

Due to significant Ontario provincial budget cuts announced last month, Interlibrary Loan Service has been indefinitely suspended. If you would like to voice your opinion, please contact your local MPP or sign a petition to reinstate the funding for Ontario Library Services at the library's circulation desk.

NOTE: The Library will be closed Monday May 20th for Victoria Day

What is **InterLibrary Loan**? It is a platform connecting all Ontario Public Libraries to allow resource sharing. Smaller libraries with limited budgets for resources and/or physical space to house the materials are able to access items from libraries throughout the province.

In 2018, we brought in 937 books from other libraries for our patrons. Some for specific non-fiction subjects (research, health topics, history etc.), fiction (including demand for independent study or book clubs) or special collections such as audio materials and large print. **That equates to \$23,400 in book purchases to fill those gaps.** Last year, Arnprior sent 1,817 materials to other libraries.

Trustees of the Board of Directors are looking for your input to update the library's Strategic Plan. The 2016-2019 Plan has guided the recent growth in programs and resources. Be a part of the future direction of your library.



Each completed survey is entered into a draw for some fantastic prize packs! Details are on our website.

In addition to our surveys, there will be a public consultation process on Thursday May 16th at 6pm. Please RSVP your attendance for this focus group event.

Thank you to our generous supporters!



Once again, Arnprior Optimists, Northern Credit Union, Arnprior and The Arnprior Rotary Club are joining forces with the Scharf Family Charitable Trust to help ensure a free, fun filled summer of activities for area youth of all ages! AND, thank you to the Young Canada Works Program for summer student funding.

Remember to register for Monday After School Kids this month. These two programs are for students in JK to Grade 1.

On **May 6th** join us for a "ribbiting" hour of frog tales, healthy snacks and a froggy craft. **May 27th** Bring your teddy for an hour of picnic treats, stories and a teddy themed craft. Grab your library card and register online!



This year's TDSRC theme is **The Natural World.**

We're currently working on our calendar of activities for children aged 2 to teens! Our summer calendar will be available by the end of May. Children can be registered for the TDSRC Club beginning **June 10th.** After signing up for the Club, you'll be able to register for daily programs through our online portal.

Calling all chess players ... students, adults, seniors!

Whether you're a novice or an advanced player, our goal is to set up some mutually agreeable times to host one (or more) weekly meet-ups to play, learn and socialize over a chess game.

Please fill out the RSVP form on our website so we can best serve everyone's interest. We have an advanced chess player eager to facilitate this new endeavour at the library.

Reminder: Join us Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Art Corridor for the weekly meeting of the Scrabble Club. Everyone is Welcome!



Harvest the Rain!



Rain Barrel Fundraiser in support of the Library.

Barrels & accessories
Various sizes and prices!

During the month of May check out our online Rain Barrel fundraising store. www.rainbarrel.ca/arnpriorlibrary Proceeds from each sale will help the library with new and ongoing projects.

Ideally, on line orders should be done by May 22nd. If an item is marked as "SOLD OUT" check back as stocks are replenished regularly. Purchases will be ready for pickup on Wednesday May 29th between 3pm and 7pm in the main community hall.

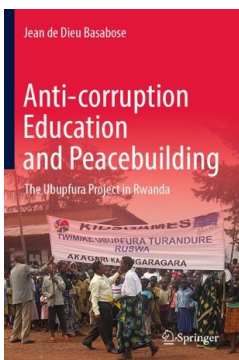
Quote of the Month

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need" Cicero

If you enjoy gardening and would like to help bring our perennial Reading Garden back to life this spring, please sign up on our website and we'll be in touch!



We're pleased to be hosting Jean de Dieu Basabose's book launch on Wednesday May 1st, 6pm in the lower level Café. Following the presentation, a reception and information session on the Canadian Peace Initiative will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend. Participation is free.



The library will be hosting children's author / illustrator Rebecca Bender on May 13th. Area

Grade 1—3 students will be attending this presentation.

This author visit is made possible by financial assistance of the Canada Council through the Writer's Union of Canada.

For more information, please call Carolyn at 613-623-2279



Two consecutive, successful Open Mics means we'll be hosting another—this time on a Saturday Night May 11 at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30.

There will be refreshments and admission is free.

Come to perform and/or come to listen.

Everyone is welcome!



Thank you to everyone who attended the Corin Raymond Concert and Story Telling event. The visual component of this evening will remain on display in the Art Corridor for the month of May.



The Every Picture Tells a Story Community Photo Exhibit features interesting photography from local professionals, amateurs as well as the Grove Nursing Home's Photo Club. Let us know if you know a local artist who would like to exhibit in the Art Corridor!

