

It's been a different sort of summer at the library and thanks to our dedicated staff and patrons, we were nearly every bit as busy as the "normal of yesteryear"!

125 years in the making
1895-2020



Summer Students Alex and Gillian ready to honour the children who read an incredible number of books to earn their custom-made prize packs!

More than 200 children participated in our adapted Summer Reading Program. Thanks to all those families who made the weekly visits so their children could earn their way to a special prize pack marking their achievement of having read and worked their way through at least 6 book bundles. Thanks to Canada Summer Jobs and Young Canada Works for support in hiring summer students. Thanks to Gillian, Mary and Alex who put together a fantastic program and pulled out all the stops for the nearly 100 participants who reached the pinnacle of the Summer Reading Club.

AND, thanks to the Scharf Family Charitable Trust for financial support to make it happen.



There's been a tremendous amount of interest in the Book Bundles Program and we're looking at modifying this award winning program yet again.

This fall we will be launching curriculum based bundles - perfect to augment virtual learning, home schoolers and families looking for something educationally fun! Details will be coming soon, so check our website for updates.



Later this month we'll be launching our tutorial sessions on Zoom. We'll cover all sorts of topics to help you navigate our on-line services such as language learning; eBooks; streaming services; managing your reserves; readers advisory platforms such as Novelist; automotive repair manuals; world cuisine and so much more.

And while we can't offer our usual one-on-one technology training, call us if you need assistance with a device and we will try to help you via a phone call! 613-623-2279.

By the numbers -

- ◆ Total summer circulation was 9,403 materials in July and 8,269 for August.
- ◆ An average Curbside Pickup day has more than 40 scheduled appointments.
- ◆ We've added another 300,000 eBook titles to our Hoopla database offerings!
- ◆ Interlibrary Loans and Homebound Delivery service is back in full swing.
- ◆ More than 200 patrons are accessing streaming services (Kanopy and Hoopla) and another 180 are using Ancestry.ca for free with their library card.
- ◆ We've created more than 125 Blind Date Book Bundles and this month's winner of a \$25 gift certificate from Krave Bistro is *Megan Justus!*
- ◆ We're welcoming in-library visits on an appointment basis. Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the library. We ask you wear a mask for the duration of your visit. For items touched, but not taken please place them on designated book carts for sanitization. Visits are capped at 45 minutes so that staff has time to clean surfaces (computer stations, circulation desk, railings etc. between visits)
- ◆ To book your appointment for browsing, printing, computer use, book sale and more, visit our website or call the library during business hours.





As we continue to navigate new service models, we're finding strength in community partnerships.

Recently, a local teacher asked if the library could make a photo button so her students could see her smile. The answer: "Of course!", and now, we'd like to offer the service to anyone in the community!

These full colour 2 inch (or 5 cm diameter) pin back buttons will be made on a first come, first serve basis. Perfect for front line staff, especially those individuals working with youngsters. **Payment is by donation.** Simply [complete the form](#) on our website, and we'll be in touch as soon as the button(s) is ready.

And here's a sneak peek at our latest endeavour of "inventing the next normal".

Curby will be rolled out soon, bringing curbside service to a whole new level. An enchanting way to deliver library resources and services to schools, daycares, senior residences and community events. Services will also include *WiFi on Wheels*.

We've used fundraised monies that would have been spent celebrating our 125th anniversary to purchase this teardrop trailer. What a great way to launch our next chapter!

Stay tuned for further details in the coming weeks.



Enchantment

Stack by stack,
shelf by shelf,
I pick out books
all by myself.

Page by page,
line by line,
word by word,
I make books mine.

With a wave of a card
like a wizard's right
hand—
an alphabet-alchemy,

Life
is
just
grand!

by Jane Yolen

HOURS OF LIBRARY SERVICE

Please note, these times are subject to change and will be updated on our website and social media.

BROWSING AND COMPUTER USE APPOINTMENTS

Monday-Wednesday	12 - 6 pm
Thursday	12 - 7pm
Friday	10 - 5pm



CURBSIDE SERVICE

Monday - Thursday	12 - 6 pm
Friday	10 - 4:30 pm



The library will be closed Monday September 7th for Labour Day

For the foreseeable future, the Main Hall and the Gaumond Room will not be available for regular community group bookings.

All groups have been contacted and will be notified if/when this situation changes.

The main community room will be used to monitor visitor traffic into the library and serve as the main entry point to the library.

The lower level Board Room is being repurposed for our learning supports and Book Bundle program.

There are five computer stations and we continue to offer printing, copying, scanning and fax services. The Book Sale is well stocked in the lower level.

To access the Archives, please call 613-623-0001 to book an appointment.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!