Breton's first ever Childcare Awareness Awards event.

Pictured below: Bev McGee, Blair Hill (YMCA Daycare) and Tara MacNeil.



Cape Breton Reads!

Adult Summer Reading Program

Don't let the children have all the fun!



Adult readers: fill out a ballot each time you visit your library branch this summer for a chance to win a bag of books and surprises!

Recommend one of your great summer reads by filling out a review form, or sticking a 'recommended read' bookmark in the book when you return it to the library. Here are a few books recommended by CBC Cape Breton's Book Panel to start off your summer reading:

From Bev's picks: The Cruellest Month, by Louise Penny (1 downloadable audiobook, 4 copies)*

From Ken's picks: Drood, by Dan Simmons (5 copies)*

From Wendy's picks: What the Dog Saw and other adventures, by Malcolm Gladwell (1 ebook, 1 downloadable audiobook and 3 copies)*

From Paul's picks: Memoirs of a Cape Breton Doctor, by C. Lamont MacMillan (18 copies)*

* copies available from the Cape Breton Regional Library

Summer Reading Surprises!

Last year, for completing the Summer Reading Program, my son Kameron won a new hat, a book on karate, and two FREE months at Island Martial Arts (IMAC) in Glace Bay for Tae Kwon Do. Because of an earlier (not so great) experience with a different group, he told me he wanted absolutely nothing to do with it.

Lori, the facilitator at IMAC, told me they have kids in every shape & size (and adult classes too), who could talk to him. After much deliberation, Kameron agreed to give it a try.

September 24th was his first night. He was very apprehensive about it. We ended up going home early because he sprained his toe. That was the bad news. The good news is that he still wanted to go back and try again!

After six months, Kameron passed his test and received his yellow belt for Tae Kwon Do. The Kameron now compared to the Kameron six months ago, is not the same kid. He found confidence and self-esteem in sticking with IMAC. At the end of the year Kameron received the award for 'most improved junior' in his Tae Kwon Do class—nice work Kameron! Now he is wondering how long it will take to get his orange belt. Needless to say, the entire family is very proud of him.

On behalf of Kameron, John & I, we would like to thank CBRL for putting on the Summer Reading Program Kameron into their family. -April MacKinnon (Kameron's mom and Glace Bay Library staff member)



In photo: Kameron MacKinnon and his mom and dad.

Parents encourage your child to join this year's 'Splash! Celebrate Summer Reading Program' - help them build great reading habits and learn to enjoy reading for pleasure. Last summer over 800 children joined the program!

Read-A-Thon in the Park & Plant Sale

The Friends of the McConnell Library and the Friends of Wentworth Park held the fifth annual Read-a-thon in the Park at the Bandshell, on June 18. It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day, perfect for reading outside. About 100 people gathered to hear stories, check out the Bookmobile and watch the Library Puppet Players. We had guest readers who read children's stories, including stories in Gaelic, French and English. With Tim Hortons on site to give out treats, and healthy snack bags from Sobey's for the kids, everyone was happy. As part of the Read-a-thon, some participants tracked the time they had read over the two weeks prior to the event. When all the reading minutes were added up, there was a total of 363 hours 25 minutes of reading time recorded! The Friends also held a very successful plant sale along with the Read-a-thon. All money raised will be used to improve services at the McConnell Library in Sydney.

-Rosalie Gillis



TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER A SUCCESS!

In June, McConnell Library hosted the very first Teddy Bear Sleepover. Boys and girls enjoyed Friday evening activities, and afterwards left their furry friends behind to enjoy a night of slumber party fun! A total of 58 bears attended.



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Branch Closures

All branches will be
closed for
Canada Day
July 1, 2011

The following
branches will be
closed for the
Monday, August 1
Civic Holiday:
Baddeck
Ingonish
Louisbourg
Main a Dieu
North Sydney
Sydney
CB Co. & Vict. Co.
Bookmobiles

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

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Phone 733-5708

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

NEW WATERFORD

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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

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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

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

SYDNEY MINES (Martha Hollett Memorial)

1 Fraser Ave – Phone 736-3219

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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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