**Canadian Library Month**

Come celebrate One Card, One Million Possibilities for Canadian Library Month throughout October. You can celebrate by engaging with us online, by sharing your stories about the one million possibilities you've experienced with your library card, and all the different ways the library has been there for you. We'll also be giving you behind the scenes look into life in and at the library. Celebrate your One Million Possibilities!

To help make Canadian Library Month even more special, The Blue Mountains Public Library will be hosting award-winning, bestselling author Terry Fallis for an Author Talk as he presents his seventh book *Albatross* on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00pm. Register now to guarantee your spot to attend this virtual Author Talk. You can read all of Terry Fallis's works at the library by placing a hold here.

The house hippo is back during Media Literacy Week. For the week of October 26th to 30th, we'll Break the Fake as we all learn skills and tips to keep us safe online. By the end of the week, or maybe after the first day, we'll all be able to spot Fake News from Real News. Feel confident, stay safe online, and engage with others online to help spread the word about the importance of media literacy and being a good digital citizen using #MediaLitWk and #BreaktheFake.

**Virtual Star Gazing**

Tuesday, October 20th 7:00pm BMPL Zoom
Identify fall constellations using a live sky video with Ian Wheelband from RASC. This is a rain or shine event, as you'll still be able to view the sky from a remote telescope! Open to all ages, register to get the link to the meeting.

**Author Talk with Terry Fallis**

Thursday, October 22nd 7:00pm BMPL Zoom
Award-winning, bestselling author Terry Fallis will be presenting on his seventh and most recent novel "Albatross". Read all of Terry Fallis's works to get ready for this exciting virtual Author Talk. Register now to guarantee your spot.

**Break the Fake: Media Literacy Week**

Monday, October 26th to Friday, October 30th BMPL Facebook / Instagram / Twitter
Help spread the word about the importance of media literacy and good digital citizenship. Break the Fake activities will connect us from coast to coast to coast as we all learn to spot the Fake News all week long as we share tips to help you stay safe online and learn Fake News identifying skills.
Dive into the BMPL Archives!

To celebrate National Library Month, the Craigleith Heritage Depot would like to encourage you to dive into some BMPL Archives! October is a month when genealogists like to observe Family History. Have you explored your family’s history? The museum has many resources available to get you started.

To keep it simple, go to the BMPL YouTube channel to watch our Museum Technician fill out her family tree with her mother Fill Out Your Family Tree and chat with her father Father’s Day Family Tree.

To go more in-depth, visit the BMPL Virtual Branch on our website to see the Genealogy resources available at the library and museum, as well as links to other resourceful websites.

If you know your family’s military history we invite you to add your story to our online community exhibit Our Military Heritage at https://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/military

There are also a variety of library books and reference materials available for loan or access at the L.E. Shore Library and the Craigleith Heritage Depot to help you fill out your own family tree. Explore all our genealogy resources at our Virtual Branch at https://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/genealogy.cfm.

If you know your family’s military history we invite you to add your story to our online community exhibit Our Military Heritage at https://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/military

Right: Monica's Grandfather who served in the Navy in WWII and his sisters
Programs

L.E. Shore Library has Tech Loans available in our Library of Things. Borrow iPads, Chromebooks, Digital Cameras, Portable Project Screens and more! The Creator Space Mobile Digital Arts Lab also has great webinars available for anyone looking to develop their digital arts skills. See the Event Calendar for details about our online programs through social media and YouTube.

**BMPL Facebook** @thebluemountainslibrary
**BMPL Instagram** @bmlibrary
**CHD Facebook** @CraigleithDepot
**CHD Twitter** @CraigleithDepot
**YouTube:** The Blue Mountains Public Library

**MONDAY**

**Seniors Exercise with Sharon**
Mondays 10am BMPL Facebook
Sharon is on Facebook with light stretches and aerobics.

**Monday Museum Memes**
Mondays 10pm CHD Facebook / Twitter
Laugh out loud as staff share historical images through memes.

**Break the Fake: How to Tell What's True Online?** October 26 10:00am BMPL Zoom
Learn quick, easy steps you can take to spot misinformation and find out if something online is true or not! By the end of this workshop, you'll be able to know what's fake news and what's real news. Register now to attend this online workshop.

**TUESDAY**

**Cluesday Tuesday**
Tuesdays 12:00pm CHD Facebook / Twitter
Solve some mysteries or test your knowledge with photos from the Craigleith Heritage Depot archives collection to decipher, discover and delight on Cluesday Tuesday!

**The Kids Clubhouse**
Tuesdays 4:30pm BMPL YouTube
Kids Clubhouse is a fun and exciting program that provides engaging and interactive activities, crafts, puzzles and more. Weekly activity packs will be available for children registered in the program that they can create through the week at their own pace or by following along to a video shared on YouTube. Session 1 runs from Sept. 15 - Dec. 14.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Wired Wednesday**
Wednesdays 1pm BMPL Facebook / YouTube
Ashley discusses library resources and tech topics every week and provides live tech help. Oct 7 - Homework Help Resources
Oct 14 - Finding New Books in Our Catalogue
Oct 21 - Customizing Your Device's Background
Oct 28 - Media Literacy Week: Keeping Your Children Safe Online

**Bedtime Story Time**
Wednesdays 7pm BMPL Facebook / YouTube
Jen will be reading quiet stories to put your family in the mood for dreamland. Wear your PJs, brush your teeth, and visit with us.

**FRIDAY**

**Virtual Story Time**
Fridays 11am BMPL Facebook
Watch from the comfort of your own home. Every week features stories and fun. Ages 0-5 yrs or anyone who likes a good story.

**Trivia Game Night**
Fridays 7:00pm BMPL Facebook
Join the fun! Answer trivia questions and compete for the top-spot on our scoreboard. Find the link on the BMPL Facebook page.

**Favourite Fossils**
Fridays 5pm CHD Facebook & Twitter
Explore the ancient past through photos of our staff's favourite fossils in the museum collection. Share your own photos of your favourite fossils with us!

**SATURDAY**

**Spooktacular Halloween Howl**
Sat. October 31, 10am BMPL Facebook
Calling all witches, goblins and ghosts! Join us for a frightfully good time when we share spooky stories and activities. Howl with laughter when you stop in for a spell on our Facebook page.

**October is Canada Library Month!**
Visit page 1 of the Library News to learn more about these programs:

**Author Talk with Terry Fallis:**
October 22

**Break the Fake Media Literacy Week : October 26-30**

**Virtual Star Gazing with RASC:**
October 20

**Learn Digital Art Skills**
Register for Free:
[events.tbmcs.ca](http://events.tbmcs.ca)
**Virtual Town Hall September 28th**
The BMPL Board’s Communication & Strategic Planning Committee will be holding a second Virtual Town Hall on Sept 28th at 7:00pm. This will be broadcast live via Facebook. The Board is asking anyone with questions to please send them by Friday, Sept 18th to LibraryCEO@TheBlueMountains.ca. This will assist us in planning some of the talking points of the Town Hall. Questions can also be posed via the Facebook comments during the Live Event.

**Climate Change Reading List**
Does the very subject of climate change make you feel helpless and overwhelmed? Battle those feelings by learning about some possible approaches and solutions.

- **How to Talk to Your Kids About Climate Change (2020)** Tools and strategies for parents to explain the climate emergency to their children, maintain hope in the face of crisis, and galvanize positive action by encouraging today’s children to follow their passions in pursuit of a livable world.

- **The case for climate capitalism : economic solutions for a planet in crisis** (2020) by T. Rand. Rand rejects the old left/right ideologies, developing a more pragmatic view.


- **What can I do?: my path from climate despair to action** (2020) by Jane Fonda. Fonda weaves her deeply personal journey as an activist alongside interviews with leading climate scientists.

- **The citizen’s guide to climate success : overcoming myths that hinder progress (2020)** by M. Jaccard. Rather than feeling paralyzed and pursuing ineffective efforts, we can all make a few key changes in our lifestyles to reduce emissions and to contribute to the urgently needed affordable energy transition.

- **Our house is on fire : Greta Thunberg's call to save the planet** (2019) by J. Winter. This book for children covers such topics as humankind’s effect on climate, and what readers can do.


**Craigleith Heritage Depot Opened**
After nearly 10 months, the Craigleith Heritage Depot is now open. On August 30th the building opened for library service under the GBHU approved BMPL Reopening Plan: Stage 2. At the end of September the building will be opened to Stage 3 which includes full browsing of the museum collections, research services and computer access (by appointment). For more information visit our [Services Update & COVID-19 webpage](#).

**L.E. Shore NEW Fall Hours**
After receiving feedback from our patrons and watching the traffic patterns in the LES building, we are adjusting our hours for Fall 2020. As the pandemic continues and seasons change, we will continue to monitor and may make further adjustments. See below.

**Discovering the Elements of Water**
The Gallery at L.E. Shore is happy to be hosting many of the collections and book displays during the time of COVID, but we are also still actively showing local artists. *The March Trio: Black, Kimble & Yang* originally opened in March, prior to the pandemic. As a result, we have held their exhibit over through September 12th! The September exhibit of *Discovering the Elements of Water* will open on Tuesday, September 15th. This show will feature Bev Morgan, Donna Cambell, Leona Kennedy and Yuksell Hassan. While the fanfare of an opening reception will not be possible due to physical distancing, we invite you to take the opportunity to visit our gallery and discover these artists’ interpretations of water.