

# THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS



## Bringing the Arts to Life: Let's Get Digital

Introducing The Blue Mountains Creator Space Digital Arts Lab, in partnership with the Blue Mountains Public Library, with support from the Canada Council for the Arts

Every good idea deserves an opportunity to become something great. The idea was to develop a digital arts lab designed for the public to learn, explore and create digital art — the opportunity came in the form of a partnership between the Blue Mountains Public Library and a group of local digital artists, with support from the Canada Council for the Arts. When opportunity, passion, and good timing all align, innovative ideas come to life. It was this formula that initiated The Blue Mountains Creator Space Digital Arts Lab, opening to the public this month at the Marsh Street Centre.

The Blue Mountains Creator Space comes to the South Georgian Bay region, thanks to a new stream of funding from the Canada Council called the Digital Strategy Fund, with a purpose to stimulate the digital transformation of the arts sector in Canada. The purpose of the program is not to replace traditional methods of art, but rather to support Canadian artists and organizations in understanding the digital world, engaging with it, and responding to the cultural and social changes it produces.

As societal transformation occurs from the use of digital technologies, new directions are forged and new ways of creating are developed. Mobile technologies and platforms are rapidly changing how we consume and communicate content, and we must adapt. Collaborative creation, public curation and the blurring of professional and amateur status in the digital world opens up an increased potential for success of digital content. The opportunities of these emerging digital technologies are not always experienced equally, as not all communities have equal access to the means of learning, exploring and creating via digital technologies.

The Creator Space will empower the public to access state-of-the-art digital equipment, training, and the ability to book time in the digital arts lab for their own creative works. Year-round free or low-cost programming will focus on four streams of digital art: Digital Video, Digital Sound, Digital Design and Digital Photography. Free membership with The Blue Mountains Creator Space will be available to the public, and members of the Blue Mountains Public Library will have the option to borrow digital art tools such as digital video, photography and sound recording equipment. Kids summer camps, as well as introductory workshops for youth and adults will be available starting July 2019. What will you create at The Blue Mountains Creator Space Digital Arts Lab?

For more information visit: [tbmcreatorspace.com](http://tbmcreatorspace.com)

# Ferns, Orchids, and the Niagara Escarpment



July is a perfect time to be outside! In The Town of The Blue Mountains there are amazing spots to enjoy during every season. People have been drawn to this region for thousands of years, in part due to the Niagara Escarpment and what it provides: natural resources, protection from the elements, and ample opportunities for recreation.

A variety of plants and animals claim this area as home as well, adding to a unique natural heritage. The Niagara Escarpment provides numerous microhabitats for plants like ferns and orchids, which can require specific conditions and growing environments. You may find an orchid like Dragon’s Mouth (aka Swamp Pink) in the Beaver Valley-Blue Mountains area, or Hart’s Tongue Fern, which is rare outside of Grey-Bruce.

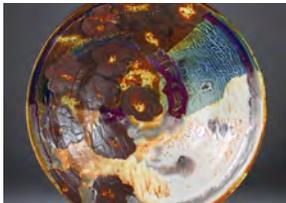
A new online resource about the Niagara Escarpment can be found at BMPL Virtual Library or [library.biblioboard.com](http://library.biblioboard.com) (Search “Niagara Escarpment”). The Craigeith Heritage Depot seeks submissions from the public to expand this online collection, with a focus on ferns and orchids in 2019.

Community members are asked to add their own pictures of ferns and orchids found in the local area, especially The Town of The Blue Mountains. Pictures, artwork, video recordings and more are welcomed. Follow this link to share your pictures and more: <https://bluemountains.librariesshare.com/niagaraescarpment/>

When exploring local public trails, remember the Naturalist’s Code: take nothing but pictures and leave only footprints. With orchids, it is especially important to avoid stepping close or touching them, since they are easily damaged.

Check out these books to help with fern and orchid identification, along with resources found on BiblioBoard. A Guide to the Ferns of Grey and Bruce Counties; A Field Guide to Ferns and their Related Families; A Guide to the Orchids of Bruce and Grey Counties; First Book of Ontario Wildflowers.

Connect with Blue Mountain Watershed Trust, Bruce Trail Conservancy, and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to learn about other ways you can enjoy, preserve, and protect the natural life in and around The Blue Mountains. Look for information about the July 6th Reading the Landscape program — you may spot some local ferns and orchids on this guided hike (see Programs for more info). To learn more about this project or local natural heritage, visit the Craigeith Heritage Depot and L.E. Shore Library.



## In the Gallery

### 4th Annual Summer Invitational

The show runs **June 29th to August 28th** in the Gallery at L.E. Shore.  
**Opening Reception:** Saturday, July 6th, 2:00pm-4:00pm. This is a licensed event.

The ACC is holding their 4th Annual Summer Invitational Show of Arts and Crafts during the months of July and August. Six artists were invited to exhibit based on their unique creative interpretations, variety of media and high level of artistic skill. This year, the artists participating are:

- Sharon Barfoot:** Abstract expressionism
- Delia Eastwood:** Elements of nature in acrylic painting
- David Fisher:** Photorealism in oils
- Steve Irvine:** Pottery
- Carol Norris:** Wildlife and nature photography
- Barb Pearn:** Impressionist landscape painting

# 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 Library**

**CHD = Craigeleith Heritage Depot**

## Seniors' Exercise

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30am-11:30am at LES  
Sitting or standing, no matter your ability. Improve your fitness & balance. Drop-in. Cost is \$2.

## From the Heart Library Knitting Group

Every Thursday, 1:00pm-3:00pm at LES  
Bring your unfinished projects or your knitting problems. Learn to knit. Come out for coffee, tea & laughter. Free program. All ages.

## Reading the Landscape with Robert Burcher

Saturday, July 6th, 11:00am-12:00pm at LES  
Meet us at LES for a guided hike along the Beaver River with Robert Burcher. Learn about our community's history while appreciating the beauty and serenity of nature. Free event. Registration required.

## CHD Book Club

Wednesday, July 17th, 6:30pm at CHD  
This month's book is *The Promise of Canada* by Charlotte Gray.

## Digi-Talk: An Introduction to TBM Creator Space

Thursday, July 25th at 7:00pm at LES  
Learn about summer and fall programming and meet the instructors. Digital artists present upcoming courses and discuss the new TBM Creator Space, the digital arts lab, and digital equipment. Register at [julydigitalk.eventbrite.ca](http://julydigitalk.eventbrite.ca)

## Observatory Night with Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

Thursday, August 1st at 7:00pm at LES  
The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) will be at the L.E. Shore Library for an exciting "What's New in Astronomy" presentation. Topics covered will include exoplanet research, the latest black hole discoveries, and the Parker Solar Probe Mission, which is the first mission to study the sun up close and personal. The evening will then culminate with a visit to the Carr Observatory (maps provided) for an evening of stargazing, with access to several high power telescopes. Please note that parking at the Observatory is limited and car-pooling is encouraged. There is no cost for this event, however registration is required.

# Happy Retirement, Dorothy!



After two decades, Dorothy Vernon is retiring from volunteer service at the Library.

Dorothy Vernon has been a volunteer at the library since before there was an L.E. Shore Library! She grew up in this area, and after living and raising her kids in California, she returned to Ontario. As a volunteer for over 25 years, she has done almost every job at the Library, including entering the collection into our first computer catalogue and working at the circulation desk.

Over the last several years, Dorothy has worked every week at L.E. Shore, receiving, stamping and taping new books as they arrive at the Library.

Dorothy is known for her keen fashion sense and eye for jewelry from the BVO Treasure Shop. She is an avid knitter and crocheter. Always generous with her time, she has lots of great stories to tell — it is a pleasure to share a work space with her.

We will miss working with Dorothy at the Library, but happy to see her as a regular attendee at Seniors' Exercise. Dorothy's contribution to the Blue Mountains Public Library is invaluable; she will always be a member of the Library family!

## Interlibrary Loan Resumes July 3rd!

On April 18th, following cuts to the Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS), the Interlibrary Loan Ontario (ILLO) program was suspended. On June 1st, libraries began to reinstate their services. In order for BMPL to identify funds needed to reinstate ILLO, we chose to keep our system suspended for the month of June.

On June 13th, an ILLO Information Session and Consultation occurred. We additionally offered a survey where we asked for feedback on the importance of ILLO to the community and recommendations for how to fund the program which had previously been paid for through provincial resources.

While BMPL will resume ILLO on Wednesday, July 3rd, a number of changes to the program are necessary. (1) A limit on materials will be in place. Three items will be allowed in a one month period. In special situations the staff may consider requests for additional items. (2) Book clubs will no longer be supported. Any patron needing books for their book club may request these materials and we will be happy to bring them in. (3) All ILLOs will be held for one week. Anyone who does not pick up the materials after one week will have a \$5 fine per book for restocking. You may contact us if you need additional time.

It should be noted that the reinstatement of BMPL's ILLO is a 6 month pilot. While we value the program, we may not have the funds to take on maintain the program without the provincial supports which used to be available, now that the cost of running ILLO has become a BMPL expense. Unfortunately, changes to the program won't find all the dollars required to keep the program. Many individuals and book clubs have stated they would be interested in making contributions to keep this program going, should we reinstate it. We hope this will occur. Regardless, we will run the 2019 program as a pilot as we, and other libraries across Ontario, identify what the new ILLO program will look like.

## Library Board Corner

The Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) Board is happy to announce the **appointment of Kirsty Stevenson to the Museum Advisory Council (MAC)**. Kirsty will join the MAC as of the June 26th meeting.

The Board is half-way through the first year of the four year term and have had many achievements. The completion of the annual Action Plan is a benchmark for which the Board will identify a successful year. 2019 includes 85 outcomes which will work towards the achievement of the 4 Strategic Plan goals and its 19 objectives. As of the June meeting, 39 of the 85 outcomes (46%) have been achieved.

If you have not yet subscribed to the Key Message Update Blog, please consider doing so. This monthly Board blog includes key information, challenges, and successes. Whether you are unable to make board meetings, or are just interested in the summary of important items for the month, this new blog is a great way to keep up to date on the activities of your Library Board. Please subscribe today on our website!



### L.E. Shore Library

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 Thornbury, Ontario  
 519-599-3681 ext 140  
[libraryinfo@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:libraryinfo@thebluemountains.ca)

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



The Library will be closed on Sunday, June 30 and Monday, July 1.  
 Join us for the Canada Day Eve Party at Beaver Valley Community Centre.

### Craigleith Heritage Depot

113 Lakeshore Road East  
 The Blue Mountains, Ontario  
 519-599-3681 ext 370  
[depot@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:depot@thebluemountains.ca)

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



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## YOUTH NEWS

### July 2019



## July Programs

### Story Time at the Beach

Every Friday, 11:00-11:30am,  
at Little River Park (next to  
Thornbury Pier). Features stories,  
crafts, games, sensory play and  
fun. Drop-in. Free event. Ages 0-5.  
Remember to wear  
sunscreen and a hat!



### Games for Tots in the Courtyard

Tuesday, July 2nd, 11:00-11:30am  
Join us at **LES** for some fun  
parachute games! We will be  
moving and grooving and getting  
active outside. Ages 0-5.  
Drop-in. Free event.



### Bilingual French Story Time

Wednesday, July 3rd,  
11:00-11:30am, **LES**  
Bonjour mes amis! Join us to read  
stories, makes some crafts and  
have lots of FUN in FRENCH!  
Ages 0-5. Drop-in. Free event.

### Slime Workshop with August Banks

Thursday, July 18th,  
1:00-2:00pm, **LES**  
August Banks, creator of Cosmic  
Cat Poo Slime is hosting a series  
of super fun Slime Workshops!  
This slime is ooey, gooey and one  
of a kind. \$10 per person all  
supplies provided. Pre-  
registration required.  
Ages 6 and up.

### Board Games and Nachos

Saturday, July 20th,  
1:00-3:00pm, **LES**  
Join us for some board games  
and a yummy snack. We will be  
making nachos! Free event.  
Ages 8 and up.  
Pre-registration required.

### Stained Glass Kites

Tuesday, July 23rd,  
1:30-2:30pm, **LES**  
We will be making some super  
COOL stained glass kites!  
Free event. Ages 8 and up.  
Please register online.

## July Programs

### Pop-Up Library at the Thornbury Farmers Market

30 Mill St, Thornbury  
Sunday, July 7th & July 21st,  
11:00am-2:00pm  
We will have stories to read,  
games to play, crafts to be make  
and lots of FUN!



### Story Time with Sophie

Friday, July 12th,  
10:00-10:45am, **LES**  
Join us in the Story Tower for  
a very special Story Time!  
Sophie the Therapy Dog will join  
us for some stories, crafts and  
lots of FUN!





## Sidewalk Astronomy with The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

Tuesday, July 9th & July 30th,  
1:00-3:00pm, LES

This is a drop in program organized by The Royal Astronomical Society (RASC). Get a look through a telescope and an explanation of what you are seeing. Ages 6 and up



## Fusion Mineral Paint Serving Tray Workshop

Tuesday, July 16th,  
5:30-7:00pm, LES

Carol Baskerville, owner of Interior Moves, will be here for a super fun and interactive serving tray workshop. \$20 per person, all supplies are provided. Pre-registration required. Ages 10 and up.



## DIY All Natural Sugar Scrub Workshop

Friday, July 19th,  
1:30-2:30pm, LES

The L.E. Shore library will be offering a DIY All Natural Sugar Scrub workshop. Ages 10 and up. Free event. Pre registration required.

## Reading Buddy Program

We here at LES would like to encourage you to 'book' time throughout the summer for your child to have a one-on-one reading session with our children's Programmer, Jen, or Adia, our summer student. This is a fantastic opportunity to keep them reading through the summer months and instill a passion for reading.



To book a time with Jen or Adia  
Call: 519-599- 3681  
Or email:

[libraryprograms@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:libraryprograms@thebluemountains.ca)

## Summer Reading Club

Attention all youth, ages 3-17 years. The TD Summer Reading Club is back again. We have lots of awesome prizes that you could win just by reading. Register at L.E. Shore Library or the Craigeleith Heritage Depot, and get a registration bag filled with goodies, including a tracking booklet and a tracking bookmark. Each book read over the summer is a stamp earned on the bookmark. Get 5 stamps and you can enter our prize draw. Prizes are gift baskets, courtesy of Pom Pom Treat Hut. Registration is free. So what are you waiting for? Get reading!