

*125 years in the making*  
1895-2020

With the help of our friends at the Arnprior McNab/Braeside Archives, we've been collecting stories of the library's history. It's important to preserve the oral history about our library. If you have a personal reflection of the library, please share it with us. It's as easy as filling out the form on our website!

Join us Saturday March 7th as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch.

Drop in between 10am - 5pm and help us celebrate with self-directed crafts and a prize draw!



**Get ready for March Break!**

An amazing array of programs for all ages and everything is FREE thanks to the generosity of the Scharf Family Charitable Trust. Grab your library card and register for a great week of programs.

**March Break for Adults!**  
**PYSANKY**  
The ancient art of Ukranian egg decorating

And back by popular demand, our egg decorating program for adults on Monday March 16 (6pm - 7:30pm). Spaces are limited and registration is required.



Thanks to everyone who attended our first annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Fundraising Gala.

Special thanks to our corporate sponsors, Architects DCA and Tierney Stauffer. More than \$2400 will be shared between the Library and the Food Bank.



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Tip of the hat for Rosanna - our *tea leaf reader*, our *beatnik poet* Ken, Paul the bartender extraordinaire and the crew of volunteers who managed to transform the library into Mardi Gras central in a mere two hours!



Charitable tax receipts will be issued shortly. As for the future of this event... Mumbo Jumbo Voodoo Combo is keen to return next year with their 6 piece New Orleans sound so you may want to save the date - February 13, 2021!



**An Earthling's Guide to Outer Space**  
This spring, we're pleased to be hosting author / science commentator  
**BOB McDONALD**

Monday April 27th at 7pm  
advance tickets only \$10 each

Meet & Greet to follow the presentation





The next edition of Share the Stage Open Mic is scheduled for Sunday March 15th. Doors open at 1:30pm and the music starts at 2 o'clock. Everyone is welcome. This is your opportunity to enjoy some great local talent.

Recently we welcomed Main Street School of Music for their February Coffee House with quite the showcase of talent from these young performers. We anticipate hosting them again. Next time we'll set up more chairs by moving more of our shelves so we can accommodate at least 100 guests!



Photo courtesy of MSSM

Tickets are selling quickly for our May concert featuring Stephen Fearing. MC Hansen will be joining Stephen for this event.

A poster for a concert by Stephen Fearing. It features a black and white portrait of Stephen Fearing with his hands clasped. The text on the poster reads: "Stephen Fearing in concert at the Arnprior Public Library Celebrating 125 Years Friday May 1, 2020 8 pm Doors open at 7:30".

Details are coming soon for other musical events this year *including* a performance by LMJ. Lisa Webber, Mike McCormick and James Hrkach formed the vocal trio LMJ in the fall of 2015 and established their vocal stylings and intimate sound with Christmas music. Their popular "A Christmas Celebration" has been well supported throughout the Ottawa Valley. LMJ creatively weaves song and historical narration throughout their program bringing new life to both music and text. Their popularity and rave reviews have prompted them to expand their musical association. What better way to do this than create a concert based on literature found right here on the Arnprior Public Library shelves?!

April is Poetry Month and we're planning some special events. Remember to follow the library on social media to catch all the news as we finalize details!

Did you know the library has more than 100 houseplants? We're thinking they thrive because of YOU. With more than 350 people through the doors each day, collectively you're pumping loads of CO2 into the building. No wonder so many of them are in bloom!

If plants are your interest and you would be keen to help out in the library garden this spring, please fill out the volunteer registration form on our website.

We'll also be accepting donations of perennials as we revamp the garden at the end of May. Watch for details when the weather is a little more conducive to gardening!

Now that we have you interested in plants and gardening, let us know if you'd like to join a monthly meet-up to talk about plants. There's an expression of interest form on our website.

*There's so much to do at your library!*

