



It's the second month into the year and we're brimming with new ways to ensure you stay connected.

Looking for something new? In addition to our very popular [Blind Date with a Book](#) program, we're offering a variety of new curbside services:

Complete this form to receive a [Binge Bag of Movies](#). We'll sign out 4 DVDs and even provide the popcorn!

For those of you looking for some make and take activities, how about selecting a [KIT \(Keeping in Touch\)](#) bundle. It features a themed selection of reading material as well as a make and take activity. This program is geared to the adults in the household.

For youngsters, you can register for one of our [Surprise Bundles](#). Let us know your child's age and interests and we will choose some great books for them. We can also include a craft activity with the bundle - just let us know you'd like one!

We will be celebrating Family Day Weekend (February 13-15) with a [Word Walk](#) in downtown Arnprior. Words will be posted in the windows of local businesses on John Street,



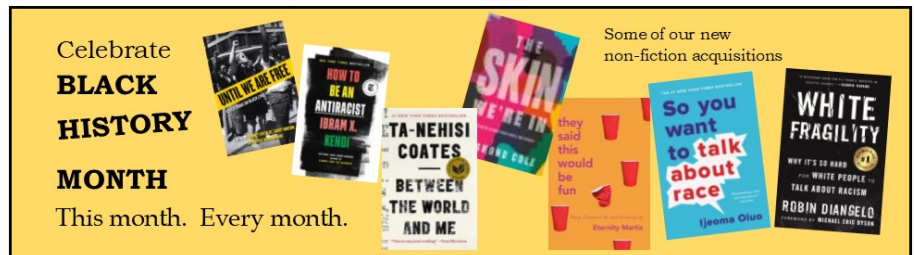
Elgin Street and Madawaska Street between February 13 and 15. Find as many words as you can and create as many sentences as you can. Each sentence submitted gets you a ballot for our fabulous prize draw! Word Walk packages, including instructions, notepads, pens and hot chocolate, will be available to pick up curbside, with no appointment necessary, on the Thursday & Friday before.

Thanks to the Scharf Family Charitable Trust for their support in assembling our fantastic prize pack. It includes great books, some awesome games & activities as well as a gift certificate from White Pine Books!

Hundreds of patrons enjoy our friendly Curbside Service each week for new reading material, movies, technical help, printing services and more.

In addition to the usual best sellers (James Patterson, Louise Penny, David Baldacci et al) **Julia Quinn** has become a household name with the immense popularity of the Netflix series Bridgerton. You can reserve her books [here](#). You can also download the digital versions on [Hoopla and Libby](#). As an added bonus, the Julia Quinn books are **always available** on Hoopla - free with your library card and NO reserve lists!

Our service model is "Get to the Yes!" so let us know if you need help with any of our platforms. Give us a call during business hours 613-623-2279 or email us at [curbside@arnpriorlibrary.ca](mailto:curbside@arnpriorlibrary.ca)



Our featured bookmark because we can't provide you with an in-person book display.



### Our delightful Virtual Stories continue this month

[Register](#) to listen to Carolyn read wonderful children's books written by Canadian authors. We will share a link for a new story every weekday, and you can watch at a time that is convenient for you!

Plans are underway for March Break programming. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for more details in the coming weeks.

Also for Family Day, why not stop by the library so we can take your family portrait in front of our **green screen!** We'll email you some fun family photos. Imagine hanging out with penguins or polar bears or under the enchanting northern lights. It's all possible with the magic of the green screen - as long as you **[remember to sign up!](#)**

Oh, the places you'll go - this Family Day!





The French section of the children's department now includes a Beginner Reader collection that is perfect for children just starting to read.

A Beginner Reader English collection is on the way.

For families reading their way through the "100 Books to Share Before Kindergarten", you can continue to check the titles off your lists by reserving books through Curbside Service. Let us know if you need assistance with our online catalogue.



And remember, you're never too young to enjoy a good book!

**Do you know a student who would like to join the library team this summer? The library is looking to fill two summer programming positions. Detailed job descriptions are available on the [Town's website](#). The deadline is February 12, 2021.**

### What's your story?

We want to gather a collection of stories and photos of activity over the past year during the COVID pandemic.

*What have you been doing? What have you learned? How have you innovated? Please share your story with us.*



We're looking forward to welcoming you back into the building when the lock-down restrictions lift. When that happens, we hope to set up a new exhibit in the Art Corridor and we're looking for YOUR input!

Thoughts to get you started... **Art** (painting, photography, textile art such as knitting, rug hooking, quilting); **Favourite new recipe** (and include a photo of the finished product!); **Before / After photo of a renovation, interior design or major cleanup**; **Gardening Triumphs, List of books read**; **Poetry written**; **Jewelry making, home-school successes and more!**

The sky is the limit! Complete our [online form](#) and we'll be in touch!

Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our Library Usage Survey 2020. Your responses will help us frame our return to in-library programming when we are able to do so. We are pleased to share the [survey results](#) with you!

*In the meantime, take care, stay healthy and do like Bernie and "get your mitts on a good book!"*

**Reminder: The library will be closed Monday February 15th for Family Day.** We will be reopening for in person browsing as soon as the lock-down restrictions are lifted.

Our regular hours will remain: Mondays noon - 7pm;  
Tuesday to Fridays 10am - 5pm  
Saturdays 10am - 2pm



**GET YOUR MITTS ON A GOOD BOOK!**