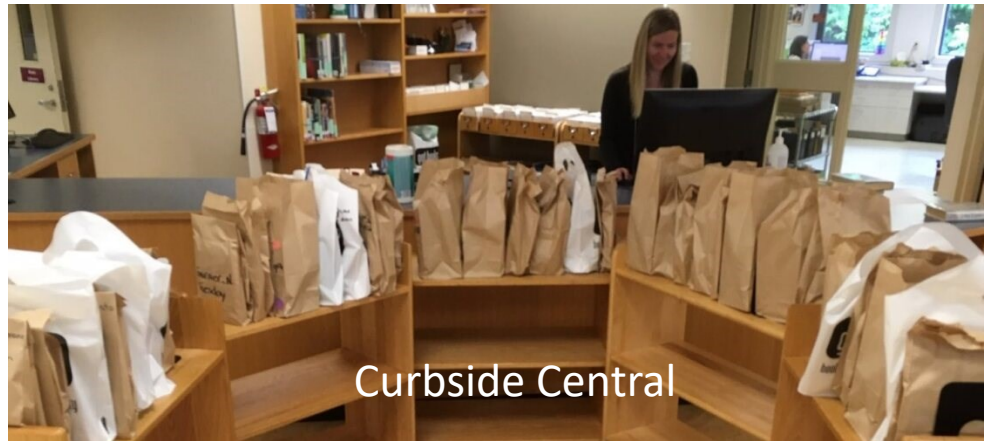




The moving forward edition

Let's face it, things have been challenging all around and we've been adapting - just like everyone else. We thank the patrons who have embraced our Curbside Service and our modified summer program for kids. We're looking forward to expanding our services as the province enters Stage 3. Our Curbside Service for reserved books is now available Tuesdays through Saturdays. We're trending about 50 pickups per day and have recently boosted the number of items you can reserve from 5 to 8 per card. Remember you can manage your reserves too. If you've reserved more titles than you can read at once, simply suspend some of the titles (meaning you won't lose your place in the queue) and you can reactivate the reserve at a later date.

We've selected more than 50 "[Blind Date with a Book Bundles](#)" for patrons who are missing the browsing experience. You choose the genre, we select the books. And as an added bonus, you could win a gift certificate to a local restaurant. The library is using some of our fundraising proceeds that were destined for adult programming which can't be undertaken this year. Instead, we're supporting local eateries via this program. This month, we purchased a gift certificate for the new *Negi Indian Bistro* and randomly selected one of our Blind Date Book Bundle recipients as the winner. Congratulations to Jennifer Murch who won for June!



Curbside Central

Recently, we added Curbside Printing / Faxing Service. Send us your documents online and you can pick up hard copies by appointment. [Visit the website for more details.](#)



- ☑ When you return items via the Book Drop, they are held in quarantine for 72 hours, so they will appear on your card, but no fines will be accruing during the quarantine period.
- ☑ Please return items you have had on your card during the COVID closure by July 24th so that we can get a handle on our inventory. Again, no fines accrued during this period.

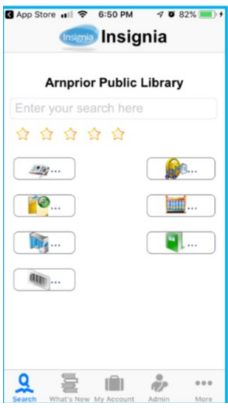
When we do enter Stage 3 we will be opening the library for computer access. This will be done by appointment so we can manage capacity in the library. When the province allows for browsing in libraries, then we will also open up for browsing via appointment. There will be some changes to library access when we do re-open. Public computer keyboards will have a molded plastic coverings that can easily be cleaned between bookings.



There will be capacity limits; seating has been removed; masks and hand sanitizing will be required. Stay tuned for details.



Please keep in mind that our boosted WiFi access remains in place. We're hoping to get some picnic tables on the east side of the building so you can enjoy WiFi access from that side of the building as well.



You may also be interested in our free App. Available through the App Store or on Google Play, just search for ILS Library and you'll find it under the education category. Select the Arnprior Library and you'll be able to get a great snapshot of items on your card, coming due items, loan history and more. Our Virtual Library remains active too with loads of resources including continued free access to Ancestry.ca; free moving streaming with Kanopy and Hoopla; loads of options for eBooks, audio books and digital magazines. If you haven't explored all our resources, then it might be worth a [visit!](#)

SUMMER READING CLUB 2020

Of course summer is for kids too and while we can't provide our usual story time programming, we have modified our Summer Reading Club. On June 25th we launched the Reading Program with a superb kickoff party.



More than 75 families registered and stopped by the library throughout the afternoon to pick up their party bag and a pizza from Domino's. Then at 4:30 Valley Heritage Radio hosted our kick off party with special call-in requests from the families. *Oh, the fun we had!*

Special thanks to Domino's for their support in making this event happen; Jason Marshall and the rest of the crew at Valley Heritage Radio for opening their airwaves and phone lines for an hour and a half of dancing fun and for the Scharf Family Charitable Trust for their continued financial support of children's programming at the library.

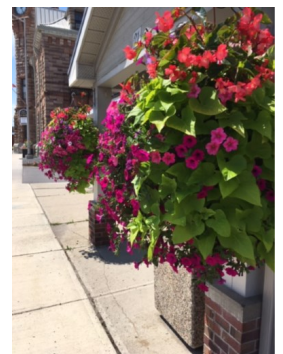
Now that we're into full swing for the summer, registered families are signing out some fantastic themed Book Bundles. Each package comes with a great selection of reading material, craft components, activity sheets and a joke or two. With each bundle signed out, participating kids receive a button for their TDSRC hats and with 6 buttons collected, they receive a gift bag at the end of the summer. When you see their fashionable hats around town, you'll know these kids have been reading and creating all summer long! There's still plenty of time to register for this fantastic program. All you need is an active library membership. [Register here.](#) If you need help with signing up, just call the library 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday and we'll help you out!



Our community partnership with the Men's Shed has seen another Little Lending Library established at the Veteran's Park on Friday Street. On the first day, this little fellow rode his bike to the park and sat for more than half an hour perusing a book that clearly caught his eye! Thanks to community donations and the efforts of the volunteers at the Men's Shed, the library will be seeding Little Lending Libraries located at: The Senior's Active Living Centre on Elgin Street, White Lake General Store, Veteran's Park, John A Gillies Building in Braeside, McNab/Braeside Township Offices and McLean Avenue Park.



Arnprior and area is all about community building. Thanks to Milliken Landscaping for donating beautiful flowers adorning the library this summer! We'll take good care by watering them every day. Shout out also goes to Ingrid and Jeanette who have so lovingly worked on the back garden by the parking lot this spring. Known as the Reading Garden, it is maintained by volunteers who spent many hours tidying up the perennials this spring.



And our final thought for this newsletter:

Our website has a lot of information about your virtual and your bricks and mortar library. Make sure you check out our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for up to date information as Stage 3 of reopening rolls out.

