

There's been a lot of water under the bridge since May 2020. While we remain closed for in-library browsing for the time being, we continue to adapt to help you stay connected

with the community and help you through the current stay-at-home order.



The library has launched a new community initiative... **Friends with Pens.** We'll be connecting families who wish to pen pal with seniors. To help get started, all participating families will receive an activity kit (envelopes, stamps, stickers etc.)



To date, we've had dozens of families sign up.

With that roaring success, we now need more seniors to register! If you, or someone you know, would like to participate, [sign up today.](#)



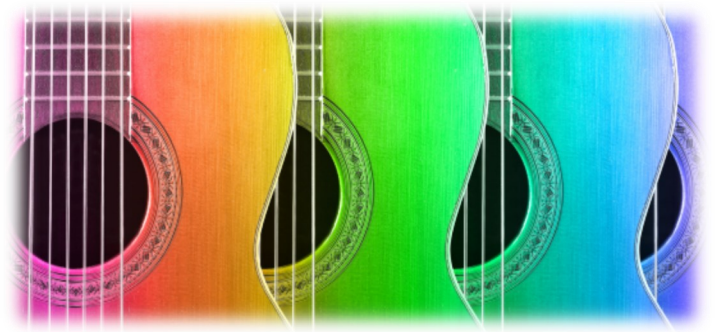
Music is in the air this May

We're featuring two concerts this month. On May 15, Craig Cardiff will be releasing his new album *All This Time Running* with a virtual concert from his home in Kanata. Craig is giving 50% of proceeds from library ticket sales back to the library! Reserve your ticket [here!](#)

On May 13, local singer / songwriter Andrew Rodger will be hosting an online kids concert and you're invited to dance along! [Registration for this free event](#) is now open!



To help you put a spring in your step, how about requesting a [Musical Grab Bag](#) for curbside pickup. We'll bundle some books, music CDs & DVDs for your reading, viewing and listening pleasure!



In youth programming...

More virtual escape room fun! Don't miss the heart-pounding excitement as we host another event with Looking Glass Adventures – Walden's Wizarding Shop! This event for children 7 and up will take place on Friday, May 21 at 3:45. Please note that a registration is required for each participant, not each screen. [Register for this free event here](#)

In addition to special programming, we're busy in Youth Services providing you with fantastic [Surprise Bundles](#) which include your choice of Activity Kit with each request.

We're also continuing to offer [Virtual Story Times.](#) Get your daily link sent to you when you register.

Trivia Challenge! Test your trivia knowledge with this home-grown trivia event! We will meet by Zoom on Thursday, May 27 at 2pm. You can register for this free event for children aged 5+ [here](#)



Our children's programming is provided at no cost to participants thanks to the on-going support from the Scharf Family Charitable Trust and community support from organizations such as the Arnprior Optimists. Information about charitable donations is available on our [website.](#)



We're still planning our houseplant and perennial garden plant fundraiser. The date will be set when restrictions lift and the public is allowed to enter the library. If you have plants to contribute, please complete this [registration form](#). Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to bring in plants for this fundraiser. **We will be in touch as soon as we can start accepting the donations.**

The library's Reading Garden has seen some major overhaul over the last few years including last year's beautiful wooden fence which will surely mean the end of the poison ivy! If you would like to lend a helping hand with the garden, please email the library and we can set you up on our socially distanced rota of volunteers!

library@arnpriorlibrary.ca

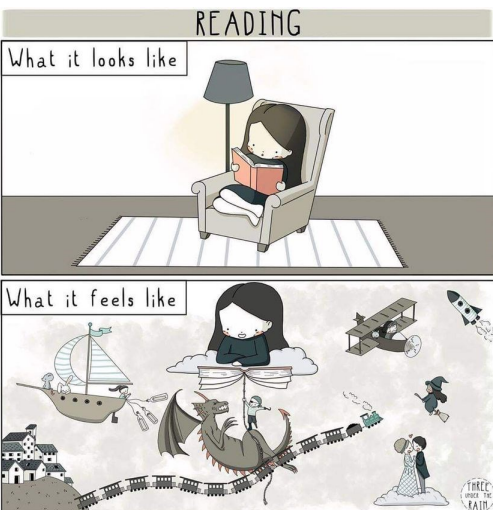
The Arnprior Public Library is continuing its partnership with the Ottawa Valley Community Arts Organization. In May, OV-CAOS will be installing a small gallery which will feature a variety of installations over the coming months.

For more information about this organization visit www.ov-caos.org

Later this spring, we'll be offering kits for the Community Book-art Installation. Three staff members have lent their talent to the process. Tracey, Esther and Ruth designed the kits which will be distributed throughout the Ottawa Valley. Community members who want to get creative can pick up their kits and return the finished product so that OV-CAOS can create the displays at various locations throughout the region.

In the Works...

We continue to offer full curbside service during the current restrictions and we're planning for brighter days ahead when we can invite you back into the building.



Plans are under way for another fun filled summer with our annual **Summer Reading Club**. We're also looking to take Curby out into the community. Let us know if you have some thoughts of where and when you'd like to see Curby in your neighbourhood! Yes, we have a [form for that!!](#)



We conclude this month's newsletter with this lovely compilation of what reading feels like. It is shared with permission from Brisa at [Three Under the Rain](#). The Globe and Mail also featured a wonderful article about reading... we share it with you [here](#). **Take care and we'll see you at the Library!**



Community Book-art Installation
Use discarded books to make art

- Choose a kit.
- Make some book art.
- Bring your creations back to the library.
- Be part of a community art installation.

MEET THE ARTISTS

Three kits to choose from...

WELCOME TO MY WORLD
Create a book art miniature world diorama!
Intermediate

TAKING FLIGHT
Create a book art bird!
Beginner

BUILDING COMMUNITY
Create a book art village!
This kit contains three projects (house, trees and people) ranging from beginner to complex. Great for a family!

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