

ARNPRIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER WINTER 2023

2023 will mark the next milestone in the library's 128 year history. Renovations will be completed by spring providing both indoor and outdoor programming space. We are looking forward to recreating our lower level study spaces by March. We're also eagerly anticipating full access to the Science Fiction and French collections in advance of the main level expansion being completed.



2022 was a busy year as circulation has returned to pre-pandemic levels. We've listed our Top Reads on our [website](#).

We invite you to explore library gems with our annual Blind Date with a Book event. Select your read based on a single clue, complete the ballot and your name is entered in a draw for O'Brien Theatre movie passes for a genuine date night.



The deadline to enter is mid March, so stop by and enter often!



If you're one of the 1,200 NEW members who signed up for a library card in 2022, then you'll want to explore all our resources. Your membership offers all sorts of free resources to help you save money. Museum passes allow a family of 5 to enjoy the national museums in Ottawa, and all you pay for is the parking! Check out the details on our website.

www.arnpriorlibrary.ca/museum

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Looking ahead . . .

We're looking at facilitating the creation of a [Friday Afternoon Bridge Club](#). Let us know if you're interested (all skill levels welcome) and we'll be in touch when there's enough interest.

We're excited to be offering some new items for circulation in the near future. Check our website in the coming weeks to borrow portable WiFi (yes you will be able to sign out the internet!); CO2 monitors, and Radon Detectors.



Also in the planning stages - A regular **Meet and Greet** for new residents. We're looking at themed events to help us get to know one another! Stay tuned!



In the meantime, make sure to stop by the Pop-Up Art Display. The next exhibit is scheduled to be installed in early February. We're also planning various exhibits in our lower level Art Corridor. If you're interested in displaying your work in this space, send us an [email](#)!

February is Black History Month. You'll want to check out the various displays throughout the library featuring topical new and classic reads.



Kids Corner

We've got a great lineup of youth programs beginning in February with plans for a fantastic March Break! Registration for various after school programs is now open on our website. All programs are free and require a current library card to [sign up](#).

We also offer three weekly drop in programs (no registration—just bring your smiles!)

LEGO Lounge (for children 5+ to attend independently; 3 & 4 year olds with an adult) is offered Tuesdays from 3:45—4:45 starting February 7th. Participants can create using the library's extensive LEGO collection and then have their creation displayed in the library. Library membership is required.

Wednesday afternoon **Bonjour mes amis, bonjour** French Family Story time is back with Madame White beginning February 1st from 3:45—4:45pm. Enjoy stories and songs and the French Language. No registration required.

Friday morning drop in story times for toddlers and preschoolers resume on February 3rd. Toddlers (with a parent or caregiver from 10-10:30; preschoolers attend independently from 11-11:30am



Plans are well underway for an action packed March Break. Highlights include a Circus Workshop for 5—12 year olds; a Valley Nostalgia Gaming Night; Yoga for kids aged 7 & up; a visit from the Zoo Crew; a nature walk led by Michael Runtz and a Magic & Munchies Night for Teens with Nathaniel Rankin. A potato-themed story time will be offered on the afternoon of St. Patrick's Day and self directed crafts will be available a couple of times during the break. Registration will begin on February 13th so check that your child's library membership is current prior to that date to ensure successful registration.



All youth programming is offered free with the support of the Scharf Family Charitable Trust.

We wish to acknowledge and thank all our donors for their generous and ongoing support. Every dollar collected (from the circulation desk 'fishbowl' to our [Canada Helps](#) portal to major bequests) is used for the directed purpose.

Donations of \$10 or more are eligible for a charitable tax receipt. *Thank you!*

We're a busy destination in Arnprior and we wish to thank volunteers who help to make things happen!

- Herb Langer - Chess Club meets Tuesdays in the Art Corridor. All skill levels are welcome.
- Sandy & Jackie manage our two Arnprior 10 Book Clubs which is a partnership with the Seniors Active Living Centre.
- Adrienne leads the Friday ESL tutoring sessions for international newcomers. Rosanna offers assistance during these weekly meetups.

Thanks also extended to outgoing Board members: Neil Salminen, Bill Skinner, Lisa McGee, Meaghan Kolar & Elisabeth von Bloedau.

New Board members for 2022-2026: returning trustees Josie Scott & Shane Kramer and we welcome Mary Andreyju, Ian Bartlett, Chris Couper, Ying Ji and Steve Roberts. It will be a busy year at the library as the new Board will be reaching out to the community for Strategic Planning early in their mandate.

Stay tuned...