

At the Library, for the week of November 1, 2024 (Antigonish & Pictou Counties)

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Making community connections, at the library

Yahoo! November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)! We invite all writers (especially those who are crafting their 50,000-word project for NaNoWriMo to Come Write In! Feel free to drop by the library for inspiration, support and fellowship. We understand that writing can sometimes be a lonely journey. We have comfy chairs, sturdy tables, free WiFi, public computers, printers, and lots of great research resources. And to help you achieve your writing goal – the Trenton Library is hosting a “Finish Your Novel!” Write In session, all day long on Saturday November 30, at 10:00 am to 2pm. We’ll have coffee, snacks and encouragement. Registration is not strictly necessary but appreciated! (as seating is limited). Looking for more wordsmithing inspiration (or commiseration)? We have weekly drop-in Writers Groups that meet at the Trenton Library on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm.

The new library in Pictou, at the deCoste Culture Hub, is now open with more hours too! The library is open Mondays to Saturdays (at 10:00am). Drop on by, and spend the day – curled up in a cozy chair next to the fireplace with a good book, enjoy the beauty of the art on display, explore the MakerSpace, take a walk on the harbour side Jitney Trail, and much more. Starting November 6, there is a CBC Ideas Discussion Group meeting weekly at the Pictou Library on Wednesdays at 1:00pm – to talk about topics from the podcast!

Need some helpful advice? RCMP Community Policing Officer, Const. Christene Pelly, will be by the Community Café at the Antigonish Library on November 2 at 2:00pm to talk about phone and email scams. In addition, there are two Armchair Travel presentations this month. Craig Seaboyer is sharing stories and footage from Henry Island (offshore of Port Hood), on November 14 at 7pm, at the Antigonish Library. Melanie Doiron is talking about “Mexico: Meet the Mayans” on November 20 at 6:00pm at the Pictou Library. The Westville Library is hosting two sessions provided by HealthyNS, “Healthy Eating 101” on November 19 at 2:00pm and “Meal Planning and Recipe Inspiration” on November 26 at 2:00pm (registration is required, as seating is limited). Aleksandra Trajkovic, an End-of-Life Doula, is offering the workshop, “Weaving Grieving into Meaning” at the Pictou Library on November 21 at 6pm (registration is required). The Grief Support Group monthly drop-in meeting facilitated by Dawn Peters, MSW, at the New Glasgow Library is November 30 at 10:00am (all are welcome).

Looking for something to do on Saturdays? Family Movie Matinees at the library this month include “The Good Dinosaur” at the New Glasgow Library on November 9 at 1:30pm, while the Antigonish Library is showing “Despicable Me 4” at 1:00pm on November 16. The New Glasgow Library Friday Film Matinee features “The Old Oak”, on November 8 at 1pm, and the Thursday Night Movie Club has “Drop the Needle” on November 21 at 6:00pm.

Letters to Santa! Starting November 15, you can drop by the library and write your letter to Santa (and we will mail it for you!). The libraries in Pictou County have also partnered with the Pictou County Christmas Fund this year, and if your family may need assistance this holiday season – we do have paper copies of the applications available (and the form is also online).

Something artful and heartfelt, this month's Art on Display at the Antigonish Library features the work of Korey Friesen, “Blooming Within Isolation”, and an opening reception with the artist will be held on November 5 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. All are welcome to drop by.

Rounding out the month, we have several crafting workshops. The River John Library has a “Poppy Suncatcher Craft” program on November 8 at 3pm. The Trenton Library has a “Make a Paper Wreath” from upcycling old book pages on November 14 at 3:00pm, and a “Holiday Ornament Needle-felting workshop” on November 19 at

1:30pm (registration required). The Stellarton Library Library has a “Holiday Ornament Needle-felting workshop” on November 19 at 6:00pm (registration required). The New Glasgow Library has a “Holiday Ornament Needle-felting workshop” on November 26 at 6:00pm (registration required). The Antigonish Library has a MakerSpace workshop, “Making a Personalised Canvas Bag with an Heat Press”, on November 14 at 7:00pm, and an Adult Craft Night, on November 28 at 6:00pm – and they will be making “Book Angels” (registration is required for both programs). The Pictou Library has a “Wreath Making workshop” on November 27 at 2:30pm - and hosting a “Cookie Swap” on November 30 at 2:30pm (registration is required for both programs)!

Psst! ... The library’s annual fundraising campaign, “Gift-a-Book” will also begin in mid-November and continue until the end of December. Looking for the perfect gift for someone on your shopping list? Why not sponsor a library book (or DVD) in their name (and you have the option to read the new book first!), receive a lovely gift card and an income tax receipt too! It’s the thoughtful gift that keeps on giving! More details coming soon on the library’s website, and displays at each library location.

Please note, the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library will be closed on Monday November 11 for Remembrance Day. 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.