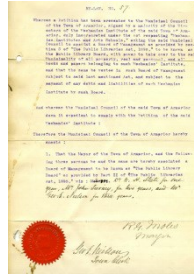


The Library is 125 years old

And we're ready to write our next chapter! To celebrate this milestone anniversary, the library will be hosting a variety of special events throughout the year.

Some highlights include...



In 1895, Arnprior Town Council passed By-Law 57 bringing the Mechanics Institute into the modern age by opening its doors to the community as a Public Library...one of the first in the province.



Mardi Gras Masquerade Gala featuring the Mumbo Jumbo Voodoo Combo dance band, authentic New Orleans food and plenty of activities. This is a collaborative fundraiser with the Arnprior & District Food Bank. Tickets will be available by the end of January... we're just finalizing sponsorships!

Stephen Fearing in Concert! (multi Juno Award winning musician and co-founder of Blackie and the Rodeo Kings)

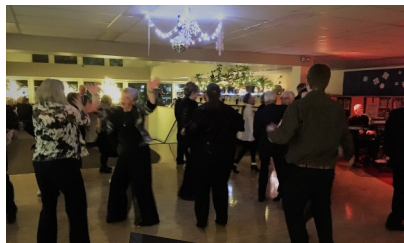


And dates are currently being confirmed for: Science reporter /author Bob McDonald; Pop-up Art exhibits and workshops; Blues in the Books with Jack DeKeyzer; Ottawa Story Tellers presentations, Poetry evenings AND MORE!



Our next *Share the Stage* Open Mic will be held Sunday January 19th at 2pm. Doors open at 1:30 and everyone is welcome. Refreshments are available and donations help to defray costs of our sound equipment.

Remember the library hosts weekly chess meet-ups on Wednesdays in the Art Corridor. Stop by 3:30 pm or 6:00 pm for a game. All skill levels are welcome and we have an expert on hand to guide you if you're a little rusty! You're also welcome to stop by Monday mornings to meet in front of the downstairs fire-place with the *WhatKnots* to knit, create, socialize and talk books too!



Thanks to Charbonneau's Catering, The EmTees and everyone who attended our fourth annual NYE Gala. We had a great time ringing in the new year under this year's Northern Lights theme.



Municipal grants fund our professional staff and we rely on special events such as New Year's Eve & Mardi Gras Galas, as well as some fees for service to provide enough income to purchase our books, digital resources, computers and the remainder of our day to day operations.



Thank you for your support!

Last year, 5104 area residents had active library cards and signed out 138,648 items - that's more than 27 items per card!

As one of the busiest Ontario libraries on a per capita basis, there were 98,168 visits to the library, and 277 visits to Homebound patrons - keeping these individuals connected to their community. We also offered 11,126 programming spaces in the library and through community outreach.



What did you access from the library?

2019 TOP PICKS @ ARNPRIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Most circulated item: Ingenuim Museum Pass (free access to Science & Technology Museum, Aviation Museum and Museum of Agriculture for a family of 5)



Most circulated adult fiction: Kingdom of the Blind by Louise Penny

Most circulated adult non-fiction: Becoming by Michelle Obama



Most circulated DVD: Game of Thrones Season 7



Most circulated Juvenile fiction: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Hefley's Journal by Jeff Kinney

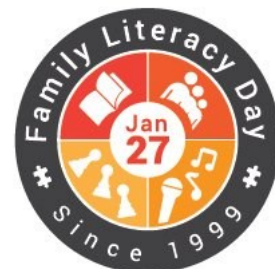
Most circulated Juvenile non-fiction: Minecraft: construction handbook by Matthew Needler



Another year, another great lineup of programs from our award-winning Children's Department



Monday, January 27 is Family Literacy Day! Celebrate by registering online to borrow a book/activity bundle from the library. Themed bundles of books will include an item relating to the theme for your family to use and keep. Themes include pets, baking, art, Pokemon, music, hairdos, dinosaurs and many more.



Did you know you can register for all library programming on line - and for free - thanks to generous support from the Scharf Family Charitable Trust. Just make sure you have an active library card in advance of registration. Please note all library memberships expire annually. You can call the library to verify the status of your library card (613-623-2279).

Stop by with a piece of ID to update your card or sign out a new membership. Access to the Arnprior Public Library is free for all residents of Arnprior, McNab/Braeside and Lanark Highlands. The Non-resident membership fee is \$60 per household.



Registration is now open for after school programs in January and February. Programs include Indigenous cultural teachings with BIAK (Bonnechere Inodewiziwin Abinodjinjish), a snowman themed story time including a snowman marshmallow dispenser craft, a *Valenslime's* Day celebration and an Old School Games and Pizza Night. All registration links are available from the Youth Services portal

www.arnpriorlibrary.ca/youth-services

Our popular bilingual story time, *Bonjours mes amis*, gets underway again on Wednesday, January 15 at 9:30am. *C'est bon*, a bilingual family story time held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 10:30am, will resume on February 8.



LEGO Lounge runs on the first and third Saturday of the month at 10:30am. Kids of all ages are welcome to join in the building fun using the library's extensive LEGO collection. Children under 5 require a parent or caregiver to accompany them.



Friday morning story times will resume on February 7th. Toddler Tales runs from 10-10:30am and is for children aged 15-30 months and their caregivers. Have a Hoot runs from 11-11:30 and is for children aged two and a half to school age to attend independently. These programs are run on a drop-in basis, so no registration is required, just a library membership.



Do you know an emergent reader who would benefit from reading to a sweet and gentle therapy dog? Our Reading with Radar program offers children an opportunity to practice reading aloud to Radar the Golden Retriever. If you would like more details or are interested in booking a 15 minute session, please contact Carolyn at 613-623-2279 or email youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca.

It's never too early to introduce your baby to books and reading. Registration is now open for our popular Baby Rhyme Time. The next 6 week session begins runs February 4th to March 10th. Spaces are limited so grab your library card and register today!



As of February 21st, our March Break calendar will be available online. Expect tons of fun activities!