

Each year in October, libraries mark Ontario Public Library Week. This year also happens to mark a very special anniversary for our library as we celebrate 125 years of service in the community.


By-law 57 established the Arnprior Public Library in October of 1895. And while we won't be able to mark the occasion with special programming as planned, we will be offering a small token of our appreciation to our dedicated patrons. The "library swag packet" will be given to each appointment visitor (curbside or in-library) between October 19 to 23.



Marking Ontario Public Library Week is also the perfect opportunity to start writing our next chapter.

During these unprecedented times, our service delivery model was modified. To meet the demand, Curbside Service was initiated. We're taking what we've learned from this service and will be taking [Curby](#) on the road.

We're especially looking forward to providing **WiFi on Wheels** with Curby. We will be installing a managed WiFi router that will allow up to 60 devices connected at one time. The range on the signal is 100 meters (or 300+ feet).

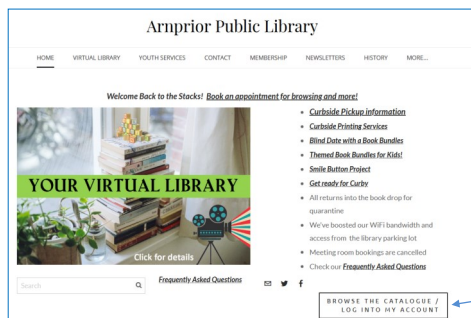


The SmartBus system will allow us to program the hotspot so that we block high bandwidth sites such as Netflix and Hulu. The intent is to offer individuals the opportunity to browse the internet, check email, upload homework assignments etc. especially if their bandwidth is running low due to work from home and virtual school. And remember, our boosted WiFi signal is still available 24/7 from our parking lot. Each month, an average of 1800 individuals access this unlimited free service.



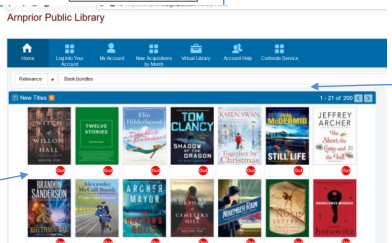
Our children's librarian is available to drop off and pick up books to local schools and daycares. During the challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic, the library is here to support students, teachers, children and day care providers in any way we can. Call Carolyn at 613-623-2279 or email her at youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca for more details or to schedule a *Curby* visit!

Later this month, we are planning to park Curby at the McNab/Braeside Municipal Offices on Friday afternoons. Check our website for regular updates!

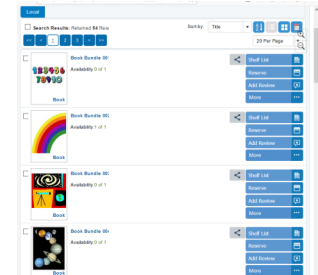


The library offers a lot of support for home learners as well as classroom teachers. In response to requests for us to continue themed picture [book bundles](#) beyond our summer program, we have a wonderful selection of bundles available to borrow. Search the title "book bundle" in our online catalogue to view and reserve a bundle today. Selections will change seasonally, so check back often. Reserving your themed bundle is easy! From the library's website, open our browser.

You'll see our latest acquisitions (including new orders) on this main screen



Enter "Book Bundles" in the search bar

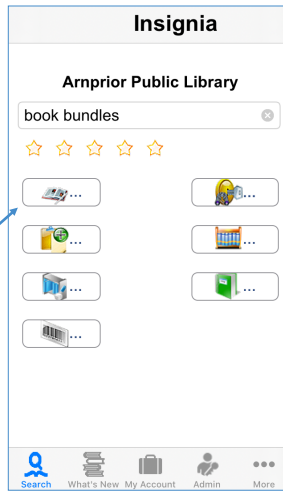


Reserve your themed bundle. Remember your login is your 6 digit library card. The default password is your last name. Contact us if you require assistance. 613-623-2279

A streamlined way of finding materials to borrow is by using our free App! Available through the App Store or on Google Play, just search for ILS Library and you'll find it under the education category. Select the Arnprior Public Library.

Enter your search term - in this case, "Book Bundles", then select book.

You'll also be able to get a great snapshot of items on your card, coming due items, loan history and more.



Green = available now;
Red = currently in circulation.

Reserve directly from the item's information screen.

You'll receive an email when the book bundle is ready for pickup. Your confirmation email has the link to create your curbside pickup appointment!

Remember your login is your 6 digit library card number; default password is your last name, case sensitive. If you need help, just give us a call 613-623-2279.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the children's department! We are busily gift-wrapping books for our Book Advent Calendars. Festive families will need to register to sign out a package of 24 gift-wrapped library picture books - one to open every day leading up to Christmas.

Alternatively, for families who aren't celebrating Christmas, we will be offering a countdown to the New Year bundle with 31 books to unwrap and enjoy!



Registration will open November 2nd. Spaces are limited.

A few things to keep in mind

All borrowed items are kept in 72 hour quarantine prior to check-in. If you returned items in the book drop and receive the courtesy message that you have materials coming due, they are in quarantine and will not accumulate fines during this time.

Cards expire annually so that we can keep our database accurate. If you receive email notification that your membership is coming due, you now have the option of renewing your card online.

In-library visits are available by [appointment](#).

Our [Blind Date with a Book](#) program continues for those who prefer staff do the browsing for you! This month's winner of the Blind Date gift certificate is Jeanette Grant. *Congratulations!*

We continue to offer faxing, copying and printing services. You also have the option to request curbside printing services.



We offer an extensive selection of online resources 24/7. eBooks, digital magazines, audio books, movie streaming and more. Let us know if you need assistance with any of these free platforms.

⇒ Free at-home [access to Ancestry.ca](#) continues until at least December 31st, 2020.