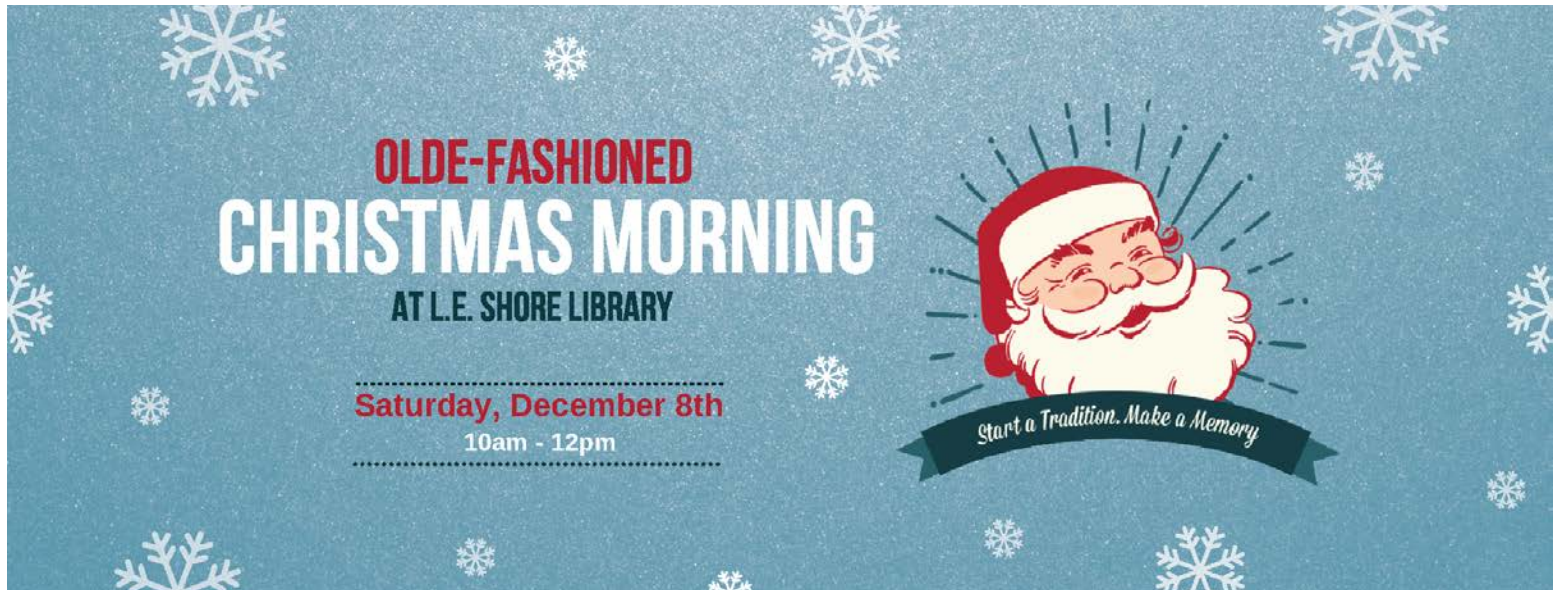


THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS



Join Us for Olde-Fashioned Christmas Morning!

Presented by The Blue Mountains Public Library and VOCAL. **Saturday, December 8th, 10am-12pm** in The Gallery at L.E. Shore.

Give the gift of reading this holiday season and join us for Olde-Fashioned Christmas Morning at the L.E. Shore Library!

The morning will feature ornament making, hot chocolate, and a special guest speaker, Ken Settington, who will talk about trending books for youth (that make for excellent holiday gifts) and read a holiday story. We are thrilled to have Jessica's Book Nook in attendance, selling copies of the books.

Ken Settington has been a librarian for 30 years and is retired from the position of Children and Youth Advocate for Library Services for the Toronto Public Library – a position created for him. He is well known as a passionate promoter of Canadian children's literature, as a member along with Michele Landsberg of the Children's Book Panel on CBC's Next Chapter. Ken is a storyteller and has told stories in festivals and on tours internationally. He has been a frequent teller at the statue of Hans Christian Andersen in New York's Central Park.

Ken has won numerous awards and honours including the Toronto Arts Award for Writing and Publishing, the Robertson Medallion as Librarian of the Year, and most recently, the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General.

Make sure to head downtown Thornbury afterwards for a stroll through our historic main street and see the beautifully decorated windows and shop interiors. Have a delicious meal at one of our outstanding restaurants; discover why Thornbury is known for its warm welcome and special charm! Olde-Fashioned Christmas is filled with activities and excitement for the whole family.

Other Holiday Programs at the Library include:

Lego & Family Board Games Afternoon on Thursday, December 27th at 2:00pm in The Gallery at L.E. Shore Library. Come spend some great family time at the Library! This is a free, drop-in event.

Holiday Crafternoon on Friday, December 28th at 1:00pm in the Gallery at L.E. Shore. Lets get Crafting! Come on down to the library to build and paint your very own Snow Flake Wind Streamer. This is a free event for ages 8 and up.

Please Register Online at

<http://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/events.cfm>

The Festive Season at the Depot Fine Dining Restaurant



Christmas Card Greeting from John and Geills Turner circa 1990, Kourey-Knapman Collection.

December is a month of celebration across many cultures. For over 32 years the Depot Fine Dining Restaurant played host to many holiday celebrations. Kenn and Suyrea Knapman were dynamic restaurateurs adding humour and history to the culinary experience. Their wide-ranging interests provided a memorable experience for their guests, including some famous faces.

Among those who enjoyed a lively repast at the restaurant was John Turner. Over the years the former politician, lawyer, prime minister (as well as federal justice minister and finance minister) and his family enjoyed meals at the restaurant. The Turners became friends with Kenn and Suyrea. Not only was John Turner a familiar face at the restaurant but the Turner family would send Christmas cards and personal notes to share greetings of the season, even after the restaurant closed.

This season visit the Food for Thought exhibit to see some of the Christmas cards sent from the Turners to the Knapmans. These cards are part of the Kourey-Knapman archival collection.

Volunteer Spotlight: Luke

Luke De Rose's passion for music, and vinyl especially, has led him to volunteering with the Craigleith Heritage Depot. Luke, aka DJ Primary Sources, gives his time and expertise running DJ Lessons for youth at the CHD when he isn't working as a PSW, running Sip N' Scratch events, or performing with national touring acts. At the popular DJ Lessons program at CHD, kids are encouraged to play and deejay music from all eras. This past July, Luke also volunteered at the first Vinyl Swap at CHD, where over 100 visitors swapped and purchased vinyl from local vendors and collectors. As a volunteer, Luke said he loves "being able to give back to my community, being able to express myself, as well as showcasing the talent we have in the community and in Canada, which isn't necessarily reflected on popular radio." For more information about Luke including his customized Sip N' Scratch social nights and individual DJ lessons, visit psw.luke.ca. In the meantime, keep your ears tuned for the next CHD DJ Lesson on Friday, December 28th, and the spring Vinyl Swap at CHD.



ARTIST: HESTER KOOPMAN

In the Gallery

Arts & Crafts Invitational

The show runs December 1st to January 3rd in the Gallery at L.E. Shore.
Opening Reception: Saturday, December 1st, 2-4pm

Join us in The Gallery at L.E. Shore on Saturday, December 1st for the opening of our special Arts and Crafts Invitational. From handmade soap to abstract painting, ten artists and artisans will exhibit their wares, in celebration of the holiday season. This is an excellent opportunity to 'buy local'.

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

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.

Ontario Early Years Drop-In

The Early Learning Play Group meets in the LES Story Tower on the third Wednesday of every month from 10am-11:30am. Children 0-6 years of age and their families can participate in a wide variety of activities such as songs, crafts, story time, active play, math, science, and literacy experiences.

Story Time!

Fridays 10:45am-11:30am at LES. Join us every Friday for a great way to start your weekend! Every week features stories, crafts, games, sensory play and fun. Ages 0-5 years. Drop-in. Free event. This December will feature two special holiday Story Times!



Holiday Card Quilling

Wednesday, December 5th at CHD
Drop in from 4-6pm to make a special hand made holiday card with the art of paper filigree.

Stuffed Animal Story Time

Friday, December 7th, 10:45am at LES
Bring your favorite stuffed friend for a special Story Time! We'll read stories, sing songs, play games and do a craft.



Craigleith Heritage Depot Book Club

Wednesday, December 19th, at 6:30pm. This month the group discusses **The Sympathizer** by Viet Thanh Nguyen. This month's meeting will be held a week early due to the holidays. Meets in the turret room.



Winter Pyjama Party

Friday, December 21st, 10:45am
Join us in the Story tower wearing your favourite Christmas or winter PJs. We will read stories, play some games and have lots of fun!

DJ Lessons

Friday, December, 28th, 1:30-3:00pm at CHD
Learn how to spin some tracks with DeeJay Primary Sources. Ages 8 to 14, \$5 per person. Please register at depot@thebluemountains.ca or 519-599-3681 x3

Coming in January 2019

New Year New You

January 4th & 5th, from 1-4pm at CHD
Picture yourself sticking to your New Year's resolutions with our green screen experience! Want to get healthier? Save money? Learn a new hobby? Put yourself in a historic photo to inspire your new goals! Drop-in. By donation.

Self-Care Series with Heidi Light

Every Sunday for the month of January, from 1:30-2:30pm in the Gallery at L.E. Shore. Join us for a four-part Self-Care Series with counsellor, author, and blogger Heidi Light. \$2/session.



Library Board Corner

Dear Library Lovers,

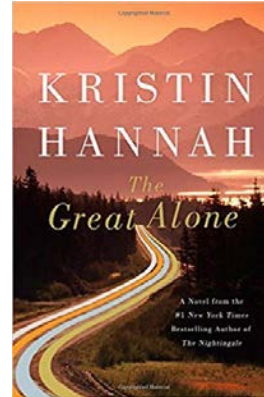
It has been a privilege to serve on the Library Board for the past few years, along with several other Board members whose commitment has been truly inspiring: Bob Gamble, Laurey Gillies, Willi Wildman, Maurice Pepper and John McKean. This summer, a local sailor told me "There are some things you can only learn in a storm". I believe that to be very true of the Library's experience of the past two years.

The current Board has worked tirelessly to ensure that upon the close of this term, we leave behind 101 new and/or updated policies and by-laws; a four-year Strategic Plan built upon over 1500 pieces of community input and advice; a flourishing museum and gallery and excellence in library services at L.E. Shore and Craigleith Heritage Depot. We leave a strong and effective CEO, Dr. Sabrina Saunders, an incredible Staff who have indicated a high level of staff satisfaction on a recent job satisfaction survey, and a core of fabulous volunteers. A Feasibility and Space Plan Study was presented to the community on November 29th and together with the Strategic Plan, this is the legacy of the current board to the incoming board.

It is also important to recognize the contributions of all members of past Library Boards, previous staff and volunteers who have made significant contributions to our Library system over the past 23 years to bring us to where we are now: Stronger than ever!

The incoming Board will include seven board members, six of whom will come from our community and one from the newly-elected Council. An information session was held on November 15th, and plans for a thorough orientation process are in place for the new Board as well. We know that all those who are appointed by Council will guide the Blue Mountains Public Library through the next four years, and we have no doubt that our precious Library has a bright future ahead! -Odette Bartnicki, Chair

Winter Reads



These titles are set in the winter, and perfect for reading by the fire (with a hot chocolate).

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah (Fiction)
 Winter Sisters by Robin Oliveira (F)

- Boundless: Tracing Land And Dream In A New Northwest Passage by Kathleen Winter (NonFiction)
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (Junior Fiction)
- The Winter People by Jennifer McMahon (F)
- A Game Of Thrones by George R.R. Martin (F)
- The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- The Terror by Dan Simmons (F)
- Burial Rites by Hannah Kent (F)
- The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson (F)
- Let It Snow: Three Holiday Romances by John Green, Maureen Johnson, Lauren Myracle (Young Adult)



The Blue Mountains Public Library is CLOSED on December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1.



L.E. Shore Memorial Library

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 Thornbury, Ontario
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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

Craigleith Heritage Depot

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 The Blue Mountains, Ontario
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 Tuesday 12-5
 Wednesday 3-8
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