

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS



Tech Updates on the Way!

From card catalogues to computers, library technology is ever-changing. In the next few months, you'll see an update to the public computers, a brand-new library catalogue, and a refreshed website.

Public Computers

Users will notice a change to "Useful" on public computers. These are Linux-based computers designed for public libraries; they don't require time-consuming updates by an IT technician. With the new update, you won't need to enter your library card to use a workstation, and it will be easier to save documents in Microsoft Office.

Library Catalogue

In early March, the library will be introducing a new catalogue through **JASI**, the Joint Automation System Initiative, an Ontario-based library consortium. The new library catalogue is more cost-effective and offers features we don't currently have, including SMS text message notifications, eBooks and audiobook search integrated into the catalogue search, and the ability to store digital archives. The migration will happen over the span of a few weeks.

Certain features, such as placing holds and submitting patron requests, will be turned off temporarily while we move your requests to the new system. We will post updates on the project on our catalogue for users to see. At any time, if you are unable to log in, please call the library at 519-599-3681 ext. 2 or email us at libraryinfo@thebluemountains.ca and we will complete your request. We appreciate your patience!

The address of our library catalogue will change. We will post the new URL on our website, on our old catalogue, and we will send all users an email notification. Please note, your reading history will not be transferred to the new system. If you wish an electronic copy of your reading history, please contact us before March 15. The new system has an app called **BookMyne** to make using the catalogue even easier for smartphone users. We will let you know all about it as more information becomes available.

New Website

www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca is getting a makeover! Popular features like our blogs, event calendar, and program pages will still be there, and you'll see more Staff Picks than ever. Our "Virtual Branch" has been enhanced and we've added many links including online learning and local history online resources. We will get the new website out to you as soon as we can!

Caring for Collections at the Museum

For all those who might wonder what goes on behind the scenes at the museum, it is not quite like the movie, *Night at the Museum*. However, we do care for a range of very interesting items, which you might see throughout the year in our showcases. From fossils to costumes to newspapers, we have a wide range of material which require specific care for their long-term preservation.

In December, staff spent two weeks rebuilding the collection storage area, sorting and arranging artifacts to improve preservation. It was also an opportunity for all staff to see the collection and be inspired for their work assisting researchers and planning for upcoming exhibits and programmes.

Staff selected a few favourites during this process.



Monica, Museum Assistant:
A Doll Corset,
who knew that every well
dressed 19th c.
doll needed one?!



Allison, Museum Assistant:
*A hand drawn survey
by John Fleming*
of Con. 10 and 11, showing the
Metcalf Rock outcrop.



Alessia, Museum Intern:
Division Court Procedure Book
(April 19, 1890-August 24, 1898)
before typed court procedures.
These are heavy books!



Andrea, Curator:
*Handmade silk covered shoes
from the 1850's*.
The Marsh family received shoe
patterns from their British relatives.

In 2019, we will be focusing our work on the research and collection databases. This is to bring you future exciting stories through online exhibits on *Biblioboard*, *Yesterday's News* and in person when you visit the galleries.



ARTIST: JOYCE SEAGRAM

In the Gallery

Joyce Seagram: Quilts in Depth

The show runs March 2nd to March 27th in the Gallery at L.E. Shore.

Opening Reception: Saturday, March 2nd, 2-4pm

Hand-dyed original wall quilts, designed and created by textile artist, Joyce Seagram.

Antarctica: The Final Frontier

Tuesday, March 5th, 7:00pm

Explore the remote beauty of Antarctica with photographer/adventurers Rob Robson and Jill Kitchen.

Better Living Through Birds

Tuesday, March 26th, 7:00pm

Biologist Mark Wiercinski will be giving a lively presentation about birds, from common backyard variety to the rarest of species.

Build Your Own Fairy World with Joan Irvine

Sunday, March 31st, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Author and illustrator, Joan Irvine, will be using pop-up techniques to help you construct an enchanted fairy world within a box. Registration is required as space is limited. Cost is \$10.00.



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 = Craigeleith Heritage Depot

Seniors' Exercise

Mondays and Wednesdays 10:30am-11:30am at LES

Sitting or standing, no matter your ability. Improve your fitness and balance. Drop-in. Cost is \$2. (Please note, there is no class on Monday, March 11th)

Story Time

Every Friday 11:00am-11:30am at LES

Every week features stories, crafts, games, sensory play and fun. Drop-in. Free event. Ages 0-5 yrs.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss Story Time

Friday, March 1st, 11:00am-11:30am at LES

Help us celebrate writer Dr. Seuss who was born on March 2nd, 1904.

iPad Classes with Darrell Noseworthy

Sign up now before they fill up! Cost: \$15 per class, at LES

iPad Basics - Thursday, March 7th, 2-4pm

Mail, Messages and Skype - Thursday, March 14th, 2-4pm

iPad Photo - Thursday, March 28th, 2-4pm

iCloud for iPad - Thursday, April 4th, 2-4pm

iPad Security & Healthy Practices - Thursday, April 11th, 2-4pm

March Break 2019

(Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult)

Magic Show

Monday, March 11th, 11:00am-12:30pm at LES

A fun and interactive magic show! Featuring Scott Dietrich and his furry bunny, Sir Walken. Ages 4 and up. Cost is \$2/ticket (purchase in advance, available at LES or CHD).

DIY Unicorn Craft

Tuesday, March 12th, 10:00am-11:00am at LES

We will be rolling up our sleeves and making our own unicorns. Ages 4 and up. Free event. Registration required.

DIY Wizard Hats

Tuesday, March 12th,

1:00pm-2:00pm at LES

Attention all wizards, and wizard apprentices! Create and design your very own wizard hat. Ages 8 and up. Free Event. Registration required.



DJ Lessons: March Break DJ Workshop!

March 13th, 14th & 15th from 10:30am-12:00pm at CHD

Deejay Primary Sources (www.pswluke.ca) will show the kids how to mix and drop beats. \$5 per day, ages 8-14. Register online today!

Magic in a Box

Wednesday, March 13th

10:00am-11:00am at LES

Build and decorate your very own box of magic! Ages 5 and up. Free Event. Registration required.



Magic Hanging Mobile

Wednesday, March 13th, 3:30pm-4:30pm at CHD

We will be making a magic theme hanging mobile!

Suggested ages 8 and up. Free event. Registration required.

Wizard Medallion Craft

Thursday, March 14th, 10:00am-11:00am at LES

Create your very own wizard medallion that best describes YOU! Ages 5 and up. Free event. Registration required.

DIY Lava Lamps

Thursday, March 14th, 1:00pm-2:00pm at LES

A little bit of science, magic, and lots of fun with our super cool DIY Lava Lamp workshop! Ages 8 and up. Free event. Registration required.

Magic Bookmarks

Friday March 15th, 10:00am-11:00am at LES

We will be making magical bookmark wands. Ages 4 and up. Free event. Registration required.

DIY Dragon Eggs

Friday, March 15th, 1:00pm-2:00pm at LES

We will be wrapping up our March Break fun with a super cool DIY Dragon Egg workshop. Ages 8 and up. Free event. Registration required.

CHD Book Club

Wednesday, March 20th, 6:30pm at CHD

The group will be discussing *When the Doves Disappeared* by Sofi Oksanen. **Please note the new date, Book Club will now be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.**

Wild, Weird and Wacky Weather with David T. Chapman

Friday, April 5th, 11:00am-1:00pm at LES

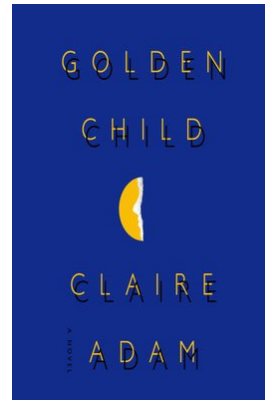
This presentation combines Ontario's weather uniqueness, power and beauty all wrapped into one. Free event for all ages.

Library Board Corner

The BMPL was honoured at the annual Ontario Library Association's award ceremony on January 31st for achieving accreditation under the Ontario Public Library Guidelines Accreditation & Monitoring Council. The BMPL scored a 99.2% on the accreditation of the system (policy/governance) and 95.2% on the LES branch. This nearly perfect score for the system was achieved, in no small part, due to the hundreds of hours the previous board put into developing industry leader policy. CHD did not pass accreditation due to available space for library services and the size of the collection; however, the CHD staff were commended by the accreditation audit team for the types of programs and services being provided to library users in their limited space. This is the fifth such accreditation which BMPL and LES branch have achieved.

February also saw the consolidated library and museum budget presented to Council. The BMPL operating and capital budget has put forward in the draft document including the base budget and several additions. While the expansion proposal was not approved at this time, Council passed a resolution directing TBM staff to work with the Library Board and the CEO on an "overall facilities needs master plan including possible Blue Mountains community hub(s), and possible Blue Mountains Public Library system expansion" and for a report to be brought back for 2020 Draft Budget consideration pertaining to library expansion. The BMPL sees this resolution as a clear and positive direction to achieving the expansion needs of library service for our community. Updates on this progress will be included in the Board Corner from time to time and be presented officially at both Board and Council meetings.

Debut Authors



Check out some fantastic new reads by first-time authors:

Golden Child by Claire Adam

A family tries to survive in rural Trinidad, when one thirteen year old twin boy walks into the bush one evening and does not come home.

American War by Omar El Akkad (Canadian) Set in a near-future America ravaged by climate change in which a second Civil War has broken out over the use of fossil fuels.

The Chalk Man by C.J. Tudor Murder, mayhem, and chalk figures in a sleepy English village.

The Book of M by Peng Shepherd The effects of an extraordinary catastrophe on very ordinary people.

Asymmetry by Lisa Halliday A relationship between an ageing writer and a young woman explores the uses of creativity.

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens A young woman growing up practically on her own in the wild marshes.

The Boat People by Sharon Bala (Canadian) A group of refugees who survive a perilous ocean voyage to reach Canada - only to face the threat of deportation and accusations of terrorism in their newland.



L.E. Shore Library
173 Bruce Street South
Thornbury, Ontario
519-599-3681 ext 140
libraryinfo@thebluemountains.ca

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



Craigleith Heritage Depot
113 Lakeshore Road East
The Blue Mountains, Ontario
519-599-3681 ext 370
depot@thebluemountains.ca

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

