

The library building is closed, but we still have lots to share with our wonderful patrons. We miss you all: the regulars - who come to socialize, share a laugh, support our programs, use the computers; the new patrons we're just getting to know, and the ones who drop in once in a blue moon.

We know some of you don't have access to the Internet at home and this uncertain time seems even longer without your usual stacks of books, magazines and movies. We think of you often.

We wish all of you health during this unprecedented period. Your library family is looking forward to seeing your smiling faces again soon.

*Keep well.*



*The Library Family* (clockwise from bottom left)

**Tracey:** Interlibrary Loans, Homebound Service, cataloguing, circulation; *loves reading and artistic creating.* **Stephanie:** Circulation and currently on maternity leave with her beautiful daughter. **Esther:** Circulation, book processing, donations / book sale, displays; *loves reading and long walks with her dogs.* **Kathleen:** former library clerk now working in an Alberta College Library; still very much part of our little library family. **Pat:** Cataloguer, adult fiction acquisitions, circulation, database management; *loves reading and sports of all kinds.* **Betty:** Interlibrary loans, subscription management, computer updates; *loves reading and knitting for her grandkids.* **Ruth:** Circulation, graphic design, book repair; *loves reading, creating, writing and gardening.* **Carolyn:** Youth Services Librarian, children's programs, juvenile acquisitions and cataloguing; *loves reading, snowshoeing with her Husky and being with friends.* **Anita:** Circulation, Homebound Service, Reader's Advisory, room bookings manager; *loves reading, gardening & the Arnprior Museum.* **Inserts:** **Mandy:** Circulation, assists children's programming, Saturday LEGO Lounge; *loves reading, music and baking.* **Heather:** Circulation, technology training, overdue control; *loves reading and volunteering with Canadian Dachshund Rescue (Ontario).* **Karen:** CEO, Administration, finance, non-fiction acquisitions, technology and plant caretaker; *loves reading, NAC dance series and gardening.* **Emma (missing from photo):** Circulation, Art Corridor displays; *loves reading, hiking and learning about nature.* **Alex (missing from photo):** Student library clerk, Saturday bilingual programming; *loves reading and cycling to the library.*

## WHILE THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED . . .

The items out on your card will be renewed three weeks from the date they're due. There will be no late fines. You will still receive email notification to help remind you what you still have on your card.

There are more than 4000 items still in circulation. The Book Drop remains open and is emptied regularly. When the items are returned, they are cleaned prior to check-in.



The plants are being watered but they are feeling the loss of your CO2 now that the building is virtually empty!



The library continues to be maintained with regular cleaning and some spring touch-ups in the main community room.



The library's partnership with the Men's Shed has seen the installation of two of our *Little Lending Libraries*. Both locations (White Lake General Store and the Seniors Active Living Centre on Madawaska Street) are filled with free reading material. They operate on the "Take a Book, Leave a Book" model. Please remember to wipe the books before reading them.

Since the library closure on March 13th, Karen has been working at home and has revamped many of our online services.

Your virtual library has been set up for easy navigation between all our free offerings which include movie streaming, eBooks, online audio books, eMagazines, online learning opportunities and some interesting links for youth and adults.

To access some of these services, you will need a library card. If your card has expired, or you need a new card, send us an email and we will get you started.



In years past, we have offered free access to [ancestry.ca](http://ancestry.ca), but only in the library. Thanks to ProQuest, we can now provide free access until at least April 30th. If you would like to use this service, simply follow the links on our website.

Please know that we have boosted our bandwidth and signal strength so that you can have access to free WiFi from our parking lot 24/7.



Youth Services Librarian Carolyn has been busy cataloguing new children's books from her work-at-home office. She's also been working on projects for the TD Summer Reading Club. While it is unclear when programming will return to 'normal', she'll be working to ensure families have got some great library activities this summer.

In the meantime, Carolyn would love to see what youth are doing to pass the time at home. There's a link on our website where families can send photos, drawings, favourite recipes - whatever is keeping you busy these days. We're creating a webpage to showcase all your efforts!

There's also a special link on our Virtual Library with information just for kids. Check back often as we add new resources.

2020 is a banner year for the library as we reached our 125th anniversary serving the community as a Public Library. Our goal of hosting a major event each month has been altered with COVID-19. We are working to reschedule the Bob McDonald Presentation that was planned for April 27th; and we have cancelled the May 1st Stephen Fearing concert. For individuals who purchased tickets online, we are working with our agent (Brown Paper Tickets) to issue electronic refunds. For individuals who purchased tickets in the library, please keep them and we will reimburse you when the library re-opens.

Please note we have also cancelled the April Poetry celebration and the June Community Pride Party.

We look forward to relaunching our Open Mics, Chess meet-ups, Whatknots Knitting group and more. However at this point, we don't have a date. Follow us on social media and check the website regularly for updates.

