

"Inventing the Next Normal" Edition

Welcome to Stage 3! Beginning August 5th, we look forward to welcoming patrons back into the facility to browse the collection, access computers, print, photocopy and more. In order to adhere to guidelines and monitor capacity, all visitors will be required to [set an appointment](#). You can do so directly from the website or by calling us 613-623-2279 during regular business hours.

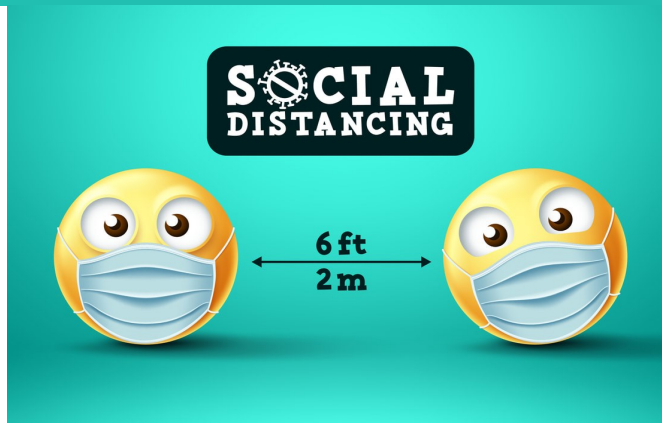
As we begin this new phase, all appointments will be limited to 40 minutes. As mandated by public health, masks are required. Please respect all signage and adhere to safety precautions.

Please note that [Curbside Services](#) will continue; Expanded digital services through our [Virtual Library](#) are still available, including free home access to [Ancestry.ca](#) until at least September 30th.

Participants in the TD Summer Reading Program will continue to pick up and return their activity bundles at the side door - details were sent out with your initial package. Any questions, please email the children's services desk: youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca

We've had 200 children sign up for this year's edition of the TD Summer Reading Club. And while we couldn't offer our regular story times with stories, activities,

crafts and a nutrition break, our award winning children's librarian, Carolyn, pulled out all the stops and created a room full of book bundles (complete with activities and craft components) with the help of this year's summer students Gillian Aldridge, Mary Smith and Alex Dowdall.



As the Children's and Youth Services Librarian, there's nothing Carolyn enjoys more about her job than connecting with the youngsters in the community.

We've discovered our patrons are very dedicated readers. We've accommodated nearly 2,000 curbside pickups since the last week of May.

If you need any help navigating our online catalogue to reserve and/or manage your reserves, just give us a call during regular business hours or send us an email and we'll help you through the process.



Our [Blind Date with a Book Bundle](#) continues to be popular. By random draw from July's participants, the lucky winner of a \$25 Gift Certificate from Lumbertown Ale House is *Linda Lesway*. Congratulations!

The library is spending some of the proceeds earmarked for our 125th anniversary celebrations to support local eateries and promote our Blind Date Book Program! #winwin

In July, Carolyn's efforts were recognized with a prestigious provincial award. It honoured her introduction of the book bundle concept as the 2019 Advent Calendar program and then as a Family Literacy Day endeavour in January of this year.

This summer, the program was modified and has piqued the imagination of many local families.

Ontario Public Library Association Spring Awards



CAROLYN SWAYZE

Arnprior Public Library

This marks the [fourth provincial award](#) for the Arnprior Public Library in the last 5 years!

Congratulations Carolyn!

2020 OPLA'S ADVOCACY IN ACTION: EXCELLENCE IN CHILDREN'S OR TEEN SERVICES AWARD

Housekeeping items as we move to Stage 3 in the library's reopening plan



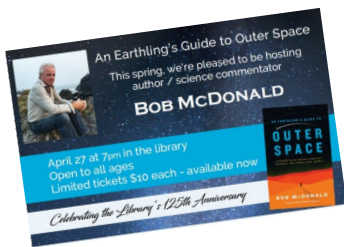
During our closure, we issued nearly 100 temporary cards for library newcomers. We are encouraging you to book an appointment to pick up your card, update your information (please remember to bring ID) and then explore the library.

We renewed hundreds of cards which were due to expire between March and August so that you could continue to use the Virtual Library and Curbside Service. If you pay an annual non-resident membership fee, we will accept payment when you have the opportunity to come into the library. We will then back-date the membership to the original expiry date.

The Book Drop is the sole drop-off point for all library materials not associated with the children's summer program. That way we can manage the quarantine protocols.

We ask you return all materials that were renewed during the library closure so that we can complete our inventory. No fines will have accrued for these items.

For participants in the TD Summer Reading Club, book bundles should be returned by August 17th. For children who collected all 6 buttons, we will have Prize Packs ready for pickup on August 19th and 20th.



You may return tickets purchased at the library for the cancelled Stephen Fearing Concert and/or the Bob McDonald Presentation for a full refund or a charitable tax receipt if you choose to donate the price of the tickets. Refunds will be issued by cheque and may take a few days to process. Deadline to return these paper tickets is November 1st.



For those who purchased tickets online through Brown Paper Tickets, we have been advised the company is still working through the backlog and full refunds for online ticket purchases should be coming soon. Thank you for your patience.

And finally, a few reminders about visiting the library . . .

- For easier access, the NEW FICTION selection has been moved to the main level beside the central stairs.
- Seating has been re-arranged to accommodate the 2 metre rule.
- If you handle a book you do not intend to check-out, simply leave it on one of the many marked book carts.
- Computer stations will be sanitized between bookings. Keyboard covers are for everyone's protection. We ask you DO NOT remove the covers.

125 years in the making
1895-2020

We look forward to setting the course for a new look in library service during this, our special anniversary year. *Stay tuned!*

And we leave you with this wonderful historical photo from the New York Public Library's picture archives in the public domain. We think the caption should read: ***"That joyous feeling of leaving the library with your brand new stack of books!"***

