

ARNPRIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY ❄️ NEWSLETTER ❄️ WINTER 2025



It's a new year and the time to rediscover your library! We can help you save money, meet new people, learn something new and escape into worlds of history, fantasy or just someone else's drama! We've got resources to help you in your home and others to help you explore the world both near and far. All you need is a library card to help you on your journey. Join the more than 2200 people who have become members in the last 2 years!

We experienced record circulation in 2024 with nearly 109,000 books signed out at the desk and more than 40,000 downloads of eBooks, digital resources and streaming files. Arnprior Library readers sure do appreciate a good thriller or two sprinkled into their top picks of 2024 with perennial favourite authors such as David Baldacci, John Grisham, Michael Connelly and Lee Child. Kristin Hannah's storytelling topped the list with *The Women*. Colleen Hoover's books are also in constant circulation.



TOP NON-FICTION READS of 2024

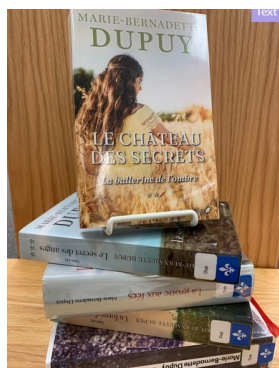


Fun Fact #3 We've expanded some of our electronic resources in 2025. New in Mango Languages is American Sign Language. All you need is a library card to set up an account and start learning one of more than 90 languages.

If in-person learning is more your style, our Spanish Conversation group offers an engaging Monday evening meet-up in our beautiful Scharf Hall. Everyone is welcome.

We're still hopeful to launch our French Conversation group, but we're in need of volunteers to help lead these meet-ups. Let us know if you're able to assist.

We have an extensive French collection in the children's department and have recently added a large collection of 2024 publications and best sellers to the French adult collection. Our virtual library also offers Cantook Station with more than 12,000 French digital resources (eBooks and eAudio books) Signup is free with your library card.



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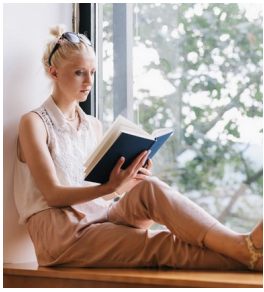
Top picks for non fiction readers continue to be biographies and cookbooks!

From the juvenile collection anything by authors Jeff Kinney, Dav Pilkey or Raina Telgemeier are perennial favourites and top those lists.

Fun Fact #1 Our museum passes to great destinations in the national capital region circulated 476 times in 2024!

Fun fact #2 We're adding a Thermal Imaging Camera, and a moisture detector to our collection!





The library facilitates two book clubs meeting monthly on Tuesday mornings. These groups are in partnership with the Seniors Active Living Centre.

We've had some interest in starting a third club. If you're a Millennial and are interested in a participating in a Saturday meet-up, let us know! This would be a great opportunity to meet new people in the community too.

To keep up to date on everything happening at the library, be sure to check out our EVENTS CALENDAR on the website!



Join the movement to native species planting

Want to contribute to biodiversity? Come learn how to use our seasonal cycles to start native plant seedlings. Following a brief introduction on how to help local pollinators, participants will be provided with materials and instruction on starting native wildflowers. It is requested that participants contribute by bringing minimum 4" deep reused plastic containers such as clean 750g yogurt containers or pop bottles. Special thanks to Northern Wildflowers and the Arnprior Seed Library Volunteers for supplying the seeds. Join this free workshop January 25 from 1pm—3pm.

On your mark, get set and Puzzle at the library!

We've introduced a Puzzle Swap Station in our downstairs cafe. It works on the 'bring one, take one' model and is open to everyone.



With the help of volunteer Shona, we're also planning a Saturday morning **Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange on January 25 from 10am – noon**. And if all that isn't enough – we're looking for people interested in a weekly *Puzzle Social*, tentatively set for Wednesday mornings in the library's main hall. Bring your current project, collaborate with a fellow enthusiast, meet new people! If you'd like to let us know your interest for the Puzzle Social, please complete [this form](#)



The January edition of the Busker's Café will be January 28th from 5:30—6:50pm in the Scharf Hall. Browse the stacks while you enjoy the live music or find a seat and be part of an audience. Free refreshments courtesy of Tim Horton's Arnprior. Donations accepted in appreciation of the music. David Chambers will entertain with tunes of the 60's and 70's. The full lineup until our summer break is available on the library event calendar.

- The library hosts a variety of events in partnership with agencies and services in the community. On the first Thursday of the month, Hospice Renfrew facilitates a Grief Support group. Participants meet at 4:30 in our lower level board room.
- OnTrac Arnprior has an onsite visit on the third Monday of each month. Stop by their table for information about their services between 1—4pm.
- The Renfrew County District Health Unit also makes a monthly visit to the library. A health nurse will be on site January 16th with distribution of harm reduction kits and lots of information about their services.

NEWS FROM YOUTH SERVICES

We will once again be hosting Teen Exam Study Sessions at the library. Work collaboratively or hunker down to study independently. Either way, there will be lots of snacks and drinks to keep you going. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday the 21st and Thursday the 23rd from 3-5pm. You've got this!!!

The next installment of Baby Rhyme Time is ready to start in early February and we are taking a wait list if you missed registration.

Our Friday morning drop-in story times resume on January 17th with a visit from our friends at BIAK.

LEGO Lounge is your destination for creativity on Wednesday afternoons. Drop in from 3:45—4:45 and build with our extensive collection of LEGO bricks and your creations will be on display for the week. All you need is a library membership.

Our March Break Calendar is in the works. We're planning a full week of activities and registration will start by mid-February.

Watch our website and social media channels for upcoming summer job postings as we gear up for another fantastic 7 weeks of summer programming for kids of all ages!

