

# THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS



Exploring the Birds of Ontario with David T. Chapman  
June 1 at 11am  
L.E Shore Memorial Library

## Library Board News

New to the BMPL newsletter will be the monthly Board Corner. This will include updates on what has occurred in the previous month and what is planned for the coming month.

The past few months have been an extremely busy time for the Board. In February an Action Plan for 2018 was approved and many items are either completed or in progress already. In March the Board approved the new By-Laws and Governance documents. The By-Laws & Governance Committee, chaired by Laurey Gillies with Maurice Pepper and Odette Bartnicki as members have spent more than 100 hours working on these documents and we hope to be an exemplar to others in the province. The documents follow the **Public Libraries Act**, and explain not only what must be completed by legislation, but how the Board will conduct procedural business as well. The Human Resources and Health & Safety policies were completed in April. This document follows to outline of the **Employment Standards Act**, again, to make navigating the act and procedures a simpler task for our personnel.

At the April meeting the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Library Board and Council. This document has now been sent to Council for approval and is scheduled to be presented at the May 14 Committee of the Whole. Both the Southern Ontario Library Services and the Ministry of Tourism Culture & Sport have reviewed the document and state it is an exemplar MOU for library/municipal use.

Elections for Chair and Vice Chair occurred April 19 with Odette Bartnicki accepting the Chair and Maurice Pepper the Vice Chair. These rolls will expire with the appointment of the new Board following the Town's election and swearing in.

Also new is the Public Input on the Agenda at each meeting. Community members are invited to speak on any agenda item, so the Board may hear input prior to their deliberation and decision making. Although we did not have anyone speak in April, we do hope community members will take advantage of this opportunity.

On April 14 the community was invited to vote on the Mission. To date, over 150 people have voted online via the BMPL website and 70 have voted onsite at CHD and LES. This vote remains open until May 14. The Mission will be ratified at the May Board Meeting.

Chair Bartnicki stated, "We are very proud of the accomplishments of the current board over the past year, the most important of which has been the hiring of our CEO, Dr. Sabrina Saunders. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Board Committees, we now have comprehensive by-laws and policies in place to guide both governance and library operations, and we are working towards a comprehensive Strategic Plan for 2018-2022 with the involvement of all stakeholders. Together with our excellent staff, we will continue to provide progressive, innovative and inclusive Library, Museum and Gallery services to all who live and visit The Town of The Blue Mountains."

# Museum News

## Victoria Day Fun Facts

We all hope for spring to arrive on our annual May holiday, but what is the history behind Victoria Day? It was started as a celebration of the birthday of Queen Victoria who was born on May 24, 1837. It was initiated in 1845 by the province of Canada, which was then a British Colony made up of present day Ontario and Quebec.

When Queen Victoria was alive, entire communities would gather to toast the reigning monarch. A public day off to celebrate was rare and this one happened at the start of warmer weather. Many came out to share together at community picnics, local parades or sporting events.

When Queen Victoria died in 1901 the day was made a federal public holiday and officially named Victoria Day. The holiday changed its focus and a toast to King Edward was celebrated from 1901-1910. In 1953, Victoria Day was acknowledged as the reigning monarch's birthday in Canada, and made official in 1957 and now we celebrate Queen Elizabeth, Victoria's great, great, granddaughter.

For many it is a time to connect with family, open the cottage, start the garden, shed the winter clothes. If you are looking for a different way to mark the weekend why not visit Craigeleith.

The Craigeleith Heritage Depot is celebrating International Museum Day and Victoria Day weekend together. On Friday May 18 and Saturday May 19, from 1-4 pm bring your friends and family and step back into time by jumping into a historic photo. Be Queen V., or pop on a hat or cape and have your photo taken. Cost, by donation.



QUEEN VICTORIA

Guest Book Quotes from  
the Craigeleith Heritage  
Depot

“Great renovation of the  
Craigeleith Train Station”

## In the Gallery



OWL BY ROISIN CADIEUX

### Lyrical Landscapes by Roisin Cadieux

Show runs from May 5 to May 30, 2018 in the L.E. Shore Gallery.

Join us Saturday, May 12th from 2-4 pm for the opening reception of Lyrical Landscapes.

Roisin writes, "I am a multidisciplinary artist, my primary expression through sculpture. I think of myself as a storyteller, lover of nature, literature, music, craft, art and food. I try to create new languages, new ways of communicating with my loves, which emerge through the exploration of different materials, and interactions with nature. I have been a craft professional for over 30 years in my home based studio, having made and sold work across Canada, the US and the UK. I crave big nature and water, I try to communicate this in my work, no matter the materials".

Roisin Cadieux's artwork is on display in the Gallery from May 5th till May 30th.

# Programs

**Contact the Library or visit our website's Event Calendar to register for programs.**

**Unless indicated, all programs are free.**

**LES = L.E. Shore Memorial Library**

**CHD = Craigleith Heritage Depot**

**Seniors Exercise** Sitting or standing, no matter your ability. Improve your fitness and balance. \$2/person. Every Monday and Wednesday 10:30-11:30am at LES.

**Family Friday Story Time** A great way to start your weekend! Ages 0-5 years. Stories, crafts, games, sensory play and fun. Every Friday 10:45-11:30am in the L.E. Shore Story Tower.

**Yoga for Kids!** Join local instructor, Kara, for a fun yoga class. Ages 6 and up. Cost by donation. Every Monday and Wednesday 3:30-4:15pm at LES. There are spaces available on Mondays.

**Win a Week Away at Summer Camp!** Play the Summer Camp Scavenger Hunt during May and be entered into a draw to win one week at Camp Presqu'île. The Rotary Club has donated the cost for two youth (6-12 years) to win one week each. Winners to be announced at the Canada Day's Eve Party on June 30 at the Beaver Valley Community Centre.

**Seed Starting Workshop: Cukes, Zukes, and Squash!** Saturday, May 5 from 10:30am-noon at LES. Join us for a hands on seed planting experience with the Thornbury Community Garden. Children are welcome with adult present. Register online.

**Blue Mountains Writer's Group** Tuesday, May 8 and May 22 from 1:30-3pm at CHD. For writers of all genres to meet and discuss all things literary.

**Make and Take Wednesday** May 9 from 4-6 pm at CHD. Looking to give a unique card for Mother's Day, why not quill her a card! All supplies provided by the CHD. Cost by donation.

**Mother's Day** May 13 all day, gather bouquets of lilacs from the Craigleith Heritage Depot's grove for all the moms in your life. Bring your shears and cut some fragrant blossoms.

**Rotary ShelterBox** May 14-25, the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary will be showcasing ShelterBox in the LES Gallery. ShelterBox responds instantly to disasters around the world by providing emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies that families need to survive in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.

**Sweetwater Meditation Circle** May 17 from 2-3pm at the CHD. Learn simple breathing techniques, and explore different meditative practices. Come, clear your mind and calm your body.

**Green Screen Experience** International Museum Day, Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19 from 1-4 pm at CHD. Channel your inner Queen Victoria and jump into a historic photo! Cost, by donation.

**Windows 10 with Richard the Computer Guy.** Struggling with Windows 10? Ask the expert. Wednesday, May 23 from 2-3pm at LES. Register online.

**iPad Mail, Messages and Skype** with Darrell Noseworthy Friday, May 25 from 2-4pm at LES. Learn more about the communications apps: Mail, Messages and Skype. For people who have taken iPad Basics. Maximum registration is 6 people. Cost is \$15. Register online.

**Craigleith Heritage Depot Book Club** Meets in the turret room Wednesday May 30 at 6:30pm. This month the group discusses "The Girl with the Pearl Earring" by Tracey Chevalier.

**World Travels (with Kids)** More families than ever are taking long term trips with their children. Join us on Thursday, May 31 at 6:30pm at LES and hear how two local families schooled their children on the road during extended family trips. The Harris Family toured all of the Canadian Provincial Parks and visited Costa Rica with their two children, while the Curries took a month-long journey to Thailand with their daughter. Pictures, stories, advice, and Q&As - learn all about travelling the world (with kids!) Free, drop-in program.

**Exploring the Birds of Ontario.** Photographer, David T. Chapman, will be at LES Friday, June 1 at 11am for an Ontario bird watching presentation. Free program for all-ages. Register online.



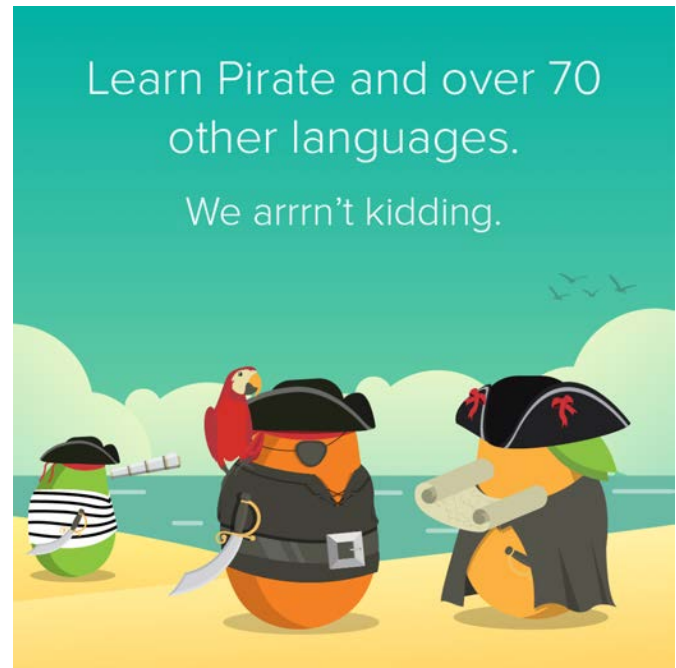
## Survey #2: Vote On Our New Mission Statement until May 14

A Mission Statement defines the core purpose of The Blue Mountains Public Library (library, museum and gallery). It tells us what we do and why we exist.

Mission Statement 1: The Blue Mountains Public Library engages the community in 21st century literacies, cultural and creative experiences, exploration and research, in an inclusive environment.

Mission Statement 2: The Blue Mountains Public Library is the dynamic centre of community engagement where everyone is free to create, explore, learn, research and connect in an inclusive environment.

To cast your vote, visit one of our branches or go online before May 14: <http://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/surveys.cfm>



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**THE CANADA DAY EVE PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY JUNE 30TH FROM 4-9PM AT THE BEAVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE. LIVE MUSIC, LOCAL, FRESH FOODS AND BBQ, DRINKS, TREATS, AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES. A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES! TO BE FOLLOWED BY FIREWORKS AT TOMAHAWK.**



**Library Board Meeting:** Thursday, May 17 at 2pm in the L.E. Shore Gallery

**Victoria Day:** We are closed Monday, May 21 for Victoria Day.

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Monday 10-5  
Tuesday 10-8  
Wednesday 10-5  
Thursday 10-8  
Friday 10-5  
Saturday 10-5  
Sunday 12-4

### Craigeleith Heritage Depot

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Monday CLOSED  
Tuesday 12-5  
Wednesday 3-8  
Thursday 12-5  
Friday 12-5  
Saturday 10-5  
Sunday 12-5