# ANRPRIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023



### **Welcome Summer Hours**

10am - 6pm Monday and Tuesday; 10am - 5pm Wednesday through Friday;

**10am - 2pm** Saturday. We are closed Sundays and statutory holidays (July 1 - 3 and August 7)

Please note we will be hosting our Summer Reading Club Kick-off event the morning of July 4th in the main library with nearly 200 children in attendance. Regular library service will begin around 11am

We're all about the kids...

It's tiii-iiime!!! School is winding down, the days are getting hotter, and we are looking forward to creative days at the library and reading for the pure joy of it!

Our TD Summer Reading Club registration is open on-line, so it's easier than ever to join. If you register your child(ren) by June 30, they will receive an invitation to our Summer Kick-Off Event on July 4, featuring Junkyard Symphony.

This summer participants will receive wooden coins when they borrow five books from the children's collection. These coins can be exchanged for coupons to local businesses such as



Beach Bites, Dairy Queen, Flavour Container, Super Lucky Dollar Store, Wes' Chips and Wyvern Wares. If children earn 10 or more coins over the summer they will be invited to our End-of-Summer Celebration on August 23. John Pert will amaze us with a phenomenal magic show, and there will be great prize packs for lucky winners!

Thanks to our supporters: Arnprior Rotary Club, Arnprior Optimists and Scharf Family Charitable Trust.

BIAK will be our special guests for Friday morning story times on July 28. They will share their beautiful drums and Indigenous stories, and lead us in a craft activity. Ten o'clock is the start time for toddlers and their grown-ups, and preschoolers who are ready to attend a program independently meet at 11am. Our Friday story times will be running from July 7 to August 18, and all that is required for children to attend is a valid library membership.



#### **Teen Program Alert!**

Join us for 2 days of Dungeons & Dragons. The first day we will be doing a basic walk through and tutorial of how to create a character and then we'll

jump into an adventure. Day two will be a full day of game play. Lunch will be provided. New to experienced players welcome. This program will be offered on Friday, July 7 and Monday, July 10 from 10am to 4pm for people aged 13-17 years. This is a fun, casual introductory game.

Register Today

We'll be celebrating our new programming space this summer. The official opening of the *Scharf Hall* will take place in July. The new indoor and outdoor space will be used for a variety of programming events. It is named in honour of the Scharf Family Trust which has been a major supporter of programming and capital improvements to the library as well as the estate of the late Norma Hall whose bequest had been held in trust for a library expansion.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for further details.

### There's plenty to keep you busy all summer long.

National Museums and Provincial Parks are popular destinations this summer and you can borrow a *family pass* for a week! Passes circulate on a first come first serve basis so stop by to see what's available.

Did you know you can borrow a WiFi
Hotspot? That means you can access
the Internet for free at home or at the
cottage. Hotspots circulate for one
week with a valid library card. Our
plan is with Rogers, so coverage
should be relatively strong throughout the area. If you
need a laptop to connect to the Internet, we can lend you a
Chromebook too!



Our ESL meet-ups are taking a break for the summer, but if you would like to volunteer to help a newcomer practice their conversational English, let us know!

library@anrpriorlibrary.ca

If you're looking for some used books for the cottage or your travels, stop by our used book sale - full of great finds for \$1 or \$2 and there's also the Pristine Book Sale for best sellers at \$5 each.



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The library is a busy spot all summer long. Children's programs run every morning and afternoon in the main programming room and hundreds of children are active in the Summer Reading Club. Some adult programs take a break, but others carry on, including the Tuesday Chess Club meet ups in the lower level and the Monday Whatknots Knitting Circle in front of the fireplace.

While you're in the library downstairs, have a look at the lovely art work on display in the Art Corridor. This month's featured local artist is Rosanna Salter.

If you'd like to display your work in the library, send us an email to get into the rotation!

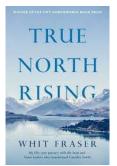
### Gearing up for the fall...

We're planning some author visits for October's Ontario Public Library Week.

Dr. Brian Goldman is confirmed for Sunday October 22. He's written several books and we'll be focusing on two with the theme of kindness and empathy. Our goal is to encourage patrons to read his books -

The Power of Kindness: Why empathy is essential in everyday life and his most recent:

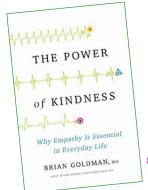
The Power of Teamwork: How we can all work better together. We'll use the conversation with Dr. Goldman to springboard the theme of kindness and empathy throughout the community!



We're also hosting a visit from His Excellency Whit Fraser on his recent book: <u>True North Rising</u>. It's a fall selection of our Arnprior 10 Book Clubs, but we will open his visit to non-book club members who would like to attend.

In November, we'll be hosting a return visit of the Strings of St. John's as they gear up for their 25th anniversary tour! Find out more about <u>this orchestra</u> and their new conductor Mehdi Javanfar

Ticket information and reservation will be available by early September. Details will be on our website, social media and posters in and around the library.







Mark your calendars now for the return of our talk-of-the-town New Year's Eve Gala. The Fabulous Heart Beats will be back to dance the night away in our newly expanded space.

Tickets will go on sale in September.