

The calendar says it's officially spring and while we wait for Mother Nature to catch up, rest assured the library is working on all sorts of fresh and new ideas!

Our regular lineup of drop-in youth programming is back on track after a busy March Break. Our calendar features a great after school lineup: Monday Moments Yoga with Alex Leslie, Wednesday LEGO Lounge and visits from our canine friends from St. John Ambulance Dog Therapy program throughout the week. All the details are on our [calendar](#) Toddler and preschool programs are scheduled for Fridays and registration for the next session of Baby Rhyme Time opens March 31.

March Break FULL HOUSE meant everyone understood the assignment...



... All you need is a library card to enjoy all the fun!.



Here's something for all ages and all creative types! We've teamed up with the libraries in Renfrew and Greater Madawaska to bring you our version of Small Town Shorts Film Festival. Tell us a story as a short film and you could see your work on the big screen at the O'Brien Theatre in May. There are [guidelines on our website](#).



On Thursday May 14 we've invited Richard Khan for a presentation on Artificial Intelligence. He's an author, guest lecturer and technology leader in Ontario.

Whether you're brand-new to AI or you've experimented with tools like ChatGPT, this session will help you get practical value fast. Richard will show simple ways to use AI for everyday tasks - writing, planning, brainstorming and problem-solving - using clear "prompt recipes" you can reuse. Expect quick live demos and an interactive Q&A. We'll finish with essential tips for verifying results and protecting your privacy when using AI.

[Register early](#), seats are filling up quickly!



Just in time for some spring joy, we're hosting two 2-day workshops on the art of paper quilling. Interest has been keen and the first session filled up within days. There are only a few spots left for the April 20 & 27 workshop.

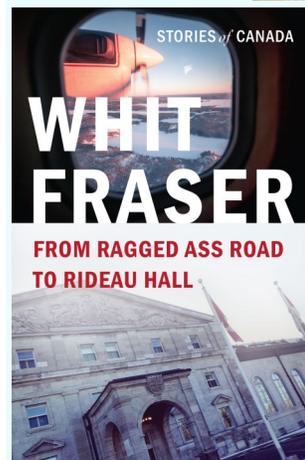


Feel free to add your name to the waiting lists and if numbers warrant, we will ask our expert to return at a later date for another 2-day session.

We've got other partnerships too! Our collaboration with the fine folks from White Pine Books brings us together for three events this spring.

April 15 we're hosting their Truth & Reconciliation Book Club and we will be screening the NFB film Kanehsatake: 270 years of resistance. This is a [free event](#), but we ask you register.

April 18 we're hosting Arnprior Reads: Cookbook edition. This gala event is in support of the Longer Table and tickets are available now through the [book store](#).



On **May 3rd**, come to spend an afternoon with Vice Regal Consort of Canada Whit Fraser as he brings his gift of story telling to the library in celebration of the release of his new memoir. Whit Fraser is a journalist, broadcaster, author and spouse of Canada's Governor General, Mary Simon.

This is a timely and topical memoir offering essential context from someone who has witnessed first-hand the shifts of Arctic sovereignty, climate change and Indigenous rights. Join us for the conversation and the chance to ask your own question. White Pine will be on hand with books to purchase and you'll have the opportunity to meet with the author and get your copy signed .

[Registration is required, for this free event.](#)



The library is realigning some jobs and responsibilities and we're looking to fill two permanent full time positions to broaden the scope of the programming and services we provide to our community. More information is on our [website](#).

Did you know, more than 6000 area residents are active members and last year signed out nearly 148,500 materials from the Arnprior Public Library. We are proud to be such a vibrant community hub.

In the last year we've added more than one thousand new members to our library and many of them just recently received their first Library Newsletter.

If you would like to receive an electronic version of our newsletter, you can [sign up here](#)

To that end, we'd like to keep you in the loop about everything we offer beyond the traditional library services of books, magazines, virtual resources, streaming services, Homebound Delivery service, Interlibrary Loans, museum and other access passes, device loans such as radon detectors, thermal imaging equipment and WiFi hotspots. We have programs and events galore!

REMINDER

You can drop off your spent batteries for recycling. Please remember to put the batteries into plastic bags before you add them to the cardboard collection box in our foyer.

If you're a participant in the municipal FoodCycler program, did you know that you can drop off the by-product at the library? There's a drop-off in the outer foyer. It is then picked up by a local farmer who uses the by-product in his operation!

We participate in the Terracycle program for all brands of snack pouches and caps.

And finally we are also collecting used pens and markers for recycling through Staples Canada.

We like to do our part in reducing waste at the library. When your group books one of our meeting rooms, you are welcome to use the library's glassware, cutlery and dishes. Simply rinse and leave them in the designated tray. We will clean them in our commercial dishwasher!

There's always room to join some of our drop-in programs for adults.

MONDAYS at 10am there's the Whatknots Knitting Group. Bring your current project and feel the creative vibes. Intermediate ESL learners meet at 5pm in our downstairs board room while in the Scharf Hall you can join the French Conversation group that gets underway at 5:45pm

The Scrabble Meet-up happens every **TUESDAY** from noon—2pm in the downstairs Art Corridor. We provide the boards, you provide the enthusiasm. The Garden Club/Seed Library volunteers meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 6pm.

The library's Chess Club meets in the lower level Art Corridor every **WEDNESDAY** at noon.

On **THURSDAYS**, the library hosts Mahjong from 1pm –3pm in the upstairs Scharf Hall. All skill levels are welcome. We're also expanding our English as a Second Language supports with weekly meet-ups for newcomers on Thursdays throughout April, May and June from 10:30am to 2:30pm. All levels are welcome to join this group facilitated by the Renfrew County District School Board. While drop-ins are welcome, it would be helpful to pre-register so the instructor can prepare. Please see our [online calendar](#) for all the dates. On the first Thursday of each month, the library hosts Hospice Renfrew for their Grief Support Group.

FRIDAYS at 12:30, it's Bridge Club. There's no fee to attend, but we ask for a small donation to help our partnership with the High School's Teens in Need program. More ESL training also happens on Fridays. These beginner English learners meet in the downstairs Gaumont Room at 10am.

The last **SUNDAY** afternoon of the month, the Busker's Café brings live music to the main community hall with a different performer each month September to June. This program is supported by Tim Hortons, Arnprior with free refreshments for all in attendance.

You'll want to check out our calendar regularly to find out when we schedule the next drop-in visit from OnTrac Arnprior, Service Canada and the Outreach Nurse from the Renfrew County District Health Unit. These organizations come with loads of information about their resources and services.

And don't forget about our fantastic **Puzzle Swap Station** in the downstairs Book Sale /Café area. Puzzle are bring one/take one. You'll always find a treasure in the ongoing used **Book Sale** (at just \$1 or \$2 each!) and check out our great little self serve **Coffee Station** at just \$2/cup!

See you at the library!