

Exciting times at the Library!

In early 2023, the renovations will be complete and the library will feature a new bright, beautiful programming space indoors as well as a comfortable outdoor space for all types of library and community uses! Thanks to a federal grant; support from fundraising, donations, bequests and the Scharf Family Charitable Trust; development charges and the Town of Arnprior, the additional space will meet our programming goals for our rapidly growing community.



We wish to welcome all our new patrons. Over the last three months more than 470 new memberships have been issued!

We look forward to providing you a full range of programming when the renovations are complete.

NEW FALL HOURS

Mondays	noon - 7pm
Tuesday to Thursday	noon - 6pm
Fridays	10am - 5pm
Saturdays	10am – 2pm

Many new faces joined us for a fantastic Summer Reading Club. In fact, a record 352 children participated in a variety of programs and read a mountain of books. Thanks to generous ongoing support from the Arnprior Optimist Club, Arnprior Rotarians and the Scharf Family Charitable Trust, all children’s programming is free of charge and offers a nutritious snack in addition to the traditional story time of books, crafts, games and activities. Thanks to various community members who assisted with multicultural programs and special events including dance and music. Pictured at right: Our stellar team of summer students (Mary, Robert and Allison) along with the volunteers who helped to make our end of summer celebration an event to be remembered!



Now we’re gearing up for a return of class visits and a busy schedule for fall programming in the Children’s Department.



We are thrilled to be partnering with Ottawa Valley Theatre Kids to offer a Kinder Drama program on Saturday, October 1. This program is for children in Junior and Senior Kindergarten and requires registration.



Baby Rhyme Time (for babies 5-12 months and their caregiver) will begin on Wednesday, October 5. Registration required.

Friday Morning Story Times get underway on Friday, October 7. 10am to 10:30am for toddlers and their caregivers, and 11am to 11:30am for preschoolers to attend independently.

LEGO Lounge, a drop-in program for kids 5+, will resume on Tuesday, October 4. No registration is required, but children do need a valid library membership.

Various programs for ages JK-grade 1, grades 2-4, and grades 5-8 are also being offered.

Our Youth Services page on the library’s website is the portal to detailed information and registration links.

www.arnpriorlibrary.ca

Christmas Kick-Off Book Advent Calendar Event Wednesday, November 23! Join us at 6pm for cider, treats and festive music as you choose and wrap books for a book Advent calendar for your family. We provide the gift wrap and you choose the books that will delight your children throughout the month of December. This is an adult only event. Registration will open in early November.



The Library is all about building partnerships throughout the community. This fall we welcome the next installation of Pop-Up Art—a collaboration with Ottawa Valley Community Arts. This exhibit is on display until the end of November.



We've had a busy summer attending events at Arnprior's beautiful Robert Simpson Park and Clay Bank Park in McNab/Braeside.

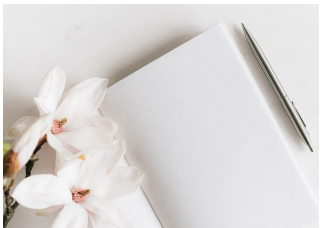
Thanks to everyone who stopped by to say hello. We'll be continuing our community outreach this fall with programming outside of the library walls, including some Green Screen photography sessions at the Arnprior Villa.

The library is hosting a series of Saturday afternoon speaker series in partnership with Arnprior's Butterflyway Project.

- September 17: Diversity of Wild Pollinators | Speaker: Shelby Gibson
- September 24: Plants for Bees, Butterflies and Songbirds | Speaker: Trish Murphy
- October 1: The Corner Pollinator Garden | Speaker: Brit Erickson
- October 8: Rebuilding Habitat from the Ground Up | Rewild Landscapes



Admission is free. All presentations begin at 2pm in the library's main hall.



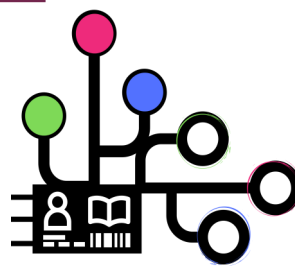
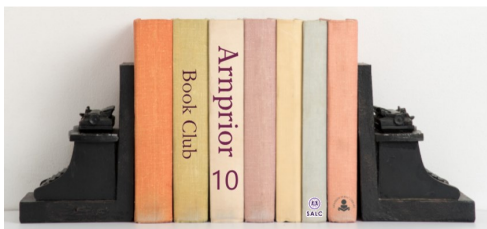
Stop by to sign the Town of Arnprior's Book of Condolence on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. The book will be sent to the British High Commission by the end of the September.

In partnership with the Red Cross, the library continues to distribute COVID rapid test kits and free N-95 masks.



Our ongoing partnership with the Seniors Active Living Centre has been so successful that we now have two vibrant book clubs for seniors. Both **Arnprior 10 Book Clubs** meet monthly on Tuesday mornings in our cozy fireplace area.

We have had some inquiries about an evening book club. To that end, if you are interested in participating in a book club, meeting monthly on Tuesday evening in the library, please complete our online form.



Ontario Public Library week will be celebrated October 16-22. We're planning a full lineup including an author visit, some giveaways. Stay tuned for all the details by checking our website and social media feeds.

As per the library's elections policy, there is a dedicated table in the main foyer for candidates to display copies of campaign pamphlets or brochures. This space is available for all municipal candidates in the Town of Arnprior and Township of McNab/Braeside.

Feel free to familiarize yourself with the candidates in your area. Election day is Monday October 24.



The Whatknots Knitting Group meets Monday mornings at 10am at the fireplace in the lower level. Bring your creative project, share ideas and talk about books too! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our resident chess master is set up every Tuesday (noon—6pm) in the lower level Art Corridor. Herb Langer has travelled the world playing competitively, but he's keen to introduce all ages to the game. Stop by for match!

