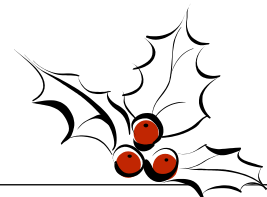




Off the Shelf



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



Have your Christmas party with us!

A Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held at the Sydney Curling Club on Saturday, December 10, with funds raised in support of the Cape Breton Regional Library. The meal will be a turkey dinner and music will be provided by a DJ. Seating can be arranged for a group of 8 or more, and reserved tables are available. Tickets are \$25 per person. To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact library headquarters at 562-3279.

McConnell Library Public Consultation Continues

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality has commissioned a feasibility study to explore options for expanding, renovating, and improving the existing McConnell library building. On October 11, the first public meeting was held to explain the study and provide residents of the community with the opportunity to express their opinions about the current and potential future uses of the building. Seventy people came out to share their opinions about the current building and describe the ways they felt it could be enhanced to better serve their needs. At the next public meeting, highlights from the final report draft of the feasibility study will be presented. The meeting is expected to be held in late November or December. The date and time will be confirmed soon and announced on our website, at the branch, and in local media. We hope that you will join us in planning the future of the McConnell Library and come to the meeting to hear what the recommendations about the building will be.

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Buck for a Book and Teen Craft Night:

Glace Bay Library Fundraiser and Program

Starting November 1, you can help support Teen Craft Night at the Glace Bay Library by purchasing a paper "book" for one dollar. Visit the branch to put your name and the name of your favourite book on a paper book cut-out and post it anywhere in the library. The fundraiser will be held for the month of November, and the teen program will begin in December and will continue to be offered every other month. Registration for the program is limited to ten teens, so be sure to register early. For more information on the fundraiser or Teen Craft Night, please phone the Glace Bay branch at 849-8657.

-Charlene Budden

Book Sale at the McConnell Library!

The Cape Breton Regional Library will be holding a used book sale from Wednesday, November 16 at 5:00 PM to Saturday, November 19 at 5:00 PM 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 library. The sale will include adult and children's books in both paperback and hardcover at excellent prices. The Friends of the McConnell Library Pre-Sale will be held on November 16 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. This Pre-sale is open only to members of the Friends of the McConnell Library. Members of the Friends group will be at the library on the 16th from 1:30 to 3:00 to sell annual memberships at a cost of \$5 each. For more information on the sale, ask at the library or phone 562-3161 or 562-3279. Please note: this sale will run for 4 days only. -Rosalie Gillis



A Sticky Situation at the Baddeck Library

Fourteen people found themselves in a sticky situation at the Baddeck Library recently, when student John Holmes led a duct tape craft workshop. John showed off some of his duct tape creations, including a Halloween costume, guitar straps, and a top hat. Then he led participants through the process of making a duct tape wallet to take home (pictured at left). It was great (sticky) fun! Want to try some duct tape crafts yourself? Check out the book *Ductigami: The Art of the Tape* by Joe Wilson, available through your library. - Kate Oland

Introducing the Library's Newest Staff Member

In September, Amanda Andrews joined the library as a temporary Assistant Librarian and supervisor of the Victoria County branches. Amanda recently graduated from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario with a Masters of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) degree. She previously studied at Cape Breton University and St. Mary's University in Halifax, where she received an undergraduate degree in psychology. Libraries have always played an important role in Amanda's life, and while growing up she spent many hours at the McConnell Library. More recently, she's served as a volunteer at the Sydney River Elementary School Library. Amanda's experiences volunteering and her lifelong love of libraries influenced her decision to become a librarian, which she describes as "a rewarding and exciting profession." As Assistant Librarian, Amanda's job responsibilities include working at the reference desk and the Circulation department at the McConnell branch. She is also responsible for selecting books and visual and audio materials, and supervising the Victoria County libraries, which include the Baddeck and Ingonish branches and the Victoria County bookmobile. Welcome to CBRL, Amanda! We're very happy to have you join the library team. -Nicole Radzikowski



Above: Amanda Andrews, the newest staff member at CBRL

Check out the new Staff Picks section on the CBRL website at www.cbrl.ca/new/staffpicks.asp & try a book recommended by one of our staff members!

Our Picks for November include:

The Sense of an Ending (2011) by Julian Barnes

Tell No One (2001) by Harlan Coben

Galore (2009) by Michael Crummey

Left Neglected (2011) by Lisa Genova

The Trick of the Light (2011) by Louise Penny

The Leftovers (2011) by Tom Perrotta

Your Friendly Neighborhood Criminal (2008) by Michael van Rooy

If You Ask Me (And of Course You Won't) (2011) by Betty White



More Recommended Reading: Holiday Picks Christmas Crafts, Crochet, Cookies, and more!

Check our website or drop by your branch to find books and DVDs to get you in the holiday spirit! Here are a few titles you might enjoy:

An Atlantic Christmas Reader: Stories & Traditions (2010).

Best of Christmas Ideas: Better Homes & Gardens [eBook] (2009).

Christmas in Crochet (2010) by Judy Crow

Martha's Homemade Holidays [DVD] (2005) by Martha Stewart

Nigella Christmas: Food, Family, Friends, Festivities (2009) by Nigella Lawson

A Greener Christmas (2008) by Sheherezade Goldsmith

Christmas Cookies: 50 Recipes to Treasure for the Holiday Season (2008) by Lisa Zwirn



eBooks and audiobooks at the Library



As the holiday season approaches, you might be considering purchasing an eBook Reader as a gift for someone on your list, or perhaps for yourself. The library offers a growing collection of free eBooks and digital audiobooks through the Overdrive Digital Download service. In the past year, CBRL patrons have checked out more than 7000 eBooks and audiobooks.

If you're interested in learning more about how to download digital media and also finding out which eReader devices are compatible with Overdrive, check out our resource page on the library's website at www.cbri.ca/Overdrive/Overdrivewelcomepage.asp. On the site, you'll find several guides and resources to help you get started. In October, the library offered several introductory sessions on Overdrive at four different branches, and additional classes will be held in the coming months. To register for a class or for more information on downloading eBooks and audiobooks, please e-mail cbri-support@nssc.library.ns.ca, or call the McConnell branch at 562-3161. -Nicole Radzikowski



Above: The April Verch Trio performed at the McConnell Library during the Celtic Colours Conversation Series in October.

Library Hosts NSLA Conference

During the weekend of September 23 to 25, the Cape Breton Regional Library, with assistance from the Cape Breton University Library and the Canadian Coast Guard College, was proud to host the annual joint conference of the Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA)/Library Board Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS). One hundred and five delegates from around the province gathered at the Delta Sydney Hotel to exchange ideas, enhance their skills, and keep up to date with library issues. The theme of the conference, *Strong Roots, New Growth*, was selected to recognize that libraries are a traditional and integral part of communities they serve, and are continually changing and growing. The theme was also selected to complement Cape Breton's strong cultural heritage. Feelings of Cape Breton pride were evident throughout the conference's activities, which included a walking tour of Sydney's historic north end and musical entertainment by Howie MacDonald during the annual awards banquet. The conference sessions explored many diverse topics. Delegates had the opportunity to attend programs that focused on ways to provide effective service to a variety of different groups, with sessions dedicated to providing service to youths, individuals with disabilities, and those with mental illness, respectively. Those who attended the conference were also able to learn about the innovative projects taking place in libraries around Nova Scotia, such as the growing use of social networking and media sharing websites in public libraries. The conference organizers would like to thank all sponsors, speakers, vendors, and volunteers for their generous support, which contributed to the success of the conference. -Nicole Radzikowski



Clockwise from top left: Mayor John Morgan, Councillor Claire Detheridge, CBRL Librarian and Conference Planning Committee Chair Theresa MacDonald, Pictou-Antigonish Library Board Chair Mary MacLellan, and CBRL Regional Librarian Faye MacDougall at the Meet and Greet Opening Reception. Councillor Claire Detheridge is presented the LBANS Honorary Membership Award by Nova Scotia Minister of Communities, Culture, and Heritage David Wilson at the Awards Banquet. Several brave volunteers at the banquet participated in a step dancing lesson from Howie MacDonald, Dan Christmas, conference keynote speaker, and Regional Librarian Faye MacDougall.





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Holiday Closures

All branches will be closed:

Remembrance

Day
-Friday,
November 11



Christmas Eve

-Saturday, December 24
(branches closing at 1pm)

Christmas Day

-Sunday, December 25

New Year's Eve

-Saturday, December 31
(branches closing at 1pm)

New Year's Day

-Sunday, January 1

***Be sure to check at
your branch or visit the
library website for
information on
additional holiday
closure dates***

Cape Breton Regional Library

Branch Hours

BADDECK

526 Chebucto St. – Phone 295-2055
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Hours: Tues: 12 - 5, 6 - 8
Wed: 12 - 5, 6 - 8
Thurs: 12 - 5, 6 - 8
Fri & Sat: 10 - 5

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Fri & Sat: 10 - 12, 1 - 5:30

DONKIN (Elementary School)

81 Centre Ave – Phone 737-1154
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Wed & Thurs: 2:30 - 5:00 & 6:00 - 8
Fri: 2:30 - 5:00

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e-mail: florence@nssc.library.ns.ca
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Wed & Fri: 1 - 5
Thurs: 1 - 5, 6 - 8
Sat: 10 - 1

GLACE BAY

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Tues - Fri: 10 - 9
Sat: 10 - 5:30

INGONISH

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Fri: 9 - 12, 1 - 5
Sat: 10 - 12, 1 - 5

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Fri: 10 -11:30, 2 - 5:30

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Thurs: 1-5, 6-8
Sat: 2 – 5

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Tues – Thurs: 10 - 9
Fri: 10 - 7
Sat: 10 - 5:30

NORTH SYDNEY (Wilfred Oram Centennial)

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Tues – Thurs: 10 - 9
Fri: 10 - 7
Sat: 10 - 5:30

RESERVE MINES (Tompkins Memorial)

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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

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