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March/April Activity Guide



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KIDS

CODING CLUB

Mondays, 3 pm

Age 9 +

Learn to code with **Fiero** Code Club! This is a self-guided, online software program that teaches you how to code. Fiero offers a fun, gamified learning experience.

Please bring your Chromebook or laptop if you have one.

Registration required call 902-634-8008.



STORY TIME

Mondays, 10:30 am

Age 3+

Bring your little ones to listen to stories read out loud and engage with new books. Drop in!



OPEN ART TABLE

Wednesdays, 3 pm

All ages, under 6 with a caregiver

Get into your creative flow at our open art table Wednesday afternoons. A variety of inspiring art material will be available each week along with prompts to help get started. We are doing process art so there's lots of freedom in how to explore the materials provided. Come play!

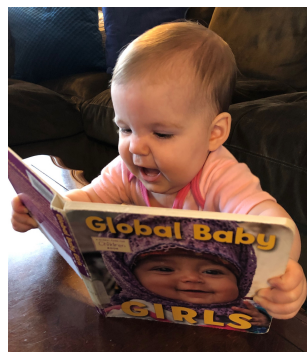


BABIES & BOOKS

Thursdays, 10:30 am

Ages Birth - 18 Months

Babies love stories and songs! Share time with your baby in a fun, confidence-building environment. Baby Time is 30 minutes (or less) and is designed for babies up to 18 months of age. Afterwards, stay for playtime and meet other babies in the neighbourhood.



YOUTH

MAGIC: THE GATHERING

Friday, March 1, April 12 & 26, 3 pm

Age 10 +

Magic is a fun-filled card game in which wizards cast spells, summon creatures, and exploit magic objects to defeat their opponents. No experience necessary – we even have decks to share! Drop in!



ALL AGES

AROUND THE WORLD BY WAY OF CAPE HORN:

A Q&A with Crew of the Barque Picton Castle

Thursday, March 14, 6 pm

From its home base in Lunenburg, for the past 25 years the Barque Picton Castle has been operating as a sail training ship, having almost 400,000 nautical miles under square sail. Casting off in late 2024, the Barque Picton Castle will set sail on a year-and-a-half long voyage, *Around The World By Way of Cape Horn*, on a sail training voyage like none before.

Join crew from the Picton Castle at this Q&A to find out more about what the Barque Picton Castle does, what is on the horizon for the ship in Lunenburg, and to offer information on the next world voyage.



MINI EASTER FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Thursday, March 28, 3 pm

Join us to create a fresh grass and flower arrangement. Learn how to clean flowers and arrange a fun mini Easter centerpiece. This is a family friendly class and kids are welcome! Participants are welcome to bring their own garden pruners.

Registration required call 902-634-8008.

CHARITY'S BOOK CLUB

Friday, March 8, April 12, 11 am

Bring a snack and join us for a discussion of our current book selection.

March: *Heart of Darkness* by **Joseph Conrad**

April: *The Weight of Sand* by **Édith Blais**

LUNENBURG BOOK CLUB

Thursday, March 14, April 11, 1 pm

Join us to discuss our latest read. The Lunenburg Book Club meets every second Thursday of the month. For more information call 902-634-8008.

TALKING (ABOUT) BOOKS

Friday, March 22, April 26, 11 am

Love talking about books? So do we! Join us once a month to discuss what we've read, what we're reading, and what we'd like to read.

CREATIVE WRITING CORNER

Monday, March 25, April 22, 2 pm

Join us biweekly for some simple writing prompts to get the creative ink flowing. There will be opportunities to share your writing with the group, but no pressure. No experience required.

INTRO TO ZERO WASTE

Monday, March 25, April 8, 22, 11 am

Want to learn more about the Zero Waste movement? Drop in to the library to chat about all things zero waste; what it is, what it isn't, and how you can make it work for you. Each session we will discuss a different topic: March 25 Wool dryer balls, April 8 Special Guest: Education Coordinator for *Region 6 Solid Waste Management*.

INTERNATIONAL CAFE FOR PARENTS

Mondays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm (No Meeting March 11)

Welcome! Bienvenue! Pjila'si! Come and join us for tea/coffee and friendly chats about school, languages, cultural diversity, and learn more about available programs for families in our region. Please bring your favourite mug to enjoy a freshly brewed cuppa with us!

For more information, please contact SSRCE Newcomer Settlement Teacher **Astrid Seidel**, astridseidel@gnsps.ca

NEEDLE FELTING

Tuesday, March 5, 19, April 2, 16, 30, 10:30 am

Fall in love, if you haven't already, with the soft, bright wool roving. Learn to sculpt and paint using a needle! Your project is up to you, beginner instruction and supplies provided!

MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER EARRINGS

Tuesday, March 26, 10:30 am

Learn how to make your own earrings using paper and beads with **Leanne Morin**.

Registration Required call 902-634-8008.

WIRE AND BEAD JEWELRY

Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 am

Leanne Morin will show us how to make our own rings, bracelets and necklaces with wire & beads.

Registration required call 902-634-8008

SCRABBLE CLUB

Tuesdays, 1 pm

Come play Scrabble at the library. Meet new friends while exercising your brain!

**KNITTING CIRCLE**

Wednesdays, 1-3 pm

All lovers of knitting, quilting, or any other handcraft, experienced or beginner, are invited to come and relax, learn, and share. New members welcome! Drop in.

TECH HELP WITH RON

Wednesday, March 6, 20, April 10, 24, 1-5 pm

Need help with your phone, tablet or computer? **Ron Layden** will be here to help with anything tech related on your device such as using the internet for searches, games, using social media, identifying spam and scams, getting the most out of the settings on your phone, passwords, doing backups, using the cloud, saving data and photos, and more!

Registration required call 902-634-8008. Drop in available by chance.

GERMAN CONVERSATION: ALPHORN TO ZEIGEIST - GERMAN ALONG THE ALPHABET

Wednesdays, 11 am

Beginner German speakers and anyone interested in the German language are welcome to this gentle introductory course. We discuss words in German and English, starting with the letter A and trying to make connections in language, history and culture.

COOKBOOK CLUB

Thursday, March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, 6 pm

Join the Cookbook Club to connect with others in this fun program where we'll all choose a different recipe from the same cookbook and plan an evening to share our dishes! No experience necessary, beginner cooks encouraged!

Registration required call 902-634-8008.



THE MAGIC OF DREAMS

Thursday, March 7, 21, April 4, 18, 2 pm

These biweekly dream exploration workshops, facilitated by **Norma Shephard**, draw upon Jungian theory for an understanding of dream symbols. Shephard shares a fun group process for working with dreams in our daily lives.

SPOT OF POETRY

Thursday, March 7, 21, April 4, 18, 6 pm

Spot of Poetry is a poetry appreciation club for long-time and brand-new readers alike! Bring along a found poem (or one you've written) to read aloud. Visit our website for details on upcoming themes spotofpoetry.com.

NATIONAL PET DAY

Thursday, April 11, 3 pm

In honour of National Pet Day we are hosting a cat grass growing workshop and we will have a special guest from SHAID Tree Animal Shelter to talk about caring for cats. Join us in learning about caring for cats and learning how to grow your favourite feline a treat.

GOOD EARTH DAY NEWS:**LUNENBURG COUNTY LAND & WATER ACTIVISM**

Thursday, April 18, 6 pm

Join us for an evening of moderated presentations In honour of Earth Day. Representatives from five local volunteer groups will speak about the work they're doing to protect our local lands and waters. We'll hear from members of **Ne'ata'q: The Food Forest** at Bluenose Academy, **Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy**, **South Shore Council of Canadians**, **Asitul'isk Indigenous Learning Centre** (former Windhorse Farm) and **SOOF Lunenburg County** (Save Our Old Forests). They will each share a brief presentation about current projects. It's a great opportunity to find out more about local initiatives, how to can get involved in protecting and supporting our local environment, and how we can all work together to care for the planet.

DREAMS AND THE CREATIVE PROCESS

Friday, March 8, 22, April 5 & 19, 10:30 am

Explore these workshops on Dreams and Creativity to learn about targeted dream incubation, dream processing through art, dream performance, and more. Contact facilitator **Norma Shephard** at normafreda@gmail.com for more details.

Registration required call 902-634-8008.

SEW IT, FIX IT, MEND IT

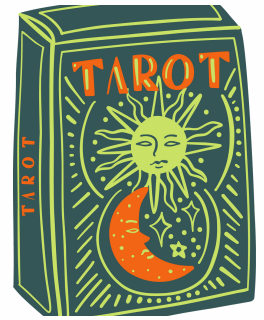
Fridays, 2 pm

Do you have clothing items that need mending? Come by the library to get sewing guidance from library volunteer **Amy Sullivan**. Sewing machine available.

**ART JOURNALING WITH THE TAROT**

Saturdays, March 9, 23, April 6, 20, 10:30 am

Join **Holly Sweet** to learn the metaphors embedded within the Smith Rider Waite classic Tarot deck. We will learn how to use the tarot as mirrors and do some creative self-exploration using the tarot, guided visualization, journaling and creative art making.

**WHERE POETRY AND PROSE MEET**

Saturday, March 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13, 2-4 pm

This series of workshops, hosted by **Carol Langille**, explores how writing helps us discover what we didn't know we knew. Each week an assignment will be given to participants to complete and bring in and the following week. We will discuss poetry and prose and most of the assignments will be in prose. This workshop is for enjoyment, reflection, and to let each participant know how valuable their stories, experiences and insights are.

Registration required call 902-634-8008.

MINDFULNESS YOGA WITH YOGAWOLKE

Sunday, March 10, 24, April 14, 28, 2:30 pm

In this gentle yoga class led by **Lisa Edelmann**, we learn to be mindful of ourselves and listen to our inner teacher. Gently we stretch fascia and muscles, strengthen our tissues and minds. This course creates a great balance to our life in constant Yang as we focus on our Yin energy.

CATS OF LUNENBURG

Sunday, March 17, 1-3 pm

Join Printmaker **Allison Tremain** to celebrate her community art project with live printmaking. Participants of the January call out are invited to print their cat, receive their portrait, and meet other cat owners in the community. Find out more about her project through her Instagram account [@lunenburgcats](https://www.instagram.com/lunenburgcats).



Get Growing Gardening Series

Isabel Brechin, an organic gardener with seven years of farm experience, will guide you through the creation of a garden plan. Whether you have a small or large garden, floral or vegetable, this workshop series will give you the knowledge and confidence to start or improve your garden. The workshops will cover various topics, from plant selection to layout design and maintenance strategies, to educate and empower participants. The series includes Q&A and discussion opportunities for questions. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other South Shore gardeners and learn from their tips and experience.

Thursday, February 29, 2-4 pm

Sprout Your Vision- Let's Get This Garden Started! The Basics of Garden Planning

Thursday, March 7, 2-4 pm

Unleash Your Inner Landscape Artist! Designing Your Garden: Layout and Implementation Strategies

Thursday, March 21, 2-4 pm

You've Got Your Plan- Now What? Garden Maintenance and Troubleshooting

Thursday, April 25, 3 pm

Indoor Seed Starting

It's seed starting time! Join horticulturalist Julianne Jollymore to discuss starting tomatoes and basil seeds: what these seeds need to germinate, how to grow a healthy & hardy plant and how to acclimate your plant to be planted outside. We will also talk about container gardening and how to make the most of a small space.

Registration required call 902-634-8008.



**NATIONAL
CANADIAN
FILM DAY**

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

**Join us for a film screening of Canadian films
made by Canadian humans for Canadian humans.**

Queen of My Dreams

The Queen of My Dreams is a 2023 Canadian comedy-drama film, written and directed by Fawzia Mirza. Mirza's full-length directorial debut, the film stars Amrit Kaur as Azra, a Pakistani Canadian woman who has had a strained relationship with her parents since coming out as lesbian, who undergoes an emotional journey after the sudden unexpected death of her father Hassan.

Liverpool 10:30 am, Bridgewater 12 pm, Lunenburg 2 pm

Wildhood

Wildhood is a 2021 Canadian coming-of-age romantic drama film, written, produced, and directed by Bretten Hannam.

An expansion of Hannam's earlier short film Wildfire, which was the winner of the award for Best Short Film at the Screen Nova Scotia awards in 2020, the film stars Phillip Lewitski as Lincoln, a young man in his late teens who was raised disconnected from his maternal Mi'kmaq heritage by his abusive white father Arvin; following the discovery that his mother Sarah, whom he had long been told was dead, is in fact still alive, he takes his younger half-brother Travis on a journey to find her. En route, they meet the openly two-spirit Pasmay, who becomes both a guide to Lincoln in reconnecting with his indigenous roots and a love interest.

Liverpool 2pm, Bridgewater 6 pm, Greenfield 6pm



BABY AND ME AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays, 10:30 am (not March 13)

Age 0-18 months

Join **Queens Family Resource Centre** for fun stories and songs, and meet other babies and their caregivers afterwards. Drop in.

TUESDAY HANGOUT

Tuesday, March 26, April 9, 23, 3 pm

Age 6+

Come hang out at the library, read, draw, or play your favourite computer or board games. This is your space! Snacks provided. Drop in.

LEARN TO DRAW

Tuesday, March 5, 19, 3 pm

Age 6+

Let's get creative! Have fun learning to draw something new, with step-by-step designs

FANTASY CRAFTERS

Tuesday, April 2, 16, 30, 3 pm

Age 6+

Make your own fabulous mythical crafts inspired by fairy-tale creatures and fantasy villages.



CODING CLUB

Thursdays, 3 pm

Age 8 +

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STORY TIME

Fridays, 10:30 am

Age 3+

Bring your little ones to listen to stories read out loud and engage with new books. Drop in!

EASTER BUNNY STORYTIME

Friday, March 22, 10:30 am

Age 3+

Cathie Pearl-Wentzell returns to the library as the Easter Bunny! She'll read fun stories and spread some special bunny cheer. Followed by a fun scavenger hunt.

HOMESCHOOL HUDDLE

Friday, March 8, 22, April 5, 19, 11 am

All ages

Join local homeschoolers to play games and enjoy some simple arts and crafts.

BITESIZE HISTORY

Friday, March 8, 22, April 5, 19, 10:30 am

Age 6+

Want to know more about the history of Queens County and Nova Scotia? Then join us at Bitesize History, where we'll spend 30 minutes exploring our local history. This program is presented by history enthusiast **Kathy Stitt**.

WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL FUN

Age 6 +, Drop in.



MARCH 6, April 10, 24

1:15-2:30 pm

CLT Early Dismissal Day

Queens Family Resource Centre

Fun craft activities & snacks.

MARCH 20, 3 pm

Easter Chick Pencil Topper

Have fun making your own Easter chick pencil topper.

MARCH 27, 3 pm

Easter Bunnies and Baskets

Join in the Easter fun making these cute bunnies and baskets!

APRIL 3, 3 pm

Very Hungry Caterpillars

Make your own very hungry caterpillar.

APRIL 17, 3 pm

Open Craft Table

Be creative, we'll have a variety of material for you to make what ever you can imagine!

YOUTH

TEEN SPACE

Fridays, 3 pm

Age 13+

Teen only space – hang out in this safe space; board games, art supplies and snacks provided.



FIBRECRAFT

Tuesdays, 1 pm

For those who love to knit, sew, and quilt, or would like to learn. Come to Fibrecraft, meet new people, relax, and spin a yarn or two!

TUESDAY TECH HELP

Tuesdays, 2-4 pm (not March 12)



Would you like some help with your tablet, cell phone or laptop, or want to learn more about apps or the internet? Help is at hand on Tuesdays! No appointments, drop in. Provided by **Queens Learning Network**.

QUEENS COUNTY TRANSIT

Wednesday, March 6, April 3, 1:30 pm

Join us for an information session on the services offered by **QCT** and how you can volunteer.

MORE REMARKABLE WOMEN OF QUEENS COUNTY

Wednesday, March 6, 1:30 pm

In celebration of International Women's Day, local historian **Kathy Stitt** will discuss three very remarkable women of Queens County: an outdoors woman, a teacher/explorer, and an educator and author.

Registration required call 902-354-5270.

SEXUAL HEALTH ROAD SHOW

Wednesday, March 20, April 17, 1-4 pm

Join **Julie Veinot** (*South Shore Sexual Health*) for a sexual health information road show. Whether you'd like to learn more about birth control or gender-affirming gear, drop in to this informal and confidential health and well-being service.

**STRETCH & FLEX CLASS**

Wednesday, March 27, April 24, 2 pm

Do you suffer from aching joints and tired muscles? Then join us for this gentle stretch class, using the entire body to increase mobility. This class with **Chris Whynot** (*Fitness Attendant, Queens Place Emera Centre*) is for anyone, but is particularly valuable for older adults. *Call 902-354-5270 to register.*

GET MOVING

Wednesday, April 3, 2 pm

The new year is the perfect time to think about becoming more active. **Kim Haliday** (*Region Of Queens Physical Activity Coordinator*) will talk about the different active living opportunities available in the Region of Queens. Drop in.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Wednesday, April 10, 1:30 pm

Local historian **Kathy Stitt** looks at the history of food preparation and the development of the cook book. You'll also have the opportunity to sample food prepared according to old, historical recipes! *Registration required call 902-354-5270*

RADDALL READING CLUB

Thursday, March 7, April 4, 6 pm

For those who like to read and discuss books with a group of open-minded people. March is *Guest List* by **Lucy Foley**, April is *King Lear* by **William Shakespeare**.

QUEENS GARDEN CLUB

Thursday, March 21, April 18, 6 pm

Queens County Garden Club is a group of gardening enthusiasts who love to spread their gardening knowledge. New members are always welcome.

SECOND STORY WOMEN'S CENTRE

Thursday, March 28, April 25, 2 pm



Second Story Women's Centre supports women and gender-oppressed people, provides safer spaces, and advocates for social change. Drop in and speak to **Nicole Robson** (*Outreach Coordinator*) for further information on the services they offer.

GERMAN CONVERSATION

Thursday, March 28, April 11, 25, 6 pm

Practice your German in this relaxed, volunteer-led conversation group. Beginners are always welcome!

ADAPTING TO HEMLOCK DEVASTATION

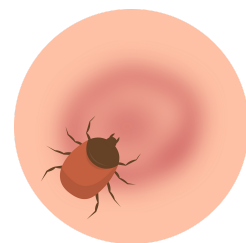
Thursday, March 28, 6 pm

Join ecologist **Colin Gray** (*Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute*) to learn more about the devastating effect Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, an invasive aphid-like insect, has on Hemlocks and how we can help the forests adapt to it.

HOLISTIC APPROACH TO LYME DISEASE

Thursday, April 25, 6 pm

Please join **Dr. Claudia Scheilmann** for a discussion on the holistic approach to Lyme Disease, followed by a question-and-answer session.



Saturday Smorgasbord

March

French Conversation **Every Saturday, 11 am**

Come and practice your French in a relaxed, informal setting and make new friends! All levels of French welcome, including beginners.

Become a Vendor at Privateers Market **Saturday, March 2, 2 pm**

Kate Fagan *Privateers Farmers Market Manager* will provide information and advice on how to be a vendor at the Privateer Farmers Market. This will include the application process, food permits and membership benefits.

Natural Fibre Art **Saturday, March 9, 10:30 am**

Willo Treschow of *Corkscrew Cottage Art* loves to explore her outdoor environment gathering natural elements, such as leaves, cones and branches to create art. Join Willo as she shares her experiences of this natural art making process.

Wood Sculpting: From Logs to Market **Saturday, March 16, 2 pm**

Alan Robart is a talented wood carver with years of experience of creating everyday items, such as tables, bowls and cutting boards, and artistic creations, using a variety of power tools and techniques. Join him for a presentation of his work and methods.

Bread Club **Saturday, March 23, 2 pm**

Join us for a bread baking journey throughout the winter months. Presented by baking enthusiast **Agnes Moase**. For the final one of the season, we'll be looking at quick make breads.
Registration required call 902-354-5270.

April

Sewing Help With Bev Crouse **Saturday, April 6, 1 pm**

Bring your sewing machine, project and questions and join **Bev Crouse** at the library.
Registration required call 902-354-5270.

Become a Walk Leader **Saturday, April 13, 1 -4 pm**

Do you like to walk, and are looking for a way to give back to your community? **Hike Nova Scotia** is looking for volunteer Walk Leaders, and they provide this free training session to give you the skills and confidence to take on this role.
Registration required call Hike NS, 902-483-2813.

Perfect Pasta Dishes **Saturday, April 20, 2 pm**

Join cooking enthusiast **Agnes Moase** for all things pasta. We'll look at the different types and shapes of pasta and the best sauces for each.
Registration required call 902-354-5270.

Let's Get Dotty **Saturday, April 27, 2 pm**

Join art enthusiast **Brenda Zwicker** for a fun and relaxing afternoon creating unique dot mandala art on stone. In this workshop, you'll learn some basic techniques on paper, which you can then transfer to stone, one dot at a time. No painting skills needed. All materials provided.
Registration required call 902-354-5270.

Seeds on Saturday **Saturday, April 27, 10:30 am**

Want to grow your own food but don't know where to start? Come to Seeds on Saturday where gardening enthusiast **Vincent Dieras** will show you how to successfully grow your own nutritious food. Free vegetable and companion flower seeds will be available. Vincent has a background in horticulture, landscape design and greenhouse engineering.

STORY TIME

Tuesdays, 10:30 am

Age 3+

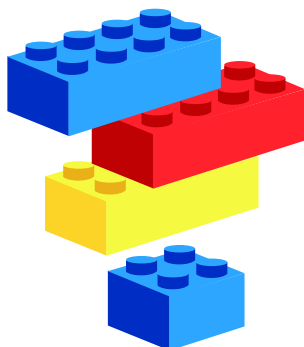
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LEGO LAB

Tuesdays, 3:30 pm

Age 6+

Have fun with Lego and try something new with our weekly construction challenges! Drop in.



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Wednesdays, 11 am

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HOMESCHOOL HUDDLE!

Wednesday, March 6, 20, April 3, 17, 1-3 pm

Age 5-14

Join South Shore homeschoolers to play games and enjoy some arts and crafts. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and socialize with other homeschool kids, parents and guardians.

READ TO JACK!

LITERACY WITH A LAB

Saturday, March 23, April 13, 11 am-12 pm



Join Jack, the therapy dog, for an hour of reading! Therapy dogs help children improve their reading and communication skills by acting as reading companions. Dogs may not be able to read, but they make great listeners with their non-judgmental presence! Come see Jack make a "paw-sitive" impact at the library.

ALL AGES



CELEBRATE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Saturday March 16, 11 am-12 pm

Celebrate the day decorating a St. Patrick's Day Cookie!
 "Cead mile failte romhat!" (kade meela fall-cheh row-itt).
 A hundred thousand welcomes!
 All ages welcome!

DECORATE AND EASTER CUPCAKE

Saturday March 30

11 am-12 pm

Come decorate a cupcake for Easter!
 All ages welcome!



YOUTH HORROR BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, March 19, April 16, 3:30 pm
Age 13+

Do you love all things creepy crawly? Have you read every Goosebumps book and want more? Join our Kids Horror Book Club! Each month we will read a different scary book and then meet up to talk about it, with snacks! Please email charity@ssplibraries.ca for more information!

March: *Doll Bones* by **Holly Black**

April: *Darkroom* by **KR Alexander**

TEEN WRITERS GROUP

Thursdays, 3:30 pm
Age 13+

Join other teens for a fun hour of writing and snacks! All are welcome, whether you have a work in progress, an idea that you don't know how to put on paper, or you're just interested in the process. All types of writers are encouraged to come; if you write poetry, fan fiction, lore, novels, anything else, you are welcome in our group! If you have a laptop or notebook that you work on, please bring that with you.

YOUTH SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Friday, March 8, 22, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:30 pm
Age 9+

Join us on Fridays in March and April for youth after-school science activities! Come learn new experiments, make new friends and make your own new things to take home. Drop in.

DIY DOLL CLOTHES!

Wednesday, March 6, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24
3:30 pm, Age 9+

Sew your own doll clothes! No sewing experience necessary. Design and sew your very own clothing & accessories for your dolls. Fabric and model dolls provided!



FRIDAY FUTURES - RESUME GLOW-UP

Friday, March 15, 1:30 pm, Age 14+

Drop by and see *NS Works School Liaison* **Lorenda Barkhouse** for one-on-one support uniquely for teens, with resumes, cover letters, job search and more! Come give your resume a glow-up and talk careers!



ADULTS

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 19, April 16, 6:30 pm

Open to anyone who is interested in reading and discussing books.

March: *The Wonder* by **Emma Donoghue**

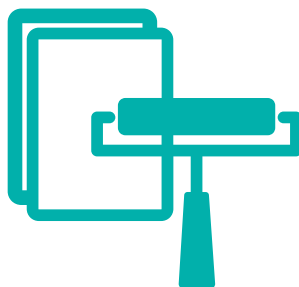
April: *Ducks* by **Kate Beaton**

INK PRINTMAKING

Tuesday April 9, 1-2:30 pm

Make ink prints on recycled fabric by using housewares as stamps. Bring your own glassware, fruits, toys, or anything you think might make a unique print design! Fabric and some objects provided.

Registration required call 902-543-9222.



DISCOVERING THE NATURE OF LONGEVITY

Tuesday April 2, 7 pm

Join local author **Douglas Mulhall** for a presentation on his most recent book *Discovering the Nature of Longevity!*

SOUTH SHORE SCRIBES - CRITIQUE GROUP

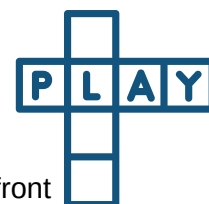
Wednesday, March 13, April 10, 6 pm

A once-a-month opportunity to share your written work, provide critiques and get feedback from beta readers! Call 902-543-9222 for more information.

SCRABBLE CLUB

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 2 pm

Come meet and compete with fellow Scrabble enthusiasts. Sign up at the front desk or call 902-543-9222 to register. Join today!



SHORT STORY THROW DOWN!

Wednesday, March 27, April 24, 6 pm

Four prompts, one performance, every month. A fun way to get words on the page and get confidence reading in public! Space is limited.

Registration required call 902-543-9222.

CHESS CLUB

Wednesdays, 6 pm

Join us and play chess! All skill levels welcome, including beginners.

Call 902-543-9222 for more information.

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March 21 - we will be making wool dryer balls

April 4 Special Guest: Education Coordinator for Region 6 Solid Waste Management

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DIABETES CLUB

Thursday, March 21, April 25, 6 pm

Join other diabetics in conversation about the joys and challenges of living with diabetes.

A new group, we will choose discussion topics, examine new and emerging technologies and literature to review.

You aren't alone!

OPEN MIC NIGHT!

Thursday, April 18, 7 pm

Sing, tell a joke, recite a poem, share a story or two. Open to performers of all stages and ages.

**CREATIVE WRITING FOR ADULTS**

Friday, March 1, April 5, 19, 10:30 am

If you always wanted to write, stopped writing and want to start again, or just try something new, this group is for you. The goal is to have fun, laugh and expand our world through writing. We'll use writing prompts, games and sharing to help invigorate our minds and stretch our imagination. Bring paper, pen and other writing tools you're comfortable with.

SPANISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Thursday, March 7, 21, April 4, 18, 10 am

The Spanish Conversation Circle is a volunteer led casual gathering aimed at providing a setting where people can practice their Spanish language skills. Please join us to chat in Spanish, listen and hablar en español con otras personas.

SPRING INTO EMPLOYMENT - NEWCOMER RESUME ASSISTANCE

Friday, April 12, 11 am-1 pm

Are you new to the Bridgewater area and looking for employment? Drop-in and see **Maria Viniegra** (*Employment Solutions Workshop Facilitator*) for one-on-one support with resumes, cover letters, job search and more! Bring your resume for review and discuss your employment and career goals.

NON FICTION BOOK CLUB

Saturdays, 3 pm

Hello, fellow readers! Rediscover the joy of reading in the company of like-minded people. We are going to cover books on philosophy, wellness, history, and habit-building. Our goal is to be engaged in the reading and learn practical knowledge from the material. As we read through, we will meet on the weekends to share our thoughts and ideas. For more information, please email charity@sslibraries.ca

March: *Meditations* by **Marcus Aurelius**

April: *Guns, Germs, and Steel* by **Jared Diamond**

SHOREBIRD IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP AND FIELD SESSION

Saturday, April 20, 11 am-12:30 pm

Join *Birds Canada* biologist **Avery Nagy** for a presentation and short outdoor field session on shorebird identification!

**PAINT UKRAINIAN EASTER EGGS**

Saturday, March 30, 1-3 pm

Make Ukrainian painted eggs for Easter! Join local artist **Peter Matyas** for an afternoon of egg painting while learning about this incredible and intricate craft. Registration required call 902-543-9222



Get Growing Gardening Series

Isabel Brechin, an organic gardener with seven years of farm experience, will guide you through the creation of garden plan. Whether you have a small or large garden, floral or vegetable, this workshop series will give you the knowledge and confidence to start or improve your garden. The workshops will cover various topics, from plant selection to layout design and maintenance strategies, to educate and empower participants. The series includes Q&A and discussion opportunities for questions. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other South Shore gardeners and learn from their tips and experience.

Friday, March 1, 2-4 pm

Sprout Your Vision- Let's Get This Garden Started! The Basics of Garden Planning

Friday, March 8, 2-4 pm

Unleash Your Inner Landscape Artist! Designing Your Garden: Layout and Implementation Strategies

Friday, March 22, 2-4 pm

You've Got Your Plan- Now What? Garden Maintenance and Troubleshooting



Protect Yourself From Fraud Series

Over \$305 million has been reported loss for investment fraud!

Join at the Bridgewater Library for FREE sessions and learn how to protect yourself from Fraud!



Protect Yourself From Investment Fraud

Tuesday, April 2, 6 pm

In 2022, the reported loss from investment fraud in Canada was \$305 million. If you were approached with an investment opportunity that was fraudulent, would you know how to recognize it? Join **David Harrison** from the *Nova Scotia Securities Commission* as he explains how specific investment frauds work, and the red flags you can watch for to recognize fraud and avoid it.

Recognizing Financial Elder Abuse and Investment Fraud

Tuesday, April 9, 6 pm

Did you know that financial elder abuse is the most prevalent form of elder abuse? As Nova Scotia's population continues to get older, financial elder abuse is becoming more prevalent. Join **David Harrison** from the *Nova Scotia Securities Commission* to learn what financial elder abuse is, some of the vulnerabilities and warning signs and what to do if you think a loved one may be a victim. David will also examine the red flags of investment fraud to help you recognize and avoid investment fraud.

Investing 101

Tuesday, April 16, 6 pm

Do you know the difference between saving and investing? What about an RRSP and a TFSA? Do you know your stocks from your bonds? Your mutual funds from your exchange-traded funds? Join **David Harrison** from the *Nova Scotia Securities Commission* as he explains how securities regulation works in Canada and the difference between basic investments.

DIY Investing: Is it Right for You?

Tuesday, April 23, 6 pm


In 2021 3.6 million Canadians opened DIY investing accounts. Should you jump on this rising trend? Is DIY investing a good fit for you and your financial goals? Join **David Harrison** from the *Nova Scotia Securities Commission* as he explains the basics of DIY investing, some of the pros and cons, and how to determine if it's the right path in your investing journey.

NEW RELEASES

March 2024

The Poisons We Drink by Bethany Baptiste (05 Mar)
Love potions is a dangerous business. Brewing has painful, debilitating side effects, and getting caught means death or a prison sentence. But what Venus is most afraid of is the dark, sentient magic within her. Then an enemy's iron bullet kills her mother, Venus's life implodes. Keeping her reckless little sister Janus safe is now her responsibility. When the powerful Grand Witcher offers Venus the chance to punish her mother's killer, she has to pay a steep price for revenge. As Venus crawls deeper into the corrupt underbelly of her city, the line between magic and power blurs, and it's hard to tell who to trust...Herself included.


Wandering Stars by Tommy Orange (05 Mar)
Colorado, 1864. Star is brought to the Fort Marion Prison Castle, where he is forced to learn English and practice Christianity by Richard Henry Pratt, an evangelical who will go on to found the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, an institution dedicated to the eradication of Native history, culture, and identity.
Oakland, 2018. Opal is barely holding her family together after the shooting that nearly took the life of her nephew Orvil. Orvil has become emotionally reliant on the prescription medications meant to ease his physical trauma. His brother, suffering from PTSD, is struggling to make sense of the carnage he witnessed by secretly cutting himself and enacting blood rituals that he hopes will connect him to his Cheyenne heritage. Opal is equally adrift, experimenting with Ceremony and peyote, searching for a way to heal her wounded family.

Rainbow Black by Maggie Thrash (19 Mar) 
Lacey Bond is a thirteen-year-old girl in New Hampshire growing up in the tranquility of her hippie parents' rural daycare center. Then the Satanic Panic hits. It's the summer of 1990 when Lacey's parents are handcuffed, flung into the county jail, and faced with a torrent of jaw-dropping accusations as part of a mass hysteria sweeping the nation. When a horrific murder brings Lacey to the breaking point, she makes a ruthless choice that will haunt her for decades.

Where Sleeping Girls Lie by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé (19 Mar)
Sade is starting her third year of high school, this time at a prestigious boarding school. After being home-schooled all her life she's not sure what will happen. What she doesn't expect is for her roommate Elizabeth to disappear after Sade's first night. Or for people to think she had something to do with it. It doesn't help that she's already dealing with grief from the many tragedies in her family. And then a student is found dead. The more Sade investigates, the more she realizes there's more to this school and its students than she realized. Secrets lurk around every corner and beneath every surface...secrets that rival even her own.

April 2024

Lake of Souls: Collected Short Fiction by Ann Leckie (02 April)
Journey across the stars of the Imperial Radch universe. Listen to the words of the Old Gods that ruled The Raven Tower. Learn the secrets of the mysterious Lake of Souls. And so much more, in this masterfully wide-ranging and immersive short fiction collection from award-winning author Ann Leckie.

Here We Go Again by Alison Cochrun (02 April) 
A long time ago, Logan and Rosemary used to be friends. But then an incident the summer before high school turned them into bitter rivals. After graduation, they went ten years without speaking. Now in their thirties, Logan and Rosemary find they aren't quite living the lives of adventure they imagined for themselves. Still in their small town and working as teachers at their alma mater, they're both stuck in old patterns. And as hard as they try to avoid each other—and their complicated past—they keep crashing into each other. Including with their cars. But when their beloved former English teacher and lifelong mentor tells them he has only a few months to live, they're forced together once and for all to fulfill his last cross-country road trip. Stuffed into the gayest van west of the Mississippi, the three embark on a life-changing summer trip—from Washington state to the Grand Canyon, from the Gulf Coast to coastal Maine—that will chart a new future and perhaps lead them back to one another.

Knife by Salman Rushdie (16 April)
From internationally renowned writer and Booker Prize winner Salman Rushdie, a searing, deeply personal account of enduring—and surviving—an attempt on his life thirty years after the fatwa that was ordered against him. Speaking out for the first time, and in unforgettable detail, about the traumatic events of August 12, 2022, Salman Rushdie answers violence with art, and reminds us of the power of words to make sense of the unthinkable. Knife is a gripping, intimate, and ultimately life-affirming meditation on life, loss, love, art—and finding the strength to stand up again.

The Backyard Bird Chronicles by Amy Tan (23 April)
Tracking the natural beauty that surrounds us, The Backyard Bird Chronicles maps the passage of time through daily entries, thoughtful questions, and beautiful original sketches. With boundless charm and wit, author Amy Tan charts her foray into birding and the natural wonders of the world. In search of peace, Tan turned toward the natural world just beyond her window and, specifically, the birds visiting her yard. But what began as an attempt to find solace turned into something far greater—an opportunity to savor quiet moments during a volatile time, connect to nature in a meaningful way, and imagine the intricate lives of the birds she admired.



Join the Summer Reading Club

June 15-August 26

The TD Summer Reading Club is a totally free and fun program that encourages kids to read over their summer break from school.

The program is adaptable to kids of all ages interests, and abilities.

Read all summer long. Keep track of the time spent reading and get rewarded with fun prizes.

**Please join us for
some amazing
reading-related
activities - we'll be
exploring indoors
and outside!**

**Read
independently,
record your
reading time and
claim your prizes
along the way!**

Level 1 - 2 Hours

Level 2 - 4 Hours in total

Level 3 - 6 Hours in total

Level 4 - 8 Hours in total

Level 5 - 10 Hours in total

Bonus Levels

Level 6 - 15 Hours in total

Level 7 - 20 Hours in total



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Workplace Education Initiative Transformational Leadership

Wednesdays, April 24 - June 26
8:30 am-12:30 pm

Maximum
12 Participants

What to Expect

More than ever before business leaders and those managing people are called to a higher place in terms of their vision, alignment with purpose, ethical practices, creative problem solving skills, and success with engaging and inspiring employees. This program is intended for business owners and managers who want to develop and/or strengthen their leadership skills.

Key Covered Topics

- Foundations of leadership
- Leadership styles
- Maxwell's Model of Leadership
- Building trust
- Change management
- Becoming an employer of choice

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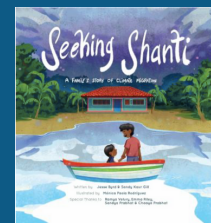
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Earth Day Reads for Kids

Seeking Shanti

a Family's Story of Climate Migration
Jesse Byrd

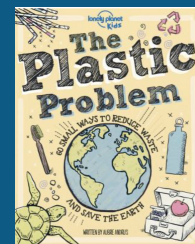
After Kavya and her family are flooded out of their home in Southeast Asia, they have to make the difficult decision to return and try to rebuild or move away from their native land.



The Plastic Problem

Aubre Andrus

In Plastic Planet you'll learn how to become a plastic patroller instead of a plastic polluter by learning about the easy ways you can cut plastic out of your life. The simple actions found in this practical guide will help you protect our world and inspire your friends and family to do the same.

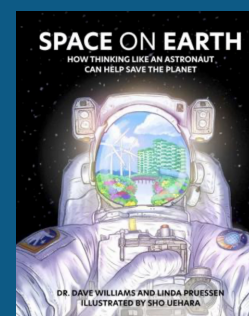


Space on Earth

How Thinking Like An Astronaut
Can Help Save the Planet

Dave Williams

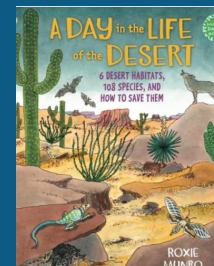
Astronauts, living on the International Space Station, have to protect their resources because their lives depend on it. They learn to conserve water, air, food, energy, and waste. These efforts have in turn lead to amazing and innovative ideas for air quality, food production, and water purification here on Earth.



A Day in the Life of the Desert
6 Desert Habitats, 108 Species,
and How to Save Them

Roxie Munro

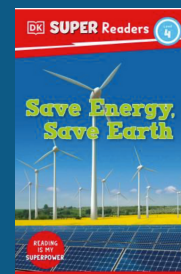
Tour 6 North American deserts in 24 hours from day break in the Mojave Desert through midnight in the Great Basin. Readers can also learn about what's being done to protect these unique habitats. Budding naturalists can dive into the extensive material in the back of the book



Save Energy, Save Earth

Jennifer Szymanski

The demand for energy keeps growing. Find out why that's a problem for the planet. Learn how new technologies - along with changing our own habits - can help save Earth.



We Are Better Together

Bill McKibben

From environmentalist and bestselling author Bill McKibben comes a hopeful, inspiring picture book celebrating the power of human cooperation and the beauty of life on Earth



Library Hours and Locations

Margaret Hennigar Public Library 135 North Park Street, Bridgewater 902-543-9222	Monday 10 - 5, Tuesday 10 - 9, Wednesday 10 - 9, Thursday 10 - 9 Friday 10 - 5, Saturday 10 - 5, Sunday 12 - 4
Lunenburg Library 97 Kaulbach Street, Lunenburg 902-634-8008	Monday 10 - 5, Tuesday 10 - 5, Wednesday 10 - 5, Thursday 10 - 8 Friday 10 - 5, Saturday 10 - 5, Sunday 12 - 4
Thomas H. Raddall Library 145 Old Bridge Street, Liverpool 902-354-5270	Tuesday 10 - 5 , Wednesday 10 - 5, Thursday 10 - 8 Friday 10 - 5, Saturday 10 - 5, Sunday 12 - 4
Alean Freeman Library 5060 Highway 210, Greenfield 902-685-5400	Wednesday 5 - 8, Saturday 10 - 5
Bookmobile 135 North Park Street, Bridgewater 902-543-2548	<div> Tuesdays New Ross 10:30- 12 Barss Corner 12:30 - 1 New Germany 3 - 4:30 </div> <div> Wednesdays Chester 1- 4:30, 5:30 - 6:45 Chester Basin 7- 8 </div> <div> Thursdays Mahone Bay 10:30 - 12:30, 1:00 - 4:30, 5:30 - 7 </div> <div> Friday 1 Mill Village 12:30 - 1:30 Port Mouton 2 - 3:30 March 15, April 5 & 26 </div> <div> Friday 2 Drumlin Hills 9:45 - 10:15 Blandford 12:30 - 2 Bonny Lea Farm 2:45 - 3:30 March 1 & 22, April 12 </div> <div> Friday 3 Broad Cove 10 - 10:45 Petite Riviere 11 - 12:30 Pentz 2 - 3 March 8, No Service March 29 , April 19 </div> <div> Saturdays Caledonia 10 - 12 </div> <div> Saturday 3 Pleasant River 12:45 - 1:15 March 9 & 30, April 20 </div>
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