

As COVID restrictions begin to lift, we are excited to resume some of our in-person programming. Our capacity limits will remain at 50%; masks remain mandatory; and the Café has reopened for public use.



The Library has partnered with the Canadian Red Cross to distribute free N95 masks to the general public. You can ask for yours at the circulation desk during regular hours of operation beginning February 3. Please note, quantities are limited.

We continue to provide COVID related printing for free. Additionally, we are providing lamination services for wallet sized Proof of Vaccination QR Codes for \$3 each.

### WINTER HOURS

Monday - Wednesday

Noon - 7pm

Thursday - Friday

10am - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 2pm

The Library will be **CLOSED** on Monday February 21st for Family Day.



Back by popular demand is our **Blind Date with a Book**.

Sign out a wrapped book based on a little clue. Return your book *score card* and your name will be entered into a draw for a great prize pack!

Speaking of prize packs, our Book Bingo launched last month is still going strong.

You can pick up your book bingo card at the circulation desk.



You have until March 18th to return your bingo card and have your name entered into the draw for a gift basket valued at \$180.

There are Book Bingo cards for adults as well as children. There's also a fantastic prize pack for kids.

*Read lots and enter often!*

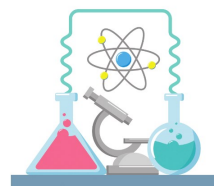
### Just for Kids

We are excited to announce that we can resume Baby Rhyme Time (for babies 5-12 months) and Friday Morning Story Time (13 months to school age).



Friday Morning Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers will also resume in February. Please visit us at the circulation desk to register for either a 10am or 11am spot. Parents or caregivers attending with children will be required to provide proof of vaccination. We ask that you register a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the program so that a craft kit can be created for your child.

We have Valentine's craft bags available at the desk for children to pick up when they sign out their books. We are also handing out Valentine board books that were generously provided by the kind folks at Super Lucky Dollar Store.



February's Let's Talk Science Kits have arrived! The kit for grades 2-6 includes an activity about viruses and the importance and effectiveness of handwashing, and the kit for grades 6-10 includes materials to make two viruses from tinfoil and compare the effect of soap on the one with a fatty layer and on the one without a fatty layer. Please ask at the desk for your kit.



Family Discovery Kits will be available for pick up at the library on Friday, February 18 to help you celebrate Family Day on Monday, February 21. Register for your kit on our website starting Friday, February 11 and have fun reading, crafting and exploring as a family!

Plans are currently underway for March Break. We are planning for virtual events if required, and will move as many of those as possible to in-person events if allowed. Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

It's a moving target!



The Library will be hosting a Pathfinder Game on Mondays after school. Grab your companions, dust off your old spell books and join other brave adventurers as we explore the wonders, dangers and riches the fantasy world of Golarion has to offer! Open to all fully-vaccinated teens, no prior TTRPG experience or equipment necessary. Spaces are limited so please [email](#) today for more information and register to secure your spot in what will be, as one sorcerer said in passing, "a thrilling encounter."

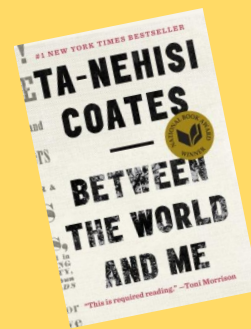
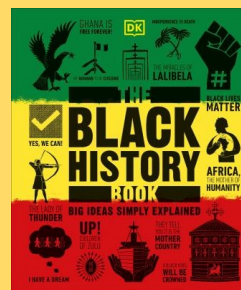
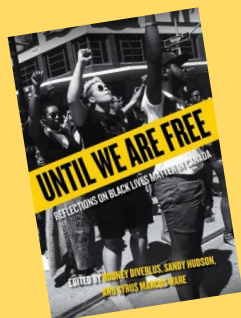
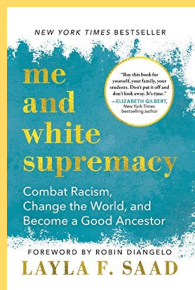
## REMINDER...

We will be accepting applications for summer student employment until February 28. We are looking for a creative and enthusiastic student to assist with the planning and delivery of our summer programs.

The successful candidate will possess strong verbal and written communication skills, the ability to work effectively as a member of a team, solid organizational skills and experience working with children. The length of the contract will be determined once our grant status is known. Resumes should be forwarded to the attention of Carolyn Swayze, Youth Services Librarian at [youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca](mailto:youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca).



## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.



CELEBRATE THIS MONTH. CELEBRATE EVERY MONTH.

There have been a few changes to the layout in the library. In the lower level, there are new homes for some of our fiction collections - namely Westerns, Romance and Graphic Novels. Our light therapy lamp is set up in the Café area, and please note that the used book sale is well stocked.

On the main level, the new PopUp Art Exhibit has been met with great enthusiasm. We've also created a themed book display to complement the art.



## SPECIAL EVENT

On Saturday February 26 join OV-CAOS community poet Andy Tull to play with words amongst the tallest trees in Ontario. This word inspired workshop will begin at the library Pop Up Art Gallery, where we will view and interact with the Tree Story Exhibition.

Participants will then walk or drive to Gillies Grove where we will play with words inspired by the trees and winter landscape.

Participation is free, but you must register on our website in advance.