



We are continuing our partnership with the Canadian Red Cross and have received another shipment of KN95 masks as well as COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits.

You can pick up your free box of 20 masks and/or box of 5 rapid tests at the main desk. We suggest one box per visit; this will help ensure we reach as many in the community as possible.

OUR HOURS REMAIN:

Monday through Wednesday Noon to 7pm
 Thursday and Friday 10am to 5pm
 Saturday 10am to 2pm

The library continues to adhere to the Mask Mandate as outlined by the Ministry of Health, Renfrew County District Health Unit and the Town of Arnprior.

Resources and services are still available curbside including:

- Free & unlimited WiFi access
- Printing and copying services
- Online membership registration for residents
- Material borrowing for patrons who have library cards in good standing

We have many wonderful options for March Break activities at the Arnprior Public Library. Highlights include escape rooms, guide dogs, musicians, a firefighter, a drag queen, art event, storytelling and Indigenous tales. Programs are a mix of in-person and online, for a range of ages. Please [click here](#) to learn more and to register. Spaces are limited.



Our March Science Kits are available for pick-up at the circulation desk. Kits for grades 2-6 explore surface tension and water striders, and the kits for grades 6-10 explore light. Get yours before they're gone!

MARCH BREAK AT THE LIBRARY



DID YOU KNOW...

Our patrons are some of the most dedicated library users in the province! In February, a total of 11,203 titles were checked out. That's a whopping 45% increase over the same month last year... but what's most impressive is that we even surpassed our pre-pandemic circulation of 10,801 items in February 2019. Yes, we like our statistics!

New books arrive every week and are added to the collection. The new fiction display in the lower level features items catalogued over the last 12 months. The Large Print collection on the main floor is undergoing a revamp and there's always something interesting in the new non-fiction display. New children's books include non-fiction titles, picture books, beginner readers and novels for all ages.

On your next venture into the library, have a look at some of the fantastic new picture books on display. The messages and art work often carry a deep meaning for all ages. In fact, children's author Peter H. Reynolds just created a beautiful drawing in support of Ukraine. When we reached out for permission to use his image, he was immediate and gracious in his consent. What a guy!



COMING UP...

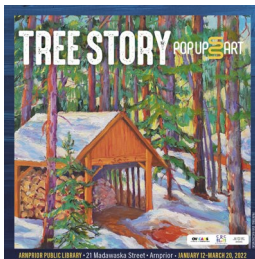
As restrictions of the last two years begin to lift, the library is working to bring back some of its beloved programming. The Arnprior 10 Seniors Book Clubs have resumed their monthly fireside book chats;



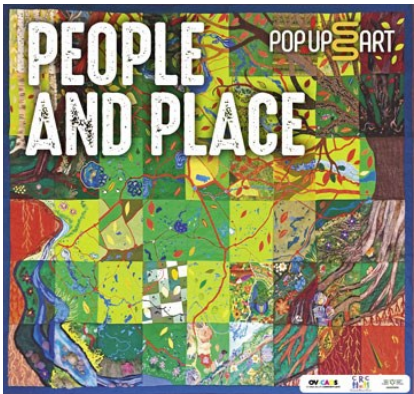
The Monday morning Whatknots Knitting Group has also returned. Bring your project and join the lively chat in our cozy downstairs.

A local group of photographers who shared their shared their interests over weekly Zoom get-togethers managed to create a beautiful book of thematic photographs (Visions 2020) and will soon be sharing their talents with an exhibit in the library's lower level Art Corridor.

Our Pop Up Art exhibit will be switched over later this month. If you haven't had the opportunity to admire the Tree Story currently on display, then a visit to the library is on your *To Do List!*



Our upcoming exhibit is People & Place



Water is one of the strongest forces in nature, and here in the Ottawa Valley we are no strangers to its awesome power. It has carved a path through the Canadian Shield for millennia, shaping the landscape we know and love.

These waterways are the inspiration for a new work of art that envisions the familiar lakes, rivers, and streams of the Ottawa Valley in a whole new way.

Working in collaboration with 51 creative people from across the Ottawa Valley, artist Genevieve Townsend created People and Place, a mixed media tapestry exploring the intersection between people and the natural landscape. Coming March 25th, People and Place is a map of our local waterways unlike any you've seen before.

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OTTAWA VALLEY COMMUNITY ARTS

Free Workshop!

Personal Safety for Teens and Young Adults
Wednesday, March 23 at 3pm



Erika Mullins, Peer Support Counsellor & Innovation Project Assistant with Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County will educate us regarding personal safety.

This presentation will cover several topics relevant to students who will soon be heading off to post-secondary education. These topics include: healthy vs unhealthy relationships, the dangers of date/acquaintance rape, the myths vs facts of self defense and on-campus sexual violence. This is a great opportunity for future students to ask questions and learn about potentially helpful resources.

Register here!

REMEMBER . . .

March 18th is the deadline to return your Book Bingo Cards as well as your Blind Date with a Book slip to get your name into our draws for some fabulous prize packs which include gift certificates from many of our fine downtown shops!



If you haven't participated yet, there's still time! Stop by the library today to join in the fun!

In April we'll bring out our very own *Who's Who of the Library Contest* and we'll be challenging you to some creative poetry projects!

**STAY TUNED, KEEP SAFE AND
WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY!**

