Summertime at the library!

Summer’s the perfect time, to sit back, relax and take a few moments to enjoy the warm weather, beach days, the great outdoors, and time with friends and family. If you’ve been berry picking, or your backyard garden project has been plentiful and you’ve run out of ideas of what to do with all those fruits and vegetables – the library has lots of cookbooks and magazines (in print), eBooks and eMagazines online that can help you find your family’s next best favourite recipe! From baked goods, to preserves – always a treat to enjoy now, or later (when the weather is not so kind). You can drop by in-person and browse the library book shelves, or call your local library and arrange for the curbside pickup of selected library materials too. Our libraries in Pictou County are open Tuesdays to Saturdays, with various open hours at each location, and the New Glasgow Library is now open on Mondays from 10am to 4pm.

Staycationing and spending some more time, closer to home this year? The Great Community BINGO (with the library) is on this summer, in Pictou and Antigonish Counties! The BINGO card is filled with great, fun ideas for the young to young-at-heart! Each line, diagonal or four corners equals a ballot for a chance to win some great prizes provided by Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program and local businesses – including 1 of 14 awesome bikes on display at each of our library locations (7 adults and 7 children’s bikes)! All ballots are due by August 21, to be entered to win some grand prize draws, and a special Early Bird draw for 2 NS Museum Passes will be held for ballots completed before 12 August 2020.

A few more Community BINGO! activities – if you planted flowers for the bees, planted something you could eat and went berry picking (that 3 more squares, under ‘N’ature), plus if you tried a new recipe – that also gives you another square under ‘G’enerate too! For more information, a BINGO card, ballots – and great activity ideas, drop by your local library, call us or send an email too.

Rainy day blahs or just to hot outside? This summer, the library also has some “Take & Make” kits of various crafting activities available at each library – from Baby Yoda’s to bookmarks, Friendship bracelets, mini Time Capsules and more.

Peek-a-boo, do I see you? Yes, it’s true - I do! In August, the New Glasgow Library is offering a weekly outdoor Storytime in the Park on Thursday mornings at 10:30am (registration required). For more information, and to register please contact the New Glasgow Library, (902) 752-8233.

The #PARLreads Big Summer Book Club has returned this summer too! Read it, love it, and return it! And let us know your thoughts, so we can all discover our next best read! (And, score some more Community BINGO! points under the ‘!’ - if you download a book from the library website, and the book is by a Canadian author, and you’ve read the book under a tree or at the beach... or you’ve borrowed a print book from the library – that’s 4 of the 6 squares completed already!).

And for one more Community BINGO! activity square under the “!” - attend a virtual library program. Coming up on Tuesday August 11 at 7pm, the library is hosting an online author presentation and reading, Becoming Odyssea, with Jennifer Pharr Davis - National Geographic Adventurer of the Year. All are welcome to join us, online through ZOOM and by phone too (please dial 1(800)974-5902, and then enter the Conference ID, 6217271). All the details are given in the PARLevents calendar online.

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