



September means it's back to school, back to regular library hours, the return of regular programs and time to discover all of the services available to our members!

**REGULAR HOURS**

Monday to Thursday	Noon—8pm
Friday— Saturday	10am—5pm

Did you know.. you can now borrow day passes to Ontario Parks? These passes circulate for 1 week and are valid at all provincial parks. Coming soon: the option of signing out an explorer pack with each of the park passes.

Kits will include:

- binoculars
- 'discovery' books
- magnifying glasses
- and more



Learning opportunities and social activities return this fall: Our Monday morning Whatknots Knitting Crew meets at 10am in front of the fireplace; Scrabble Meet-Up is held Tuesdays at 10am in the Art Corridor. Chess Club (all levels) meets Wednesdays 3pm and again at 6pm. The French Conversation Group meets Saturday mornings at 10am. Our plan is to find a suitable time for the resumption of the Spanish Conversation Group. Please complete the form on our website to help us schedule this group meet-up which is led by facilitator Iris Candelaria. All levels are invited to attend this hour long opportunity to practice and/or learn Spanish.



**Art 101 is back!**

Our artist in residence, Ian Bartlett, will be guiding artists (at all levels) through another series of Thursday afternoon classes. All materials will be supplied and the fee is only \$10 for the full session. Registration is required and you can sign up on our website.



Share the Stage Open Mics resume this fall. Dates are set for: September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15.

Doors open at 1:30. Music starts at 2pm.


Our lecture series returns this month with a presentation from the distinguished retired Major General Lewis MacKenzie. This is a free event, but we ask you RSVP your seat(s) so we can accommodate everyone. There will be a meet and greet following the presentation on peacekeeping.

Looking forward: In October, the lecture series welcomes Dr. Michel Litalien with a presentation on French Canadians in WWI. Then in November, Human Rights and the United Nations: Observations From An Advocate with presenter Susie Tamas.

Arnprior  
*Discovery*  
Lecture Series

**Lewis MacKenzie**  
*Major - General (Retired)*  
Saturday, September 21 at 7pm

**Reflections from a Warrior for Peace:  
Canada's Peacekeeping Myth**





This delightful crew has been working on the prototype of the Little Lending Library. It's a community partnership between the Library and the Men's Shed. To date, more than \$500 has been donated to help pay for the materials. Donations are still being accepted at the library and at the Senior's Active Living Centre. The library will "seed" the little libraries and if you would like to volunteer to help maintain one of them, you can sign up on our website.

With another TD Summer Reading Club in the history books, we'd like to take the opportunity again to thank our generous donors. Support from the Scharf Family Charitable Trust, Arnprior Optimists, Rotary Club of Arnprior and The Northern Credit Union ensured free access to library programming. Reading, crafts, physical activity and nutritious snacks were all part of each fun filled program.



More than 230 children registered for the club. They read a staggering number of books in July and August. If you were to stack all of the children's books signed out this summer, the pile of 14860 books would be as high as the CN Tower's edge walk! Congratulations to the kids for all their reading. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents and caregivers who continue to foster the love of reading by bringing their children to the library.



John Pert's Magic Show was a laugh out loud way to celebrate the end of summer!

## Book Binge

The Youth Services Department is excited to announce Book Binge 2019! The library is partnering with the Arnprior Book Shop to provide a pop-up store at the library on Saturday, October 19 from 12-3pm. This event will provide children with the opportunity to select books for the library to purchase for our collection. A nameplate will be affixed to each book to acknowledge the child who chose the book. Refreshments will be available and a prize draw will be held. Please join us and help to build a fabulous juvenile collection! We ask that you please RSVP on our website if you plan to attend.



Registration is now open for our fall edition of Baby Rhyme Time. Please ensure you have a library card for both parent/caregiver and your baby prior to accessing the registration portal available from our Youth Services page. Regular Friday morning drop in programs resume October 11th. Upcoming dates for Saturday LEGO Lounge will be announced shortly. We're also working on a revised schedule for Bonjour mes amis Bilingual Family Story Time. Details will be promoted on our website and social media (FaceBook and Twitter)

*Dancing Under the Northern Lights*

*A New Year's Eve Gala - featuring live dance music with The Emtees and fine dining by Charbonneau's Catering*

Limited tickets available beginning September 12th

\$65 per person

For those of you awaiting news of our fundraising gala, tickets for the 4th annual New Year's Eve dinner & dance go on sale September 12th. Tickets are \$65 and cover all night dancing, champagne at midnight, fine dining by Charbonneau's Catering and professional portraits - all in the ambiance of the beautifully transformed library. This year's theme is *Dancing Under the Northern Lights*.



The Arnprior Library will be hosting the inaugural Little Branches Rural Roots Library Conference the first weekend in October. Up to 120 librarians, speakers, representatives from publishing houses and vendors will be attending this event.

To that end, the library will be **closed to the public on Friday October 4th and Saturday October 5th** so that staff can attend this full training opportunity.

If you would like to volunteer to support this initiative, you can register at [www.littlebranchesruralroots.com](http://www.littlebranchesruralroots.com).