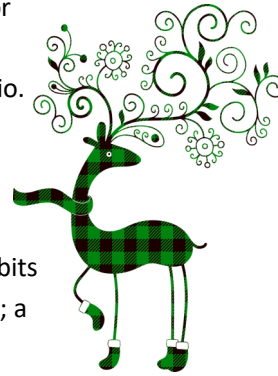


There's always something happening at your library . . . and as we gear up for 2020 we're planning a full slate of activities. The new year marks our 125th anniversary, making ours one of the longest serving public libraries in Ontario. The transition from "Mechanics Institute" to Library occurred in 1895 - the same year the province introduced the Public Libraries Act.

To celebrate this milestone we're finalizing details for a variety of events including a Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball; workshops, demonstrations and exhibits by various artists including wood turners, calligraphers and potters; concerts; a wide spectrum of presentations and various author visits - including science reporter Bob McDonald! We'll announce dates as soon as they're confirmed.



**HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Library will be CLOSED December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1, 2020.

Adjusted Hours :  
Monday December 30  
Noon to 5pm



In the meantime, you'll want to mark December 14th on your calendar for our Yuletide concert featuring the Heather Dale Band.

Offering a mix of sweet, ethereal, and joyful Renaissance music, mixed seamlessly with your favourite Celtic ballads, Heather Dale sings in many different languages: Irish Gaelic, Welsh/Cymraeg, French, English, Latin, German, and even the Native Canadian Huron/Wendat language. They also play a wide variety of interesting instruments, from Medieval percussion and hammered dulcimer, to the more familiar guitar, piano, fiddle and Irish flute. You can purchase your tickets in the library or online.

Advance tickets \$15; \$20 at the door. Admission price includes refreshments! Saturday December 14th | Show begins at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7pm.



When the library hosts events, proceeds are funneled back into programming. It allows us to offer a wide variety of presentations and events for the entire community.

There is no better way to support the library than our annual *New Year's Eve Gala*. This will be the 4th annual fundraising gala in the Library Board's five year commitment to this event.

The library is transformed into a beautiful space featuring intimate seating, an ample dance floor for our live dance band, The Emtees; a tasty array of fine hot and cold hors d'oeuvres served by Charbonneau's Catering; mid-night champagne and a cash bar. Tickets \$65 available now at the library. Please purchase your tickets by December 20th.



December 15th marks the final Open Mic of 2019. Doors open at 1:30 and the music begins at 2pm. There will be refreshments and donations are welcome.



*Everyone Welcome!*

The library loves to partner with community organizations and we're pleased to announce that the Men's Shed has completed the prototype of our first Little Lending Library. You'll be able to see the unit on display at the library later this month.

Donations collected so far will pay for materials of four units and the list of volunteers who have signed up to monitor them will be contacted as soon as all the Little Libraries are built and ready to be installed.



You'll also want to catch our next Art Corridor Exhibit. We'll be showcasing some of the work produced this fall during our Art 101 classes, with thanks to our Artist in Residence, Ian Bartlett.

# News from the Youth Services Department



Following overwhelming interest in our first ever Book Advent Calendar program, we're looking at creating some Surprise Book Bundles in time for Family Literacy Day in January! Watch for details on this and a variety of other programs for kids of all ages.



We're planning a winter lineup of after school programs and a continuation of our regularly scheduled activities for youngsters which include:

- Friday Toddler Tales at 10am (ending Dec. 20, resuming Feb. 7)
- Friday Have a Hoot Preschool Story Time at 11am (ending Dec.20, resuming Feb.7)



-Bonjour mes amis - Bilingual Family Story Time Wednesdays at 9:30am

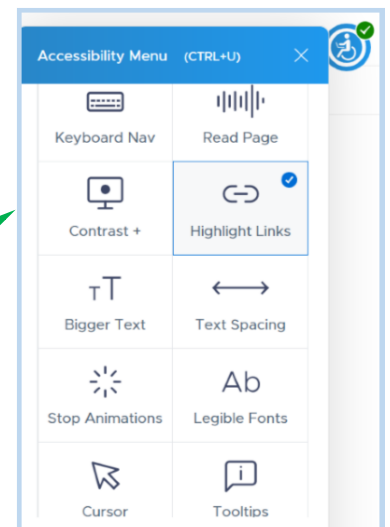
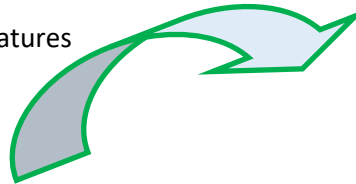
-C'est Bon! - Bilingual Family Story Time on the alternating Saturday mornings at 10:30 (December 14th)

-LEGO Lounge - alternating Saturday mornings at 10:30 (December 7th and 21st)

Remember: Radar the Therapy Dog visits the library on Thursday afternoons during the school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for emergent readers to practice with a book of their choice. To reserve a 15 minute block of time with Radar please call the library at 613-623-2279.

## DID YOU KNOW...

The library's website is now fully accessible. On all the pages on [www.arnpriorlibrary.ca](http://www.arnpriorlibrary.ca) you will notice this icon in the top right hand corner. Click on the icon to open a full menu of add on features that will help you to access our information. This includes tools such a text reader, contrast settings and keyboard navigation.



If you require assistance with this or any other technology, simply get in touch with the library and we will schedule a one on one training session for you.

Recently, the Library Board held an appreciation evening for a wonderful group of volunteers and staff who help to make the library a true *Community Hub*.

Your library ranks among the top three in circulation and program attendance on a per capita basis of all 67 libraries in its population class!

The Board would like to wish all of our regular library users, visitors, volunteers and staff a wonderful holiday and fantastic 2020 as we set sights on a year of celebration for our 125th Anniversary.



*See you at the Library!*