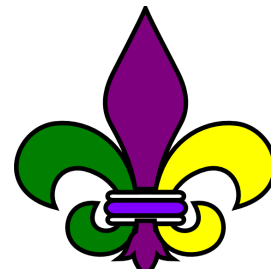


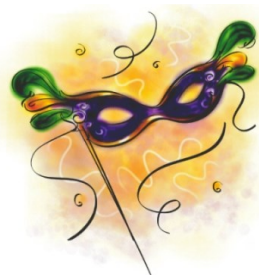
125 years in the making
1895-2020

February 22, 2020 is a date to remember...

We're bringing New Orleans to town and it'll be as authentic as you can get! Dance music by none other than the Mumbo Jumbo Voodoo Combo - Canada's premier Mardi Gras band,



great Cajun food by Ullrich's Catering, cash bar, special events (Photo Booth, Personalized Beatnik Poetry, New Orleans photo exhibit and you can even get your tea leaves read - just like a visit to NOLA!)



Dress is festive fancy and the amazing decor *includes* Mardi Gras beads and masks for our guests. This fundraising evening is presented in partnership between the Arnprior & District Food Bank and the Library and all proceeds will be split between the two services. **Special thanks to our generous sponsor Tierney Stauffer LLP** and event support from Prior Engagements.

We'll be rolling the library shelves to make room for 130+ guests. The acoustics are second to none and there

will be a huge dance floor in the transformed space. Get your tickets early as we anticipate this will be a sell out event. Doors open at 7:30; dancing starts at 8pm; sampling buffet rolled out around 9pm and special activities will run continuously throughout the evening. There is no better way to beat those mid winter doldrums.



Mumbo Jumbo Voodoo Combo will be a 6 piece band!



There's lots of music in the air this month at the library!

Sunday February 9th we're hosting another *Share the Stage* Open Mic. Music starts at 2pm. Doors open at 1:30 and refreshments will be available by donation.

The library will be partnering with the *Main Street School of Music* for a **Coffee House on Friday February 28th at 7pm**. More than a dozen students will be presenting an array of talent from vocals to a variety of instruments. There will be refreshments by donation and everyone is welcome to support these young artists!



Everyone
Welcome!



For those of you who like to plan your calendars well in advance, tickets are now available for our spring concert featuring Stephen Fearing, co-founder of Blackie and the Rodeo Kings. Limited tickets only \$25 to see this Canadian music legend.

Stephen Fearing

in concert at the
Arnprior Public Library
Celebrating 125 Years

Friday May 1, 2020

8 pm

Doors open
at 7:30



Stay tuned for more information on upcoming music events at the library including a special presentation by vocal trio **LMJ** (Lisa Webber, Mike McCormick and James Hrkach) as they perform *A Literary Celebration* This performance is set for June 20th. Details to follow!

Have you checked out our Book Sale / Café area lately? We've set up a *Light Café*. Get comfortable with our special full spectrum lamp and get your daily dose of energy boosting light—especially helpful on some of these dark, cold winter days. Enjoy a beverage from our self serve coffee / tea and hot chocolate counter. \$1.50 per cup, bring your own travel mug and save \$0.25! There is a great selection of used books in our on-going book sale and a new Art Corridor Exhibit featuring an armchair travel display about Portugal.



Come in from the cold and enjoy the programs on offer for youth at the library!



LEGO Lounge – a drop-in program at 10:30am on the first and third Saturday of the month. **C'est Bon!**, our bilingual family story time resumes on February 8 at 10:30am and is offered on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. **Bonjour mes Amis** runs on Wednesdays at 9:30 for families who enjoy stories, songs and crafts en francais.



Reading with Radar has now expanded and is being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. If you know of an emergent reader who would benefit from one-on-one time reading to a sweet therapy dog, call Carolyn at 613-623-2279 for more details.



Check our website for details about our upcoming Monday programs. We have a Snowman program for children in JK-Grade 1, a Valenslime's Day program for Grades 2-4, and an Old School Game and Pizza Night for Grades 5-8.

Friday morning story times get underway on February 7 with a visit from **Bonnechere Inodewiziwin Abinodjinjish Kikinamagan (BIAK)**. A wonderful and fun way to share Indigenous teachings with our little ones!

Baby Rhyme Time begins Tuesday, February 4. There are still spaces available for this six-week program for babies and their caregivers, so visit our website to register!



Be sure to visit our website starting February 20 for a full week of March Break programming, including traditional egg decorating, a Mad Science visit, the magic of Chris Pilsworth, a Learn-to-Knit program and much more!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Why does the Arnprior Public Library require additional staffing?

A cost sharing agreement between Arnprior and McNab/Braeside was reached in 2015. The Library used this taxpayer money and other grants to cover 90% of its budget for that year. The Library made up the reasonable shortfall of the remaining 10% [\$45,000] by its own efforts. These included: allowable fees, late fines and services to the community such as proctoring exams and various fund-raising events.

The Library used these self-generated funds to cover operating costs, including the telephones, photocopying, the purchase, licensing and maintenance of computers, liability insurance, newspaper and magazine subscriptions, children's program supplies, furniture, postage, staff training, the annual audit and so on.

It should be noted that donations to the Library are not applied to daily operating costs. Donations go to projects specified by donors, whether those donors are individuals or community groups.

Over the course of the 2015 service agreement, Library funding increases have been frozen at 1%. This has not kept pace with the cost of living adjustments for our staff, so the Library is obligated to pay this cost as well. The result has been that the library is running at a spiraling loss requiring greater effort and staff time to work at raising funds.

By 2019, the difference between the funding and the Library's actual cost had increased from 10% in 2015 to 17% in 2019. This amounted to nearly \$84,000 that had to be raised by the library to cover operating costs, cost of living increases for staff as well as books, digital resources and subscriptions. This fundraising also now requires a lot of unpaid staff time.

Out of necessity, the Library has produced many programs which both serve the community and help generate the money needed to keep the library going. We are grateful for the support and co-operation from patrons, community minded groups and local businesses in these efforts. Galas, speaker events, open-mic and film club gatherings and more serve the dual purpose of raising funds and developing the Arnprior Public Library as an excellent cultural and social hub for our community. Unfortunately, our ability to function on this level is severely hampered by our lack of staff. Just a note, it has been 33 years since the last full-time staff appointment.

The Board's request for another full-time librarian is to fulfill the vision of a library that continues to provide quality programming while simultaneously generating the funds needed to serve the growing population of our community.