

At the Library, for the week of April 16, 2018

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Always an adventure at the library

"Oh, the places you'll go! There is fun to be done! – Dr. Seuss

April is also National Poetry Month, and we are inviting you to create Book Spine Poetry. Now you ask, what is Book Spine Poetry? It is poetry created by reading a sequence of book titles of a small stack of books. (The book spine, is the edge of the book that has the book title and other information printed on it). Snap a picture, and share with us your creations, #PARLpoetry. There are some examples on display at the library too. The library is also pleased to be able to share with you a new anthology of poems and short narratives just added to our collection; "Unapologetic Hearts" by youth writers from along Nova Scotia's North Shore, from Pugwash to New Glasgow. The beautiful book of poetry was recently published by the Writing on Fire Society (for more information about the program, please visit their Facebook page).

It's time to discover ground-breaking films. For National Canadian Film Day this week, we are honored to host the screening of two international, award-winning films about amazing people who made the world a better place, by having hope and giving hope. The library is fortunate to be able to show these films thanks to a sponsorship by REEL Canada, that covers the cost of fees for the public screening (or performance) rights. All are welcome to drop in, and bring your favorite snacks to enjoy.

'The Breadwinner' is a story about friendship, family and imagination; it is the story about Parvana, an 11-year old Afghan girl who finds strength in the love of her family and the power of storytelling. When Parvana's father, a teacher, is unfairly imprisoned, she must disguise herself as a boy to become her family's sole breadwinner. Showing courage and perseverance, Parvana does anything she can to support her family, while trying desperately to help free her father. The film is an adaptation of the children's book by Canadian author, Deborah Ellis, and Angelina Jolie was an executive producer on the film. *The Breadwinner* (2017|93 minutes) will be shown at the New Glasgow Library on Wednesday April 18 at 7:00pm.

While *'Maudie'* is the heart-warming true story of the pint-sized yet larger-than-life Nova Scotian artist Maud Lewis, who overcame many personal hardships to become one of Canada's premier folk artists. Once you know her story, you will understand the true joy brought to life in the bright colors of her stories and memories that she shared with the world in the 'simple' paintings she struggled to paint. *Maudie* (2016|116 minutes) will be shown at the River John Library on Thursday April 19 at 6:00pm.

To wrap up the week, we're celebrating the Earth Day weekend with a seedy Saturday program on April 21. All are welcome to drop into your local library branch during open hours, and make a seed ball (while supplies last) to take home and plant somewhere that needs more flowers to attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. The pottery clay used to make the seed balls, was graciously donated by the Perfect Diversity Clay Café in New Glasgow.

Sometimes, you never quite know what you'll discover at the library.

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