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Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program Receives Grant from MDRT Foundation

(20 February 2024) — The MDRT Foundation has awarded a USD 5,000 grant to Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program to encourage literacy in our local communities through supporting reading challenges and programs in partnership with AALP at the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library. "This financial support from MDRT and Adopt-a-Library is critical to supporting the library's programs. The amount of the grant more than doubles the annual budget amount provided to the Regional Library's Programming Department. We offer over 120 programs at the Regional Library, per month, for all ages and abilities – for free! And this gift will allow us to stretch those precious pennies even further.", explains Community Services Librarian, Trecia Schell.

The <u>Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program</u> was created to fight crime one book at a time by providing books through community fundraising and encouraging children to read more. We work with schools and other community groups to promote literacy in partnership with the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.



Photo: Brooklyn Linthorne enjoys a free new picture book, from Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program (free to take home), curled up in a cozy chair at the Westville Library after Friday morning Family Storytime.

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Foundation will award over \$1.8 million in MDRT member-endorsed grants to over 350 charitable organizations worldwide.

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