



Hold onto your hopes and dreams for the new year.

The new year brings expectations, hopes, and resolutions; your library is here to assist in any way we can. In the new COVID reality, we're here to help with printing your updated vaccination QR code; we've expanded our electronic resources; and we're remaining open to offer you in-person service as well as continued curbside service for your library requirements including printing services. Library staff is planning a variety of programs and activities to keep you engaged—something new each month, so stay tuned!

We're thrilled to announce the introduction of digital magazines through OverDrive (and the [Libby App](#)). Nearly 3900 magazine titles have been added to the collection and there's never a waiting list to borrow them! Popular titles include National Geographic, New Yorker Magazine, People, Hello Canada, Architectural Digest, Better Homes and Gardens and literally hundreds more!



To date, People and Entertainment Weekly have been favourites. In particular, the latest People edition including a feature on Betty White. So, we thought we'd include this link to a delightful reading of Harry the Dirty Dog by none other than Betty White!

OverDrive has also connected with the library's Kanopy collection. It is a free movie streaming service which includes a kids portal, unlimited access to The Great Courses for online learning as well as more than 30,000 movies and documentaries. To access any of our resources, go to the Virtual Library on our website and use your current library card number. If your card needs to be renewed, you can do so on our website. If you need assistance with this or any other eResource platform, simply schedule a free tutorial with our staff.

2021 Top 10 Reads in Adult Fiction



Historical Fiction and Mysteries top the list of the library's most circulated adult fiction titles in 2021:

- 1 Louise Penny - All the devils are here
- 2 Kristin Hannah - The four winds
- 3 Janet Skeslien Charles - The Paris Library
- 4 Kate Quinn - The Rose Code
- 5 Jeanine Cummins - American Dirt
- 6 Delia Owens - Where the Crawdads sing
- 7 John Grisham - A time for mercy
- 8 Robert Parker's Someone to watch over me
- 9 C.J. Box - Dark Sky
- 10 Julia Kelly - Last garden in England

Arnprior readers enjoy Canadian content when it comes to the top 10 circulating non-fiction books of 2021.

Educated by Tara Westover; A Promised Land by Barack Obama; Extraordinary Canadians by Peter Mansbridge; All together now by Alan Doyle; Ice Walker by James Raffan; Modern Comfort Food by Ina Garten; House of Kennedy by James Patterson; Princess Spy by Larry Loftis, Values by Mark Carney and Broken by Jenny Lawson.



Top circulating books from the children's department are the perennial favourites of Minecraft, anything by Mo Willems and Diary of a Wimpy Kid series. Fun fact...a whopping **254 NEW** books were added to the children's and young adult collection in December!

Click [here](#) to discover the fresh new titles on our shelves. Is there a book you'd like to see added to our collection? Please email Carolyn at [youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca](mailto:youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca) with your request. We love ordering books you are interested in reading!!!



Looking for new ways to explore the library's collection? Beginning January 10th, why not pick up your free *Book Bingo Card*. Meet the reading challenges and with each completed bingo card you return, your name gets entered into a draw for a fantastic grand prize to be randomly selected on March 18th.

The grand prize for adults is basket (\$150 value!) including a variety of gift certificates for downtown businesses, a book (of course) and DVD for your viewing pleasure! Each completed bingo card also receives a small participation prize! Kids are invited to participate too and bingo cards will be entered into the Grand Prize for Kids!

If you are booking a curbside pick up, you can request a bingo card in your package.



Read lots and enter often!

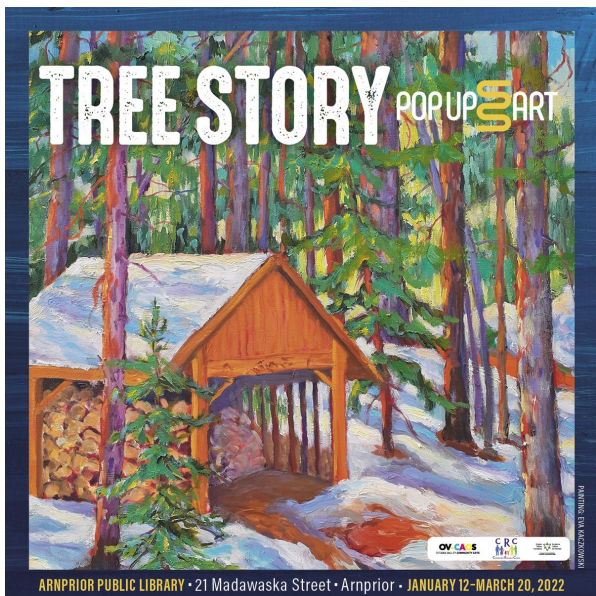


In February, we'll be bringing back our popular *Blind Date with a Book*. For March, we're planning a special reading incentive wrapped around our staff picks.

Library staff is always available to help you find that next great read, especially during the current limitations. So, if you are looking for a surprise bundle or even a selection of DVDs, you can [request a package](#) created just for you! We'll prepare it all for curbside pickup at your convenience.



## Some upcoming changes at the library...



Mid-January will see an update on our PopUp Art Exhibit space with the next installment by the Ottawa Valley Create Arts Open Studio. (OV-CAOS)

At this time of year, against the backdrop of winter, one can't help but notice all the trees that surround us here in the Ottawa Valley. Whether it's the snow covered branches, or a nice piece of hardwood going into the woodstove on a cold and snow night, trees are a part of our life and ecosystem. In fact, this region is home to some of the tallest trees in Ontario, and many that are hundreds of years old. Imagine if they could talk. What stories would they tell? That is the question being asked at the new exhibit. Nine local artists were invited to explore human relationships with trees and imagine the stories they might share. The result is Tree Story, an exhibition reflection each artists' unique version of a tree's story, using a range of mediums, techniques, from paint to pyrography, textiles to tin.

## A few changes in our lower level...

The library's fiction collection is housed in the lower level. Some new shelving has been installed, allowing us to provide a bit of "breathing space" to various collections. While we work on the shifting of various collections, please ask if you need assistance finding your favourite mystery, western, or graphic novel.

➤ Our Continuous Book Sale remains open during the current restrictions, but please note that the hot beverage station is closed for public use for the time being.



# News from the Children's Department



Our Forest of Reading collection of books is ready to circulate! There is a fabulous selection of both fiction and non-fiction titles written and illustrated by talented Canadians. Once you've read and returned a title from the collection you will be given a ballot for our amazing prize draw. See our Forest of Reading display at the circulation desk.

**Family Literacy Day Challenge!** On Thursday, January 27 we will be celebrating Family Literacy Day with a book challenge for our young patrons – to borrow a stack of picture books or easy readers with spine labels that spell out their name. For example, if the child's name is Jacob, they would look for books that were written by authors whose last names start with J, A, C, O and B. The letter is found at the base of the spine of each book.



Our friends at BIAK will be providing us with more of their fantastic Indigenous Learning Activity Kits by mid January. Be sure to ask for yours at the circulation

The wonderful folks at Let's Talk Science have provided us with science kits to distribute. Ask at the circulation desk to receive either a Static Electricity Kit (grades 2-6) or Paper Microscope Kit called Foldscopes (grades 7-10). Kits can be picked up anytime during our open hours in January.

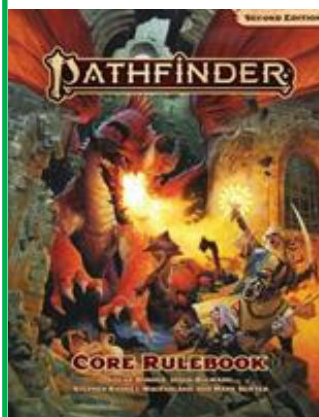


It may be the beginning of January, but we are already planning for a summer of fun!

We are now accepting applications for the position of Children's Programming Assistant. 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. 35 hours/week, \$15/hour.

Resumes should be forwarded to the attention of Carolyn Swayze, Youth Services Librarian at [youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca](mailto:youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca) on or before February 28, 2022.



**Free Pathfinder table top role-playing game for Teens!**

The Library will be hosting a Pathfinder Game when restrictions lift. 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 will be 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."