



There's SO much to explore this spring!



Join us as we host a free Pysanky Workshop with Bozena Hrycyna on Monday April 11 at 1pm.

Spaces are limited, so you must [register](#) for this 2

hour workshop. Bozena will be providing all the resources. All skill levels are welcome to attend. Please note, this workshop is geared toward adults. We may add a morning session if there's enough interest.



Tuesday Chess is back! Join Herb Langer of the Arnprior Chess Club anytime 12—7pm starting April 5th for a game or two! All ages and skill levels are welcome. Meet up is in the lower level.

For the next 2 months the Art Corridor is home to an exhibit of local photography. Check out their story and the talent!



You'll want to mark April 29th on your calendar and join us as we mark International Dance Day in the ambiance of the library at twilight!



Movement is universal and connects with our inner-selves, our community and the environment. Join us for an evening of Mindful Movement with Lacey Smith amid the twinkling lights of our cozy library. Here we will come together and celebrate life through movement, celebrate togetherness and cele-

brate our bodies and how we can move mindfully. All ages and abilities are welcome for this evening of music and movement led by Lacey Smith. Over decades of immersive dance, somatic and mindful movement study, teaching creating and performing, Lacey has developed an intuitive way of connecting us to our inner and outer worlds through movement.

This is a free workshop, but [registration](#) is required.

Easter Weekend Hours



Closed Friday April 15 and Monday April 18

Regular hours Saturday April 16 (10am - 2pm)

April is Poetry month and we're issuing another challenge: **Blackout Poetry.** Pick up your page of text at the library and



return it with your poem found within the words. Keep it simple or make it artistic - the choice is

yours, but know we will put your creativity on display!

Also we'll be offering up a prize by random draw from all the entries.



You'll also want to check out the new Pop-up Art exhibit as part of our partnership with OVCAOS. It's a collaborative work representing artists from across the Ottawa Valley. This exhibit's theme is *People and Place*.

We are pleased to announce that April will see the resumption of DROP-IN Friday morning story times! The only thing required to participate is a library membership.

The toddler and parent/caregiver drop-in will take place at 10am, and the story time for preschoolers to attend independently will take place at 11am.

Our Friends from BIAK will be sharing Indigenous stories and drumming on April 8th.



LEGO Lounge is back!!! Stop by on Thursdays between 3 and 4pm for a creative and social time building with the library's extensive LEGO collection. Your masterpiece will be put on display in the library. This is a drop-in program for children aged 4 and up. This program is FREE and all that is required to participate is a library membership.

We'd LOVE your input on our upcoming programming... please take a moment to complete this [online survey!](#)





What's been happening...



Many, many thanks to the **Scharf Family Charitable Trust** for once again providing funds that allowed us to offer a wide variety of March Break programs for our young patrons. We are grateful to the Canada Council Foundation for its generous donation that helped us offer the storytelling event, *Out of the Everywhere: Stories for Now* from *Once Upon a Time* with Jennifer Cayley. Jennifer had us enthralled with her stories of hag trolls and monsters.

Other highlights of our week included a Drag Queen Story Time with Holli Cow, who had us dancing and laughing and enjoying stories including *Be Who You Are* by Todd Parr and *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress* by Christine Baldacchino. Participants left our Pop-Up Paint Event with beautiful paintings of foxes, and we learned about fire safety and firefighting from our local firefighters and Sparky. An on-line escape room with Looking Glass Adventures challenged us to solve puzzles and work as a team, and Kim Kilpatrick answered the many questions we had about life as a person with a visual impairment living with a guide dog. The Friendship Trio delighted us with beautiful music and Indigenous Experiences shared *Tales from Turtle Island* with us.



We wrapped up our Book Bingos and Blind Date with a Book reading challenges! Well done to the more than 120 participants in both reading challenges and congratulations to the winners! James took home the Book Bingo prize for kids; Maryanne won the adult prize and Paula will be sharing her Blind date with a Book grand prize with her family!



March was busy on so many fronts.

Through our partnership with the Canadian Red Cross we distributed more than 600 rapid test kits and nearly 4,000 KN95 masks. The library has requested additional rapid test kits and will announce on our website and social media if / when additional kits arrive.



We've also handed out several hundred Peace Pins in support of Ukraine and an artist anonymously left a beautiful original work as part of the [Art Abandonment Project](#). It is currently on display with our new non-fiction books and we will pass it along in May.



Coming up in May...

We'll be hosting our second annual houseplant fundraiser.

If you would like to contribute some healthy houseplants, please let us know by completing this [on-line form](#).

If you like to garden and would like to assist with our volunteer-run *Reading Garden* (adjacent to the parking lot), please let us know. [Email here](#)

We're getting ready to bring some delightful live music into your library experience next month with a *Busker's Cafe*.... Stay tuned on all the details.

And — our *Who's Who in the Library* challenge WILL launch in May!

