

At the Library, for October 1, 2024 (Antigonish & Pictou Counties)

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Giving thanks,

October is a month for many celebrations. Beginning with one very near and dear to our hearts at the library, National Library Month! This year's theme is "Libraries for Life" and truly recognizes the essential roles that libraries play in civic life for all walks of people. October also begins with Treaty Day, recognizing the Treaties of Peace and Friendship in Mi'kma'ki, and is the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month. This year's MHM theme celebrates Food and its significance in Mi'kmaw culture. Food gathers us together for celebration, nourishment and comfort. It is central to ceremonies, considered part of medicines, and is key to resiliency. Sharing freely honours each other and blesses our families and communities so no one is harmed or struggles, (www.mikmaghistorymonth.ca). We're very fortunate to welcome Dr. Gerald Gloade, artist, educator and Program Development Officer for the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre to share a presentation, "Aboriginal Traditional and Ecological Knowledge" on Tuesday October 22, at 6:00 pm at the Pictou Library. All welcome to drop by and join us in the new Community Room. Light refreshments will be served.

Seniors Week in Nova Scotia is celebrated the first week of October, and all are invited to participate in a wide variety of activities at the library from October 2 to 9, Celebrating Aging Well! From Stitching Circles and Book Clubs, to Gaelic and French discussion clubs (Pictou Library, Thursdays at 12:30pm and Fridays at 1pm), Healthy nutrition and gardening workshops (Pictou Library, October 2 and 9, 6:00 pm; River John Library, October 5 at 11:00 am, and Westville Library, October 8 at 2:00 pm), Bird Watching and preparing your winter feeders (Antigonish Library, Wednesday October 2 at 2:00 pm) and so much more! Drop by the library, or checkout our events calendar at www.parl.ns.ca for full details and more information.

This month's Art on Display at the Antigonish Library features the work of students from Wild Garden Art Studio, taught by Gillian McCulloch, and on display at the gallery in the deCoste Culture Hub in Pictou, we have watercolor paintings by Kristin Bjornerud.

Movies at the library this month include some creepy tales – beginning with 'The Haunted Mansion' at the New Glasgow Library on Saturday October 12, at 1:30 pm, and 'Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire' on Saturday October 19 at 1:00 pm.

And we'll round out the month with some Halloween treats! Drop by the library from October 24 to 31, for a free new children's book compliments of Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program. The Trenton Library's Crafternoon on Thursday October 10 at 3:00 pm are making decorative pumpkin crafts (from recycled books). The Stellarton Library hosts a Family Fun Spook-tacular celebration on Thursday October 17 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Westville library has a Halloween Family Fun night on October 24 between 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The New Glasgow Library (Saturday October 19 at 12:00 pm) and the River John Library (Saturday October 26 at 11:00 am) will do Pumpkin Decorating - registration required, due to limited supplies and seating! The Antigonish Library has a Drop in & Boo, on Friday October 25 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. And the family favorite ... the Poultrygeist Puppet Show returns to haunt the Pictou Library on October 30 at 3:00 pm!

Please note, the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library will be closed on Monday October 14, 2024 for the Thanksgiving holiday, and the regional public library will close early on October 31 at 5pm for Halloween. For more information on all our upcoming library programs and services, please call or drop by your local library, follow us on X (*Twitter*) and *Instagram*, find us on *Facebook*, or visit us online at www.parl.ns.ca.