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News from the library

May 2016
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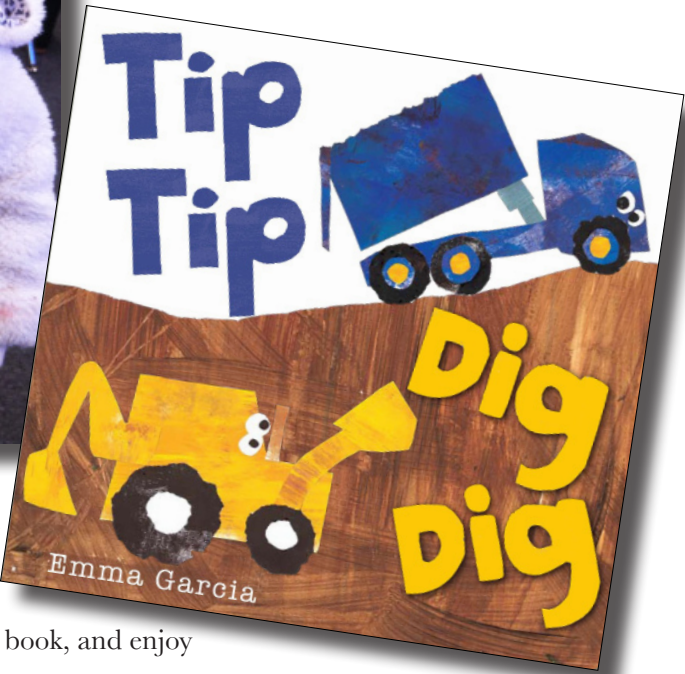
Free WiFi at all
branches and
no password!



The Library is in the Zone...the



CoNstRuction Zone that is!



Adults may not embrace the necessary construction underway to improve our downtown, but young ones know how to make lemonade out of lemons! Until June, outside of the Picton library (and weather permitting), a children’s “Work Zone” is set up for little ones and their adults to come and play. Or come on inside to play, relax, read a book, and enjoy the many services the library continues to offer during this time. And on May 21st, join us as we provide kid’s activities at 99.3 County FM’s Jam with John A. event from noon to 4p.m.

And the Survey Says...

The library’s recent informal survey asked users for their input and netted valuable insights.
Summary of Responses
1. What does the library give you that you can’t get anywhere else?
The top four answers in order of popularity.
• Books • Friendly, helpful staff, a community meeting place, DVDs • Computer help
• Access to the Internet and computers and scanners/printers
Other responses
• Ebooks • ILLO • Hoopla

• Musical Instruments • No fines
• Home Delivery • Information
• Play area for the children • Used books
• Talking books • Programs
• Movie Night – Wellington
• The Globe and Mail • Magazines
• Ancestry.com • Photocopier • French Lessons
2. If we changed one thing to make the library more available or convenient for you, what would it be?
The top two responses were:

• More Hours • Change Nothing
Other Responses:
• More space • Better snow removal
• Open earlier • Quiet
• Ability to pay taxes at the library
3. Do we need more staff? space? books? or___?
The top three answers were:
• Books • Space • Staff
Other responses were:
• DVDs • Talking Books
• Magazines • Large Print Books

CEO Barbara Sweet answers some of the questions asked through the survey

Q- It would be wonderful to go back to quiet in the library.
Libraries have evolved that is true. They are no longer the silent space where only books reside. The library board hopes to add space to the Picton branch. It would be ideal if that space included an area for quiet study.

Q- Bathrooms in Picton branch were noted to be sadly lacking.
Plans are being discussed by the library board to improve this deficit.

Q- Longer hours and Sunday opening came up repeatedly.
This is possible, of course, but not with our current budget.

Q- It would be nice to have new books sooner.
Books are usually ordered months before their publication date, unfortunately it does take some time to process them into our circulation system. There are often many holds on books so it takes a while before they appear on the shelf. We try to monitor and purchase more copies if the demand warrants.

Q- 3-D printer generating non-recyclable plastic.
We use only biodegradable product in our 3D printers.

Q- The website is not helpful, the print is very small.
The print can be enhanced. We have added an accessibility icon in the upper right hand corner that you can click on to do this.

Q- Many of the new books are only in the e-book format.
Some publishers have gone to publishing titles digitally only. Check with staff to see if this is the case. If it is available we will obtain a print copy for you.

Q- Designate a student computer so that the adult user can access a computer when needed.
We only guaranty an hour of usage per person. Staff monitor time and provide a computer as soon as possible.

Q- Provide cheaper faxing.
Our printing and fax services help generate some revenue to offset staff time and defray the cost of the equipment for the library.

Q- You need meeting space for groups and lectures.
We hope to enhance the Picton branch with additional space.

Q- It would be nice if DVDs could be returned in the drop box.
Please go ahead and return them in the dropbox.

Q- More electrical outlets are needed for laptops upstairs in the Picton branch.
We will see to that! *(continued on reverse)*

Prince Edward County Public Library

Friday hours begin in Bloomfield & Milford as of May 27th for summer

Ameliasburgh

613-968-9327

Tuesday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thursday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bloomfield

613-393-3400

Tuesday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thursday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Consecon

613-392-1106

Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Milford

613-476-4130

Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Picton

613-476-5962

Monday 12 noon to 4 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wellington & Archives

613-399-2023

Tuesday 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Check out our free events, workshops and clubs online at www.peclibrary.org and visit us on facebook at Prince Edward County Public Library & Archives.

Quality Book Sale

Presented by the
Friends of the
Picton library

**Saturday
May 28
10am - 2pm**

Come browse a great
selection of gently
used books, take home
a good read and support
your local library!



Instantly borrow free digital movies, music, eBooks and more, 24/7, with your library card

NO Holds, NO Late Fees



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EVENTS in MAY

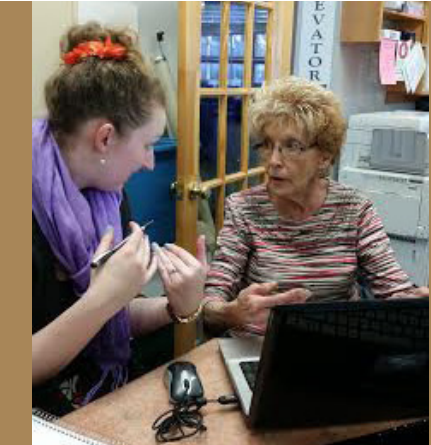
For the most up-to-date calendar and additional details please check the library's website calendar at: peclibrary.org. Special "one of" events are in purple!

Monday May 2
Paint and Chat Picton 1PM
Tuesday May 3
Knit and Chat Drop-in Milford 10AM
Functional Fitness Picton 11AM
Wednesday May 4
Free Movie: Brooklyn Wellington 7PM
Thursday May 5
Playgroup Drop-in – The Hub Outreach Picton 9:30AM
Beginner French 4 weeks Wellington 2PM
Beginner Conversational French (Full) Picton 2PM
Mah Jong Ameliasburgh 2PM
Friday May 6
Intermediate/Advanced French Wellington 2PM
Monday May 9
Paint and Chat for Women Picton 1PM
Tuesday May 10
iPad 101 Part 1 Wellington 10AM
Knit and Chat Drop-in Milford 10AM
Functional Fitness Picton 11AM
Friendly Feminist Meet Up! Picton 6PM

Wednesday May 11
History Speaks: So You Want to Be Published?
Picton 2PM
Thursday May 12
Playgroup Drop-in – The Hub Outreach Picton 9:30AM
Beginner French Wellington 2PM
Beginner Conversational French Picton (Full) 2PM
Friday May 13
Internet Safety Workshop Picton 1PM
Intermediate/Advanced French Wellington 2PM
Saturday May 14
Info session for The Human Library project Picton 10AM
Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory Visits Picton 12PM
A Celebration of Roger Whitaker's Poetry Wellington 2PM
Sunday May 15
Historical Society AGM Wellington 2PM
Monday May 16
Paint and Chat for Women Picton 1PM

Tuesday May 17
iPad 101 Part 2-Wellington 9:30AM
Knit and Chat Drop-in Milford 10AM
Functional Fitness Picton 11AM
Wednesday May 18
Alzheimer Society Monthly Meeting Picton 2PM
History Speaks: Scandals, Sickness and Slavery Wellington 2PM
Human Library interviews Picton 3PM
Tuesday May 19
Playgroup Drop-in – The Hub Outreach Picton 9:30AM
Beginner French – Wellington 2PM
Mah Jong Ameliasburgh 2PM
Human Library interviews Picton 5PM
Friday May 20
Intermediate/Advanced French Wellington 2PM
Saturday May 21
Android 101 Workshop Wellington 10AM
Monday May 23
Paint and Chat for Women Picton 1PM

Tuesday May 24
Advanced Android Workshop – Wellington 10AM
Knit and Chat Drop-in Milford 10AM
Functional Fitness Picton 11AM
Thursday May 26
Playgroup Drop-in – The Hub Outreach Picton 9:30 AM
Beginner French – Wellington 2PM (last class)
Mah Jong Ameliasburgh 2PM
Friday May 27
Intermediate/Advanced French Wellington 2PM
Bloomfield Booktique Grand Opening 11AM
Saturday May 28
Friends of the Picton Branch Book Sale 10AM
Monday May 30
Snuggles – Knitting Group Picton 12noon
Tuesday May 31
Knit and Chat Drop-in Milford 10AM
Functional Fitness Picton 11AM
Internet Safety Workshop Wellington 1PM
Have program ideas? E-mail them to: bsweet@peclibrary.org



Contact IT Coordinator, Julie Lane or one of the computer lab staff. The library offers workshops and one-on-one help sessions. Call 613-476-5962 or email: jlane@peclibrary.org

Survey questions continued

Q- Turn down the heat.
Sorry about that! It is hard to keep downstairs warm and the upstairs moderate. We are hoping to relocate the heating/cooling unit to be more efficient.

Q- Consistent people at each branch.
Generally speaking people do work consistently out of one branch, however, illness, holidays and training may mean a substitute staff person.

Q- In Bloomfield we have lost the opportunity to visit on Friday. I would love to see that restored.
Friday closing was just instituted over the winter. The Friday hours will return on May 27th.

Q- Wellington branch seems to be depleted of books – looks empty not inviting to people. We are in the process of updating the collection and re-arranging to make more seating available. New books come in every week. Please let us know of any titles that you would like to read if they are not in our collection.

Q- The carpet could use cleaning. Not sure which branch this applies to, but we try to keep up with housekeeping. Let us know next time you are in.

Q- I would like to learn Spanish year round.
I wish we could find a teacher! We continue to look. As they are always volunteers we may not be able to make it all year.

Q- Purchase adult French books – reasonably simple.
We will look into this.

Q- I would like to keep books longer than three weeks.
When checking out your books you can ask for an extended loan period. As long as no one is waiting for a book it can also be renewed.

Q- More comfortable chairs.
We will try to get this in the budget.

History Speaks...and reunites!

Something very special happened at “The Dutch to Prince Edward County” event recently held as part of the History Speaks series at the library. As Archives Manager Krista Richardson spoke about the ships which brought many Dutch citizens to the County, two women who were sharing memories in the audience realized that they had both been on the same ship together those many years ago. They were meeting for the first time at this event!

NEW BookTique in Bloomfield

The grand opening of the library's new bookstore featuring gently used books is Friday, May 27! Join us at the Bloomfield branch at 11am for refreshments at the official opening and come browse the selection of great books!



Historical Society AGM
Sunday, May 15 at 2 PM
Wellington Branch Library
All Welcome

History Speaks!
So You Want to Be Published?
with Steve Campbell
Wed. May 11 Picton Branch

History Speaks
Scandals, Sickness and Slavery
Wed. May 18
Wellington Branch 2PM

HUMAN LIBRARY comes to town

Imagine 'books' are people and 'reading' is a conversation.



The 'reader' is a member of the public. The 'book' is someone who self-identifies as having experienced prejudice of some sort. This describes the Human Library, an event that Festival Players is hosting this summer at the Picton library. Started by an organization called Stop the Violence in Denmark, for sixteen years and in more than 70 countries, the Human Library phenomenon has been taking communities on journeys they'll never forget, one conversation at a time.

This is where you come in. We need books and that could mean you!

Have you experienced prejudice or discrimination? Do you feel comfortable sharing your experience? Would you like to speak to people about your story? If you're curious to find out more we encourage you to visit the Human Library website (www.humanlibrary.org) to learn how the events are run and whether it seems like it might be something you'd like to participate in.

If you can commit to an in-person interview as we source potential books, a training/practice session and at least one 4-hour shift as a 'book' on July 8, 9, 15 or 16 from 12 - 4, then we'd like to talk to you. Not everyone is ready to be a 'book', and we have a limited number of spaces available, but if you think you might be interested, please do be in touch! You can email us at humanlibrarypec@gmail.com or give Christine a call at 613-476-9141.