

At the Library, for April 2026 (Antigonish & Pictou Counties)

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Celebrating the awe of Land & Sea in April for National Poetry Month.

April is one of our favourite months at the library, because it's [National Poetry Month](#) and this year's theme is Land & Sea – a theme that is near and dear to our hearts along the North Shore. To celebrate, we invite you to borrow a book or two of some of your favourite poets and peruse the displays at several of our libraries. If you are an aspiring writer, we have Writers Groups that regularly meet at our libraries in Antigonish, Pictou and Trenton. The Antigonish and Pictou Libraries also feature several pieces of beautiful public art with poetry by two local poets – Linda Johns (artwork with poems on several book shelf end panels) and Thekla Altmann (along the water's edge of harbourfront boardwalk). We'll also take time to celebrate Poem in your Pocket Day on Thursday April 23.

Looking for more poetic inspiration, or just love to travel? Justin Gregg will share his experiences living around the world (Ireland, the Netherlands, Sweden, Italy, and Japan) at the Armchair Travellers program on Thursday April 9 at 7pm at the Antigonish Library.

The Library Club is launching in April with our 4 Chapter locations in Pictou County. Registration for the monthly TLC programs held at the Pictou and Westville Libraries are full. Space is still available to register at the New Glasgow and River John Libraries. This month at the River John Library on Thursday April 2, at 1pm and Monday April 20 at 1pm at the New Glasgow Library - it's "Bloom where you're planted!" with Lynn Langille with the Pictou County Community Health Centre and Mary MacLellan with Pictou County Seniors Outreach. And local artist, Hazel Sheehan will also be hand to show us how to make journals. To register, please call the River John Library at (902) 351-2599, or the New Glasgow Library at (902) 752-8233. The Library Club is made possible by the Aberdeen Health Foundation in partnership with the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

National Canadian Film Day brings another reason to celebrate April, and great Canadian films. This year we are excited to host 2 free film screenings on Wednesday April 15, 2026. We'll start the day with a 3:00pm screening of "Goin Down the Road" at the River John Library. The New Glasgow Library has an evening screening of "Dance Me Outside" at 6:00pm. All are welcome to drop by and join us, and bring your favourite movie-watching snacks too!

For more movie fun, for the whole family – we have three Family Movie Matinees at the library in April. The New Glasgow Library is showing "A Minecraft Movie" on Saturday April 18 at 1pm. The New Glasgow Library is showing "Early Man", also on April 18 at 1pm. And the Pictou Library has a special movie matinee, "The LEGO Movie" on Wednesday April 29 at 10:30am (For a school in-service day!).

Love the theatre? The Moments for Everyone Arts Pass program with the Glasgow Square Theatre in New Glasgow has recently added more performances to their schedule, that they are sharing with the library. The Arts for All Pass with the deCoste Performing Arts Theatre in Pictou has returned, and they are offering a limited number of arts passes for selected performances for library patrons. For full details on the [Arts Passes @Library](#), please visit your local library, or online at www.parl.ns.ca/services/artspass .

Need help with your Income Tax? The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (for persons with low-income and uncomplicated returns) continues at the New Glasgow Library on Thursday afternoons (by appointment) from 1pm to 4pm. To book an appointment, please call the New Glasgow Library at (902) 752-8233. The Westville Library is also holding a CVITP drop-in Tax Clinic on Tuesday April 14 from 1pm to 4pm, in the library's Community Room. Please remember to bring all your paperwork with you!

Calling all booklovers, are you making your summer plans? Save the Date - Read by the Sea in River John is returning on July 11th. For full details, please visit the RbyS website and facebook pages. The RbyS Organizing Committee is also hosting a Meet & Greet at the River John Library on Saturday April 18, from 1pm to 3pm. All are welcome to drop by.

Please note, the Regional Library will be closed Friday April 3, and Monday April 5, 2026 for the Easter weekend holidays. Also beginning in April, the Antigonish and New Glasgow libraries will now be closed on Sundays due to the reduction in provincial funding for public library service. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience, and invite you to visit the Virtual Library services available online at www.parl.ns.ca .

For more information on all our upcoming library programs and services, please call or drop by your local library, follow us on *Bluesky*, *Instagram*, and *Facebook*, or visit us online at www.parl.ns.ca.