



# 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

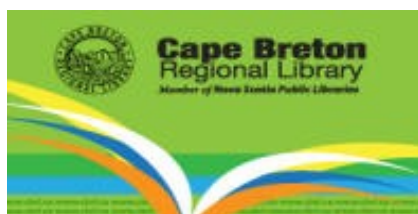
Remember the Library in your will

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

## Back to School ~ Get the Card

It's back to school time - time for getting school supplies like binders, scribblers, pens, and pencils. There is one more very important item to add to your list: it's free, can help any student succeed in school, provides help with school projects, and is fun to use. It's your **library card**. A library card is the best school supply you can get!

The public library is an invaluable resource for every student. The Cape Breton Regional Library has a great selection of books and other resources



on any topic for school projects. Whatever your child's interest, your library has books, magazines, audiobooks, eBooks, and DVDs to help satisfy his or her curiosity. The library provides students with free access to databases of news articles, encyclopedias, and other resources. In addition, public libraries are the number one access point for free internet access, an important resource for families without access at home. Come into any one of our library branches or visit us online at [www.cbrl.ca](http://www.cbrl.ca) to get your card and access our free resources. -Rosalie Gillis

## Discover Yourself @ the Library

This October, you'll get a chance to Discover Yourself @ the Library. We'll be celebrating the many things that your library offers with programs for all ages and contests for you to win prizes. Something will be happening in every library branch during the month so there will be lots of fun and lots to learn. Watch for more information at your branch and in local media! -Tara MacNeil



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## Library Hosts Annual Conference

The Cape Breton Regional Library, with assistance from the Cape Breton University Library and the Canadian Coast Guard College Library, is proud to host the 2011 Conference of the Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA/LBANS). The conference will be held on September 23 – 25 at the Delta Sydney hotel. Formed in 1973, the NSLA promotes the value of libraries and provides a means for library workers to exchange ideas, enhance skills, and keep abreast of library issues. The theme of NSLA's 2011 Conference is *Strong Roots, New Growth*, which "celebrates libraries as traditional, as well as ever-changing, vibrant and new," according to the NSLA's website. More information about the conference can be found at [www.nsla.ns.ca](http://www.nsla.ns.ca). Please note that the McConnell Library will close at 7:00 pm on Friday, September 23 for the conference's opening events. The Library will reopen for regular hours on Saturday, September 24. -Nicole Radzikowski



## Life Saving in the Library

Thanks to the support of the East Coast Credit Union's Baddeck Branch, the Baddeck Public Library Society, and the Cape Breton Regional Library Board, the Baddeck Library now has an automated external defibrillator (AED) available. According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, up to 45,000 cardiac arrests occur each year in Canada. Defibrillation, when used with CPR, can improve cardiac arrest survival rates up to more than 50% if delivered in the first few minutes. Having access to the AED can make the difference between life and death. Faye MacDougall (Regional Librarian) notes that "The Baddeck Library is a busy facility and is used by community residents of all ages. We appreciate the community support in making this important lifesaving device available in the Library." -Rosalie Gillis



Bill Stephens, chair of the Baddeck Public Library Society, Theresa MacDonald, branch manager of the Baddeck branch of the East Coast Credit Union, and Erin Phillips, Victoria County Library Services Supervisor for the Cape Breton Regional Library, are shown next to the Baddeck Public Library's new automated external defibrillator (AED).

## Introducing the CBRL's Newest Staff Members!

In early August, the Cape Breton Regional Library welcomed our new Computer Technician James MacKinnon. Some people may remember James as our C@P student at McConnell Library for the summers of 2006 and 2007. During that time, he served the public on the circulation desk, ran cyber camps for children and offered computer training classes for seniors. James received a Bachelor of Technology Information degree from Cape Breton University in 2009. Between jobs with the CBRL, James worked with the company *Slightly Social* making Facebook games, as well as working with the Whitney Pier Society for the Arts, helping with PierScape, and developing their website. James is happy to be working with library staff and patrons again; "It's definitely good to be back," he said upon his return - and James, we are very glad to have you back too.

Nicole Radzikowski also joined the McConnell Library in August as our new Assistant Librarian. Nicole recently graduated from Dalhousie University with a Masters of Library and Information Studies and holds an undergraduate degree in psychology from St. Mary's University. Nicole has several years experience working in libraries, beginning in high school, when she worked at the McConnell Library as a student assistant. In more recent years, Nicole has worked in Halifax at St. Mary's University Library and Dalhousie's Killam Library. As Assistant Librarian, Nicole will be involved in a number of projects, including working with the Circulation department, providing OverDrive training, maintaining the library's extensive government documents collection, and working on the CBRL website and the Off the Shelf newsletter. Like James, Nicole is very excited to return to the McConnell Library, and we're glad she's been able to come home and join us again. -Shelley Brown

## Introduction to Digital Media Downloads Sessions: Coming Soon!

Did you know that the library offers a large (and growing!) collection of eBooks and digital audiobooks through its digital download service? If you already have basic computer skills and are interested in learning more about how to download digital media, the library will once again offer introductory sessions at branches in Baddeck, Glace Bay, North Sydney, and Sydney during the month of October. The dates and times for the classes and registration details will be announced soon, so be sure to check the library's website at [www.cbri.ca](http://www.cbri.ca) or drop by your local branch to find out more information about these sessions and other events. -Nicole Radzikowski



## Regional Librarian is a Great Sport!

On Friday, July 22, McConnell and Headquarters staff watched as a uniformed police officer came in and escorted our boss away. Regional Librarian Faye MacDougall was whisked off to the Delta Hotel, which was hosting its third annual Jail N' Bail fundraiser in support of the Atlantic Burn Camp. Library staff members were able to pool funds together and post the required bail to set her free. While our staff raised a total of \$275, Faye made use of her time behind bars to make a few phone calls and raise an additional \$375.75 on her own! Funds raised will be used to give children the opportunity to attend camp, and we are very happy to have been able to participate in this fundraiser for such a good cause. Our staff would like to extend a sincere thank you to our Regional Librarian for being a great sport! -Shelley Brown



Regional Librarian Faye MacDougall is escorted to the Jail N' Bail Fundraiser by Tom Ripley of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service.



Pictured above: Jane Cordy, Mark Eyking, Bob Rae, and Rodger Cuzner.

## Bob Rae Visits the McConnell Library

Interim Federal Liberal Leader Bob Rae made a quick stop at McConnell Library on Thursday, August 4th as part of his tour in Cape Breton. While he had planned on taking in a CBRL puppet show, Mr. Rae's flight was delayed and he arrived at our library just after the show had ended. He was accompanied by his wife Arlene Perly Rae, Liberal Sen. Jane Cordy, and local MPs Rodger Cuzner and Mark Eyking. There was a capacity crowd on hand, as the puppet show was a part of Action Week festivities here in Sydney, drawing in more than 180 people for the show itself and with many others hoping for the chance to speak with Mr. Rae. After taking time to greet staff and speak with reporters, the politicians headed to a barbeque at the Mira Boat club. -Shelley Brown

## McConnell Staff Member Marks 25 Years Without a Sick Day

In August, the staff at McConnell Library celebrated a rare occurrence. Our friend and co-worker Janet completed 25 years of service with the Cape Breton Regional Library. While there are others among us in the CBRL who have been working here just as long (or even longer!), nobody else has ever done it without taking a single sick day! According to Statistics Canada, in 2010 full-time paid workers lost an average of 8.1 sick days, per worker, in Nova Scotia (<http://www40.statcan.ca/101/cst01/health47a-eng.htm>). I guess this tells us that she is anything but average! 25 years, 0 sick days... congratulations, Janet! -Shelley Brown



McConnell Library staff members (from left): Heather MacQueen, Clara Goyetche, Janet Gillis, and Bev McGee.

