

### Holiday Hours

The library will be closed December 23rd to 26th inclusively. Regular Hours Thursday December 27 (noon - 8pm); Friday December 28 & Saturday December 29 (10am - 5pm).

We'll be closed again December 30 - January 1st, 2019 inclusively.



Following a successful Food for Fines drive this fall, the library is pleased to assist Grace St. Andrew's United Church in their Caroling Fundraiser for the Food Bank. Everyone is welcome to participate or donate to "Sing for Their Supper" on Thursday December 20th. Carolers will meet at the library at 6:30pm. Food donations will be collected along the route and also at Giant Tiger. Participants are invited back to the library for treats after the caroling.

As you prepare for the holiday season, remember we have a few tickets left for our annual New Year's Eve Black & White Gala. We transform the library into a beautiful setting for fine food by Lumbertown Ale House, live dance band with an ample dance floor, full service bar with complementary champagne at midnight.

It's an opportunity to ring in the new year while supporting ongoing adult programming at the library. This has become our major fundraiser over the past two years.

Tickets are \$60 each and available in the library (yes, we take debit now) and online too. Don't delay, this event will sell out.



On **December 9th** and again on **December 16th** we'll be screening *The Sound of Music* and will encourage everyone to sing along! During the intermission, we'll be setting up a beautiful *Viennese Cafe* right in the library! Admission is by donation, but you **MUST** register as seating is limited. You can RSVP your seat(s) on our website or call the library to reserve.

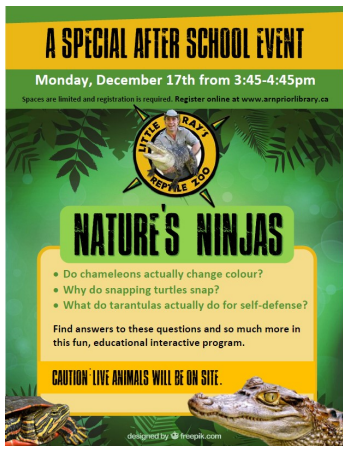


*If you need inspiration for someone on your gift list..* Why not consider giving someone a credit on their library card? It can be used for printing, book sales, hot drinks in the cafe and even fines. You set the amount and we'll provide you with the gift card to be redeemed upon presentation.

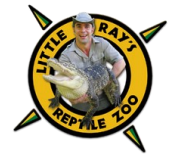
We have gift certificates available for an annual library membership for families living outside of our catchment area of Arnprior, McNab/Braeside and Lanark Highlands. \$60 for a full year family membership.

Smaller budget? We'll accept any token donation for our library pins - great little stocking stuffers!

And while you're in the library, remember to check out our delightful "Library Advent Calendar". There's a daily offering of a literary quote and sometimes a special treat!



We still have a few spaces left for our Little Rays Reptiles show on Monday December 17th. Spaces are limited and you must [register to attend](#). Doors open at 3:45.



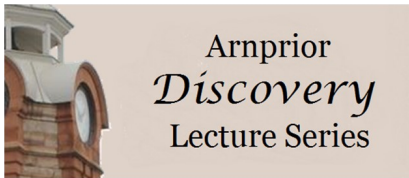
Dates of note in the Children's Department: **December 14th** is the last Friday morning drop in session of 2018. We'll start up again in February. LEGO Lounge on December 15th is our last drop in Saturday program of the year. Weekend children's programming resumes in January.

We're already planning loads of activities and events for 2019. We're looking for a bit of feedback on some of them.

We're looking at hosting a regular "Kitchen Party" - a social gathering to share music in the ambiance of the library. We'd like to gauge interest (attending and participating) as well as preferred time to host this musical open mic. Please take a few minutes to [complete our on line survey](#).



There's still an opportunity to express your interest in a Cook Book Club at the library. Be sure to [complete our survey](#) on this program and we'll be in touch in 2019.



The Arnprior Discovery Lecture Series returns January 10th with a presentation by Maureen Sly Havey, Advance Practice Nurse at the Queensway Carleton Hospital—**Make no Bones About it: Osteoarthritis and Your Health**. Stay tuned for more details about this lecture. You can advance RSVP on our website. This series is a partnership between Arnprior Regional Health Foundation and the Arnprior Public Library.



**Sneak Peek** - it's pretty evident that our plants love the library. Now we're looking at introducing an exciting new project. Watch for details in an upcoming meeting of the Prior Eco Action group. If you've signed up for notifications for our [Current Affairs Discussion Group](#), you'll be receiving information within the next several weeks.

If one of your resolutions is to get involved in your community, you may be interested in becoming a volunteer for our Homebound Delivery Service. Each month library staff select and sign out books and other materials for individuals who cannot come to the library on their own. We average about 25 deliveries and pick ups each month. For the most part, staff are able to accommodate these drop offs during regular business hours - but sometimes we could use a helping hand. If you're interested, please stop by for more information.



*Best wishes for a joyous Christmas Season from the staff and Board of the Arnprior Public Library*