



We're thrilled to be welcoming you back into the stacks! Beginning July 5th you are invited to browse, use the computers, explore the Book Sale and Café, find a comfortable space to escape the summer heat and so much more! Our summer hours are:

Monday 10am - 7pm
 Tuesday to Friday 10am - 5pm
 Saturday 10am - 2pm

We will continue our curbside service by offering **Grab & Go** pickups. We will sign out your materials and prepare them for pickup at your convenience - just follow the link in your email notification for reserved titles. We will also continue to provide hand-picked **book bundles** as well as curbside **printing services**.

There are a few changes to greet you in the library.

In the downstairs fiction department: all new fiction displays feature books that have been purchased in the last 12 months. All fiction books by the same author are shelved alphabetically by title. This will be of great help when searching some of your favourite (and prolific) authors. It sure helped staff in the last few months when we were retrieving hundreds of books daily for curbside pickup!

The new non fiction display has expanded and we have grouped the selections by theme - Biography, Social Justice Issues & Current Affairs, History, In the Kitchen, Health & Home, Social Sciences and General Interest.

Internet access computer stations, study areas and general seating areas have been comfortably spaced.

One of the most noticeable changes is the installation of the Ottawa Valley Community Arts Project. This semi permanent gallery will feature up to 10 exhibits until June 2023. The current exhibit is entitled **Welcome to my World**. Opening the doors to our inner worlds to make connections with each other. After having spent the best part of a year in various degrees of COVID-19 lockdown, many of us are eager to connect with each other and share our experiences of isolation. The viewer will be invited to have a peek into the inner worlds created by the selected artists. Catch this exhibit before August 1. The next installation is **The Good Ancestor** and debuts August 6th



We launched a successful introduction to Mindful Meditation program in June and will be offering a second session throughout the summer.

Our guide Emily Lamoureux will be leading this summer session on Tuesday mornings at 9am. You must [register](#) for this free six week program. A Zoom link will be sent out each week beginning July 13th.

If you have an idea for a virtual program offered by the library, send us an email! library@arnpriorlibrary.ca

The library plants will be pleased to greet visitors again this month... you bring lots of CO₂ into the building!

We are looking forward to our Houseplant Fundraiser beginning July 19th. We'll be offering house-plant cuttings by donation.

If you have some plants you'd like to donate, please fill out [this form!](#)



Thanks to everyone who participated in our first Perennial Plant Fundraiser. More than \$300 was raised for the library.

If gardening is your interest and you would like to assist with some maintenance of our Reading Garden, simply email us and we can add you to the rotation! Perfect for the seasoned gardener and beginners alike! library@arnpriorlibrary.ca

Special shout out to Milliken's Garden Centre and the Town's summer students for maintaining the beautiful hanging baskets and annuals in front of the library.



Our Summer Reading Club for children is off to a fantastic start. More than 200 area youngsters are expected to participate in this year's range of programs which includes Book Bundles, activity kits, virtual and outdoor story times in the library's beautiful green space.

Book Bundles will be picked up by appointment. And remember to check out all the new books we've been adding to our collection. These include many new books in the Beginner Reader collections in both French and English.



It's not too late to register your child(ren) for our famous TD Summer Reading Club.

Visit our [Youth Services](#) page for all the details. After you've registered, you'll receive a welcome package that includes a password so you can access our Summer Portal to register for book bundles and more.

Each child may request up to two bundles a week, and participants will be given a wooden coin for every bundle they return, to a maximum of seven coins. Wooden coins can be spent at our library store on August 17 and 18, and if all seven coins are earned, participants will receive an invitation to our End of Summer Celebration with the fabulous magician Chris Pilsworth. The winner of a fun prize pack will be announced at this event. Stop by the library to see many of the prize pack items in our display case. *The more you read, the better your chances of winning!*



Special thanks to Proquest for extending free at home access to Ancestry.ca until the end of September. We've had to alter the way you access this database. Just complete the [form on our website](#) and after we've verified your membership, we will send you a link so you can set up a unique account to access Ancestry.



The last 15 months have demonstrated the importance of digital literacy. We've expanded our virtual library and offered programs in the virtual world. But many still need that extra bit of guidance. If you need assistance with your laptop, tablet or phone we're here to help.

We can help you with the basics of email, text messages and sorting your files. We can also help you navigate the many services you can access for free with your library card. These include eBooks, digital audio books, free online magazines, movie streaming, language learning and more!

Book your tutorial today. Call the library 613-623-2279 or let us know how we can help by completing this brief questionnaire.

Last month the library wanted to determine interest in an Indigenous Issues Discussion Group. The majority of respondents indicated a preference to start a group in the fall. We will continue to take names and contact information from anyone interested in [joining the group](#).



In the meantime, we invite you to explore our growing collection of resources for all ages.

See you at the library!