

ARNPRIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER WINTER 2024

Our Black and White Literary - themed New Year's Eve Gala welcomed the new year and new beginnings at the Arnprior Library!



The long awaited restoration work to our lower level has begun and we're hopeful the library will be full-functioning again by March. The damage associated with the September 7th flood / sewer backup was extensive, but limited to walls, flooring and some furniture. All books and archival materials were spared.

When work is completed, public access to the entire fiction collection in the lower level will be restored. Community organizations will regain access to all our meeting spaces and we anticipate the resumption of our adult programming.

The theme was *Kindness and Empathy* for our author visits in October. It is the library's goal to provide service through the lens of kindness throughout 2024 and beyond. At right are photos of our conversations with Whit Fraser moderated by our Book Club members; and the duo of Dr. Brian Goldman and Rt Honourable David Johnston moderated by Arnprior Mayor Lisa McGee.



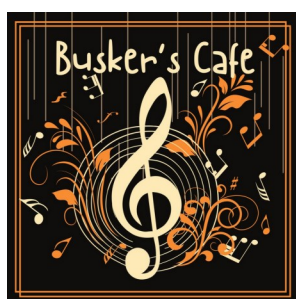
Great weekend of author visits



Music filled the library in November as we hosted Ottawa's Strings of St John's Orchestra to a capacity audience.



Continuing throughout 2024 will be our monthly **Busker's Cafe**. Typically held the last Tuesday of each month, a variety of musicians will be performing in the acoustically pleasing Scharf Hall - our new expansion with windows facing the riverfront.



The concept is to provide beautiful music while you visit and browse through the library. Given the interest, there's also plenty of seating available too! Stop by Tuesday January 23rd between 5:30 and 6:45 to hear Fred Dellamico and Jill Jeffrey as they perform original storytelling songs.



This program is supported by Tim Hortons, Arnprior.

Top 10 Adult Fiction titles
as read by Arnprior Library
members in 2023

1. World of Curiosities by Louise Penny
2. The Maid by Nita Prose
3. Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus
4. Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
5. Demon Copperhead
by Barbara Kingsolver
6. No Plan B by Lee Child
7. House in the Pines by Ana Reyes
8. Sleeping and the Dead by Ann Cleeves
9. Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six
by Lisa Unger
10. Without a Trace by Danielle Steel



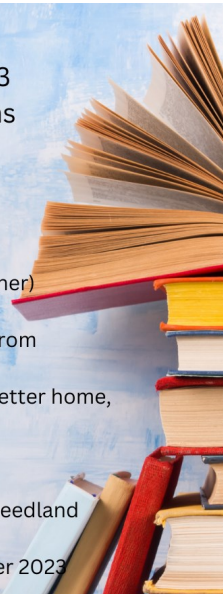
Library patrons love a good read.

Here are the Top Picks of 2023 based on circulation.

Top 10 Adult Non-Fiction titles 2023
from Arnprior Public Library patrons

1. Spare by Prince Harry
2. Light We Carry by Michelle Obama
3. True North Rising by Whit Fraser *
4. Empathy by David Johnston *
5. Ducks by Kate Beaton (Canada Reads Winner)
6. Has Populism Won? by Daniel Drache
7. Master Slave, husband wife: epic journey from
slavery to freedom by Ilyon Woo
8. Minimalista: Your step by step guide to a better home,
wardrobe and life by Shira Gill
9. Power of Kindness by Dr. Brian Goldman *
10. Escape Artist: the man who broke out of
Auschwitz to warn the world by Jonathan Freedland

*As a result of author visits in October 2023



From the Children's department, Minecraft is the non-fiction leader while the perennial favourite Diary of a Wimpy Kid series tops the fiction list.

2023 saw the highest circulation ever at the Arnprior Library. Patrons borrowed an impressive 142,761 items. 77% of that circulation were physical materials (books, magazines, DVDs, audio books, museum passes, WiFi hotspots, radon detectors etc). The remaining 33,372 were digital books, eMagazines, streaming and other database searches (including Consumer Reports) and downloads. It also includes language learning via Mango Languages and Health Databases (among others) from Ebsco. If you haven't discovered all the resources available for free with your membership, have a look at our [Virtual Library](#) and if you need a little more guidance, why not book an information / training [session](#) with our friendly staff! We've also welcomed 2300 new library users in the last 2 years. We look forward to introducing you to our full range of services as soon as the lower level restoration work is completed. The Library Board is hopeful to secure some increased funding so the library can re-introduce some fantastic adult programming and provide services sought by our growing community.



Currently, the library provides a number of self directed programs including our Monday morning Whatknots Knitting Circle, Tuesday afternoon Chess Club, monthly Busker's Cafe, two Arnprior 10 Book Clubs (currently at capacity) and Friday morning ESL training for newcomers. We're looking to relaunch our French Conversation Group, Spanish Conversation Group, and new to the mix: meet-ups to help with resumes and job searching skills with an

HR professional (details to come) and launch a Mahjong Meet-up for which we've already started an interest list. Let us know if you'd like to participate and we'll start planning for a schedule in early spring. For more information on these and other adult programs, please consult our website. www.arnpriorlibrary.ca/programs

The Scharf Hall is so named in recognition of the great financial contribution of the Scharf Family Charitable Trust and the trust

of the late Norma Hall to help bring this project funded by Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario to fruition. The community's generosity for this and other library initiatives is greatly appreciated.

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There's always something going on for kids. From weekly class visits, Friday morning drop in story times, a host of registered programs to planning for upcoming March Break and the Summer Reading Club.

To that end, we've posted a **summer student job**. We're looking for a Children's Programming Assistant to help with the planning and delivery of summer library programs for children ranging in age from 1 to 11 years. We are looking for a creative and enthusiastic student who will inspire the children participating in our programs to read, learn and explore at the library over the summer months. The successful candidate will possess strong verbal and written communication skills, the ability to work effectively as a member of a team, solid organizational skills and experience working with children. Previous experience working in a library setting is an asset. Did you grow up attending programs at the library? Do you have a love of reading? Are you crafty and innovative? Do you enjoy the energy of young children? This may be an ideal job for you! \$17/hour; 35 hours a week Monday to Friday. Resumes should be forwarded to the attention of the Carolyn Swayze, Youth Services Librarian youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca. Submission deadline is March 31st, 2024.



On the calendar: **Monday January 15** - Baby Rhyme Time [registration](#) is open online for the session running from February 7 to March 6. This story time for babies from 5-12 months of age and their grown-ups is a wonderful way to introduce babies to books, action rhymes and social time with other young ones. This is a free program, but does require library memberships for both babies and caregivers.



Friday January 19 - Our friends from BIAK will be joining us at 10am for Toddlers and 11am for Preschoolers to share drumming and Indigenous stories. Parents and children are invited to join us for this free, drop-in program!

January 17, 22 and 24 - We welcome back our Teen Study Sessions from 3 - 5pm as you prepare to write high school exams. We provide a dedicated space for studying, snacks and we also have visits from a lovely dog, Nell, who drops in for pets and snuggles (and treats!). Details will roll out on social media and our website. This is a free drop-in program for high school students.

Saturday January 27 is Family Literacy Day. Stop by between 10am and 2pm and participate in our Book Scavenger Hunt. Completed scavenger hunt sheets will be entered into a prize draw!

February will see the return of our Tuesday after school LEGO Lounge program, and Friday morning story times. We ask that you register your child (aged 5+) for [LEGO Lounge](#)

Friday morning story times resume **February 3rd** and run on a drop-in basis, but do require library membership to attend. Toddlers and their grown-ups meet at 10am, and preschoolers attend independently at 11am.

Our partnership with Let's Talk Science continues! Let's Talk Science connects the world of science, technology and innovation with education, bringing STEM to life in meaningful ways that build diversity and inclusion, and awareness of future opportunities. The library receives monthly deliveries of science-based activities for children to take home and explore. Please ask for your free LTS kit at the circulation desk the next time you're in.

There's always something to explore at the library. Most recently, we added to our extensive collection of French beginner readers. [Les echos de l'île de la Tortue](#) is a series of Indigenous titles at a wide range of reading levels.





Did you know...

The library offers printing, copying, scanning and faxing (yes, faxing is STILL a service, primarily for medical and legal documents). You can submit your [print request online](#) and we'll prepare it for you.

The library provides a Homebound Delivery service for those members who are unable to come to the library on their own. Call us for more information or send us an email: homebound@arnpriorlibrary.ca We can also register you for CELA. The Centre for *Equitable Library Access* is an accessible library service, providing books and other materials to Canadians with print disabilities.

Our [museum passes](#) circulate for a full week giving free family access to many of the national museums for free!

You can [stream](#) movies, documentaries and learning videos on *Kanopy*. It's available free with your library card. Follow the link on our website, or via the Libby app. You can also stream on *Hoopla*.

You have access to more than 4000 digital [magazine](#) titles on the Libby app and they're always available, no waiting. [Cantook Station](#) is your destination for eBooks in French. The Libby app gets you access to [digital books and eAudio titles](#). You can access Ancestry.ca for FREE in the library. Use one of our internet stations or bring your laptop to connect to our unlimited WiFi.

The library loans Radon Detectors and WiFi Hotspots. Ask for yours at the circulation desk.



Throughout the month of January we are continuing our drive to support Teens in Need via the High School's Guidance Office.

Donations made at the library will be matched by Arnprior Rotary up to \$2000.

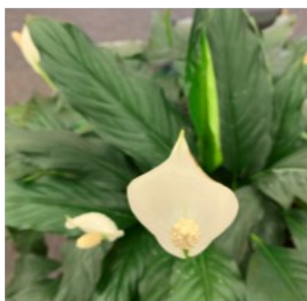
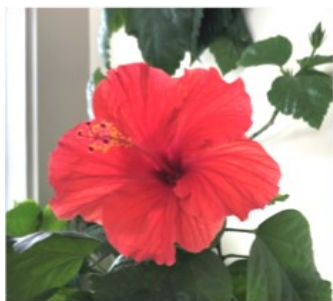
Since the launch of the partnership, more than \$1700 has been raised.

Charitable receipts can be provided by the Rotary Club.

Stop by for a visit during our regular hours:

- **Monday & Tuesday ... 11am - 7pm;**
- **Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10am - 5pm;**
- **Saturday 10am - 2pm**

Our friendly staff is always ready to help! 613-623-2279



Even the plants are getting ready to greet you. Happy 2024!