

Happy Winter!

Please note our programming updates for the next few weeks.

The library will be **CLOSED**
December 24, 25, 26, 31 and
January 1, 2025



Monday Morning Art, Whatknots Knitting Group as well as Spanish Conversation meet-ups will have their last get together on December 16 and then resume January 6.

Tuesday Chess will also resume the first week of January. You'll also want to save the date - **May 3, 4, 5** - as the library's Chess Club plays host to the Arnprior Open Chess Tournament attracting players from a vast area. Details coming soon.



The last installment of Busker's Cafe for 2024 will be held on December 17th rather than the usual last Tuesday of the month. Join Richard Fallows and his lazy Christmas Jazz in the beautiful Scharf Hall starting at 5:30pm. Treats are generously provided by Tim Horton's, Arnprior and donations are welcome in appreciation of the music. We've already secured a lineup to kick off 2025. January 28 : David Chambers with 60's & 70's tunes on guitar; February 25: Nathan Sloniowski & Friends; March 25: the gentle sounds of piano and cello with Patrick Kline.



The last Tuesday of the month is also set aside for the Library's garden club. This is an extension of our Seed Library program which focuses on native plantings. A wide variety of seeds are currently available for you to take for free. Stop by on January 28th to meet some of our experts on native species and find out more about creating your own pollinator garden!



When next you're in the library be sure to check out the beautiful Christmas quilt hanging in the central staircase. This amazing creation is on permanent loan to us by former patron Anne Ogletree.



Wednesday **LEGO Lounge** resumes January 8th. This drop-in program for kids aged 5 and up gives participants the opportunity to get creative with the library's fantastic array of LEGO pieces with creations showcased in our display case for the entire week for all to see! Snacks are provided too and doors open at 3:45 with pickup at 4:45.

Registration will open January 10 for the next installment of **Baby Rhyme Time**. The next 6 week session will begin on February 5th. This program is open to babies 5—12 months. All you need is a current library membership!

Our last Friday morning drop-in **Story Times for toddlers and preschoolers** will be held December 20 and then both programs will resume January 17th with a visit from BIAK which features Indigenous stories, drumming and a craft.



We hope all the participating families in our annual Advent Calendar program are enjoying the gift of reading every day leading up to Christmas. Please note that the books may be returned at any time prior to the extended due date of January 6th. Remember the final book is a keepsake gift from the library to you thanks to the generous support of the Scharf Family Charitable Trust.

Attention Word Enthusiasts!

Our **Mah-jong** and **Scrabble Clubs** are taking a holiday break and will meet up again Thursday afternoons beginning January 9th. Everyone is welcome to participate.



Bridge players meet Friday afternoons in the main hall. All skill levels are welcome and this group will resume January 10th at noon.

Each week these dedicated Bridge players add some money to our special “fish bowl” collection for Arnprior & District High School’s Teens in Need Program. So far this year, the group has donated more than \$200. This money will be dispersed to the high school’s guidance office to ensure the monies reach those students in need.

We love our community partnerships

Our final visit this year from **OnTrac** is set for Monday December 16. Stop by to visit with their friendly staff to see how they can help you! They'll be back the third Monday of each month for a 3 hour afternoon visit.



The library is also teaming up with the **Renfrew County District Health Unit**. Chat with a health nurse about the various programs offered by the health unit. You can also pick up a harm reduction kit free of charge. January 16 is their tentative next visit.

This library is not hosting a New Year's Eve Gala this year, but we are setting our sights on a fantastic **Mardi Gras** celebration. So, save the date for lots of New Orleans themed fun including a live dance band, fantastic charcuterie boards and appetizers all night long, bar and decor that will make you think you're in the heart of New Orleans while saving you the airfare and accommodations!



Save the Date
Mardi Gras
March 1, 2025



And a few final notes:

Thanks for your patience if you've signed up to participate in our French Conversation meet-up. We are still actively searching for volunteers committed to help lead the afternoon and evening groups and will notify those who have expressed an interest as soon as possible.

We are still offering free English as a Second Language meet-ups on Friday mornings. Please let us know if you or someone you know is interested in participating.

You can check out museum passes and visit the national museums in Ottawa for free!



These passes circulate for 4 days and typically cover 2 adults and 3 children. They are signed out on a first come, first served basis.