



This month is a springboard to summer, but also marks many ways to reflect on community. The library's goals include life-long learning and community building. To that end, we're here to help you mark National Aboriginal Day, Pride Month, Seniors Month and so much more!

We have also assembled a recommended [reading list for Pride Month](#). This includes some recent acquisitions from both the adult and the children's collections.

There are also some great LGBTQ selections available on [Kanopy](#) - our free movie streaming service. Access Kanopy with your library card.



The library has been helping seniors through pandemic isolation by continuing to provide Homebound delivery services as well as some new initiatives such as our [Friends with Pens](#) Program. We've had a lot of interest from families and are still looking for some seniors to participate in the venture.

Children and seniors are starting to delight in receiving letters in the post! And remember, when restrictions are fully lifted, the library will be hosting a fabulous tea party so that all the pen pals can meet!



In recognition of the recent revelation at the Kamloops Residential School, the library has assembled a **Reconciliation Reading List**. It includes a small sampling of the many library resources that may be of interest to you. It is available on the main page of our [online catalogue](#). You can log into your account and reserve titles for curbside pickup.

Did you know you can take a free Indigenous Studies course (or pay a small fee to receive the certificate) via the University of Alberta - [Coursera](#). It is a 12-lesson Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) from the Faculty of Native Studies that explores Indigenous histories and contemporary issues in Canada.

If you are interested in participating in an **Indigenous Canada Discussion Group** hosted by the library, [please let us know!](#)



The library will be welcoming the public back into the building for browsing when the province moves into Stage 2 of the re-opening plan. July 5th is the anticipated date, although this is a moving target.



The past year has been a challenge for many, and now the library has teamed up with a local mindfulness practitioner to offer a free introductory **Mindful Meditation Program** beginning June 8th. Four consecutive classes will be held on Tuesday mornings at 9am. It is our hope that this program will grow in the coming months. All you need is internet access to benefit from this amazing opportunity from the comfort of your home.

Emily Lamoureux will lead this virtual program. Full details and registration for this new venture is [available on our website](#). Register early so you don't miss out!

Many thanks to everyone who has pledged a plant (or more!) for our first ever plant fundraiser. We will be accepting the donation of **garden perennials** starting June 10th and will organize an outdoor plant fundraiser on June 11th and 12th. We thank you in advance for minding COVID protocols.

We continue to welcome any volunteers for the library reading garden. Volunteers will be included in a maintenance rota throughout the summer months.

The houseplant exchange / fundraiser will be held when we are able to reopen the library, likely at the beginning of July.



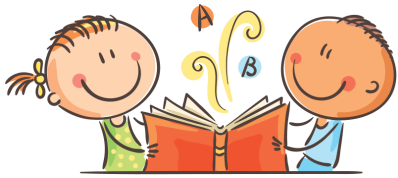
We are getting seriously excited about the arrival of summer!



Registration for our Summer Reading Club for children 15 months and older will open online on Monday, June 7. Participants who register before June 20th will be invited to participate in our virtual Summer Kick-off Event with Mad Science on Monday, July 5. Science experiment kits will be available by curbside pick-up for those who are registered. This will provide a fun, hands-on element to our celebration!

This summer we will be handing out wooden coins to Summer Reading Club participants every time they return a Summer Reading Bundle. Coins can be spent at our Library Store on Tuesday, August 17 and Wednesday, August 18. In addition to being able to spend your wooden coins, if you collect all seven you will receive an invitation for our End of Summer Magic Show with crowd favourite, Chris Pilsworth, on Wednesday, August 18. A fantastic prize bundle will also be available, and the more bundles you read, the better your chances of winning! So many great reasons to keep reading all summer long!

In advance of registering your child for Summer Programs, please CALL THE LIBRARY at 613-623-2279 to ensure that your child's library membership is valid. Memberships expire annually.



As we dive headfirst into summer program planning and preparation, we will be discontinuing Virtual Stories and Surprise Bundles. If your children are looking for curbside books, please search our catalogue and place items on reserve, or call our staff at 613-623-2279 and have some books set aside.

Are you looking for something creative? Our Community Book-Art kits are now ready for distribution. We're looking for creative people of all ages to make these small works of art that will come together to create three art installations at participating libraries in the Ottawa Valley.

We're excited about our ongoing partnership with [Ottawa Valley Community Arts project](#). They've been busy creating a fantastic exhibit in the library which will greet visitors when we re-open to public browsing. Postcard Art is another way to get involved with this Pop-Up program which will be touring throughout the region for the next two years. You can pick up details when the library reopens.



Reserve your book art kit on our website!



We have recently updated our digital magazine subscriptions. Current and past issues of 17 publications are now available on [Flipster](#) via our Virtual Library. Food, decor, technology, nature and science are just some of the topics. Check out the full listing and grab your library card to read anywhere! Of course print magazines are still available via curbside pickup. You can reserve them, or ask staff to create a special bundle of materials if you are unsure where to start. Complete details are available on our [website](#).



Did you know...

In May we signed out nearly 5,000 items and bagged them for the more than 1,000 curbside pick-ups for our wonderful patrons! Our curbside service includes reading, viewing and listening materials, and also [curbside printing](#). **Remember, if there's something you need, we're here to help!**