

# *At the Library, for the week of June 19, 2017*

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## **Summer reading**

It's time to kick back, relax, dig out and dig into all those great books that you intended to read all year long, but just couldn't find the time to do it. There's the light-hearted beach reads, good for some fluff and entertainment; to the intrigue of a fast-paced action thriller spy novel, Western or murder mystery. Audiobooks are perfect to listen to on long car drives (although from personal experience, keep an eye on the speedometer during the scary parts). Many audiobooks are read by well-known actors and actresses, whose delicious voices provide real depth to the characters – and then your imagination fills in the rest. The library has fiction and non-fiction audiobooks for children to adults too. Just pop in the CD or plug in the .mp3 player and you're good to go!

And the best thing about library books, are that they are free! If you start a book and discover it's not quite your 'cup of tea', no worries – just drop it back at the library, browse the bookshelves and try some others. On the other hand, if you're travelling or can't bear to part with a book you haven't quite finished with, please call (or email) and let us know at the check-out. During the summer, the library can offer 'extended loan' periods on library items (as long as there isn't another pending hold request on the item).

Also, there is the BARA (Borrow Anywhere Return Anywhere) program through Libraries Nova Scotia. With your valid library card (public library, college or university) you can borrow books and return books - at any other participating library in Nova Scotia.

Library programs are switching gears too. Most of our regular weekly programs have wrapped up for the season, and our summer programs are mostly family friendly drop-in as you wish. There are programs every day of the week. Drop by your local library branch, or visit us online at [www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca) and browse through our PARLevents calendar online by location. Great for the rainy day, or relief from the heat! Our libraries in Trenton, New Glasgow, Westville and River John are also air-conditioned.

And a save the date for Read by the Sea Literary Festival in River John coming up the first week of July! New this year, the Festival features an incredible week of local author readings around the village and starts off the week with grand opening of a new bookstore, Mable Murple's Dreamery and Book Shoppe on Monday July 3! The River John Library is hosting a children's' book reading by local author Sarah Butland, "Sending you Sammy" on Wednesday July 5 at 10:15am. The big day is Saturday July 8, and features readings and interviews with featured authors, Christy-Ann Conlin, Lesley Crewe, Dean Jobb and Terry Fallis. All program and event information is available online at [www.readbythesea.ca](http://www.readbythesea.ca).

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