

*125 years in the making  
1895-2020*

As we start rounding the corner on what has been an extraordinary year, we're thrilled to have helped our patrons manage their new normal.

In October alone, our patrons signed out 5,871 physical materials from the library - some of them via our continued Curbside Service; some via our Blind Date with a Book Readers' Advisory Program; some through our book bundle program for children; some via our Homebound Delivery service; but for the most part, we welcomed our smiling patrons back into the stacks.

**To that end, we are streamlining your visits by no longer requiring an appointment booking in advance of your visit. Instead we'll simply scan your library card at our welcome desk and monitor capacity this way.**



Additionally, we've set up a comfortable waiting area should we reach capacity at any given time. Computer stations are physically distanced with special keyboard covers. We've got designated areas for you to leave materials that are "touched but not taken". We continue to quarantine all returns from the book drop for 72 hours. Our Book Sale is well stocked, **AND our friendly staff is ready to help in any way we can.**

Custodians deep clean washrooms and high touch surfaces twice daily and library staff ensure all computer stations, circulation desk, railings etc. are disinfected every hour. We will continue to offer our popular [Curbside Pickup Program](#) and will be expanding this service with the help of [Curby](#) as we begin dropping off resource materials to local classrooms and day care centres in early November.

Please note the library will be CLOSED Wednesday November 11th in observance of Remembrance Day.



*Did you know...*

We've added more than 1400 **new titles** to the shelves so far this year.

Our patrons download an average of 1800 **eBooks** each month.

You can enjoy **free movie streaming** with your library card. In October our patrons streamed 293 films, documentaries and children's videos via Kanopy and Hoopla; and checked out another 256 DVDs from the library.

If you know someone who could benefit from our **Homebound Delivery program**, let us know! The library manages about two dozen home deliveries each month.

**Interlibrary Loans** is back in full swing. If there's a title we don't own, we'll try to get it to you from another Ontario Library.

AND starting this month, some post secondary institutions are partnering with our library to resume off-site **proctoring services**.

The countdown to "Sleeps before Christmas" is on and we're here to help!

For all of our festive young friends who are as excited about the holiday season as we are, we will once again be rolling out [registration](#) for our Advent Book Bundles on November 2. Families will receive a bundle of gift-wrapped library books – one to open each day in December leading up to the big day. This year's bundles will include cards for the kids to write

letters to Santa. We have a special mailbox at the library for the children to post their letters, and Santa has assured us that he will respond to each letter personally!



Reserve your  
Advent Calendar  
Book Bundle  
OR your  
COUNTDOWN TO 2021!



For families who don't celebrate Christmas we have bundles of wrapped books to count down to New Year's Eve! There are so many wonderful books to snuggle up with each chilly day of December. Bundles are limited, so please [register](#) early to avoid disappointment.

Our Halloween Activity Bags were a big hit with more than 50 children coming to the library to sign out books and pick up their special Halloween kits. We will be offering more themed Activity Bags in mid-November. Each bag contains craft components with instructions, jokes, activities and more! Keep an eye on our website and social media for all the details.



Just some of our friendly goblin visitors between October 28th and 30th!



Is there a way that the Arnprior Public Library can support your homeschooling efforts, or your classroom or daycare?

Please reach out to Carolyn at [youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca](mailto:youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca) or 613-623-2279 to discuss what's possible. We look forward to bringing the library to you with Curby!



As we head back into the winter months, you may want to explore our [digital services](#). Let us know if you need help with:

- Setting up an account for eBooks and eAudio titles using the Libby app for OverDrive (10 titles at a time)
- eBooks, audio books and movie streaming with Hoopla (3 titles a month and NEVER a waiting list)
- Kanopy with access to award winning films, documentaries (7 titles a month) and unlimited access to great children's videos as well as The Great Courses
- Free home access to Ancestry.ca (until at least December 31, 2020)

Arnprior's Public Library is one of the oldest in the province, celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2020, and we could use your vision to help us move forward through these unprecedented times.

If you are passionate about your [award-winning library](#) and the services it offers, there are two trustee vacancies.

For more information about the role of the Board, please contact us at [board@arnpriorlibrary.ca](mailto:board@arnpriorlibrary.ca)

There are two vacancies on the Board. We require one representative for the Town of Arnprior and one from the contracting township of Lanark Highlands.

