



A *Key Messages Update* is published monthly and includes items from the Board, Museum Advisory Council (MAC), and the administration. These topics include the highlights and successes of the month, as well as the Board's perspective on matters of importance. Key Messages for the month are presented under each of the four Strategic Plan Goals. [Subscribe to our Key Messages!](#)

## Key Messages of the Month July 2020

### ***Vibrant Spaces & Capital Campaigns***

- ***Preparing for Opening of the LE Shore & Craigleith Heritage Depot:*** While the Province has moved to Stage 3 reopening for our area, we will need some time to complete our preparations. PPE, hand sanitizer, and direction arrows have been ordered. Plexiglass barriers for service desks have been contracted and should be installed this summer. We are also reconfiguring space at LES to facilitate physical distancing and completing work at CHD following last fall's closure (see below). Safety of our staff and community is our priority so we will take the necessary time to make sure we can reopen safely. Until then, we are still here to serve you, so please contact us for anything we can do for you. Enjoy our Wi-Fi, outside facilities and programs and curbside holds pick-up.
- ***Redesign of the Children's Area:*** The LE Shore Children's section is being reconfigured to allow for better physical distancing of children and to make potential programming space available within the area. We encourage you to peek through the windows while doing your window shopping for holds. [VS1.4]
- ***Craigleith Heritage Depot Temporary Closure:*** CHD closed on October 24, 2019 due to air quality issues. Following the radon remediation, an air scrubber was purchased and installed to address the mould spores. Following these two remediation methods, onsite readings are showing the radon and mould remediation was successful. The staff are now working to reassemble the main collection galleries of the main floor and to retrofit the basement for proper storage. We anticipate the CHD will be available to reopen along with LES later this summer. Wi-Fi is still available at this site, but the book return remains closed. A [FAQ webpage](#) has been developed and will be a primary point of communication as we work through final retrofit of the basement and reassembly of the museum.

### ***Organizational Capacity, By-Laws & Governance***

- ***Meetings during COVID-19:*** During the pandemic, the Board continues to meet and conduct business as usual. All meetings have been virtual and the public is always welcome to attend meetings virtually to observe, to sign up for public input on the agenda, or to make deputations. Beginning in September, virtual meetings will be live-streamed on the [BMPL Facebook](#) on a trial basis for 2020. Those wishing to speak at a meeting should contact the Board Secretary at [LibraryCEO@TheBlueMountains.ca](mailto:LibraryCEO@TheBlueMountains.ca).

- **Workplace Hazards Update:** During the summer all Job Fact Sheets (job descriptions) were updated to include workplace hazards. This aligns with best practices for employers as identified by OSHA.

### **Communication & Strategic Planning**

- **Virtual Town Hall:** The Virtual Town Hall occurred on Facebook on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm. Since that live meeting 208 viewers have watched on our [Facebook](#) or [YouTube Channel](#). The next Virtual Town Hall will occur in September with a time and date announced in the September E-newsletter.

### **Service Excellence & Administration**

- **Story Time at LE Shore:** This summer, every Friday at 11am (weather permitting) join Jen for a story time on the front lawn. Physical distancing is required, so please use the individual and family circles to enjoy a safe, fun and interactive story time each week. [Public access to washrooms is not available by order of the Grey Bruce Health Unit].
- **Summer Reading Club:** The SRC is now running virtually. Children can register with BMPL and receive weekly activity packages. A virtual drop-in is scheduled online where participants can share stories they've read, participate in activities, and discover more things to do throughout the week. The BMPL goal is 1,000 hours of reading this summer!
- **Facebook Live & Instagram Programs:** The BMPL staff are busy working remotely doing the good works of our organization. Programs are being offered Monday-Saturday on Facebook and Instagram and are receiving hundreds of views each. Most of these are being archived on the BMPL [YouTube Channel](#). All programs are promoted on our [Event Calendar](#).
- **Partnership with the Blue Mountains Creator Space:** BMPL have extended our partnership with the BMCS thanks to a grant by the Canadian Arts Council. This will allow this partnership to continue through 2022 and offer more equipment circulations and workshops. Starting this fall, digital lab equipment will be available at the LE Shore. Technology has been set-up in the LE Shore branch for use by appointment beginning in August.
- **Window Shop Today:** To assist our community in finding materials, we have filled our LE Shore windows for window shopping. These, and all items onsite are available for immediate loan by completing the hold form. Hundreds of thousands of materials are also available online with your library card. We also have museum exhibits available on our [Virtual Branch](#) in the Biblioboard site and [Virtual Museum](#). Anyone requiring their card number can contact [LibraryInfo@TheBlueMountains.ca](mailto:LibraryInfo@TheBlueMountains.ca) or call 519-599-3681 ext 2 and leave a message. If you do not have a library card, our online application on our [Virtual Branch](#). For those unable to find something in the windows or [online catalogue](#), use the [Materials Request Form](#) and we will curate a collection of materials for you.
- **Decontamination of All Materials:** You may have noticed when you return your items through the book return they stay on your account for a few days. In order to decontaminate all materials, returns are quarantined for 72 hours prior to being reshelfed or processed for a hold. That protects are staff and you. We understand that book returns may not be a priority as families are still self-quarantining. So don't worry if your items show a late fee, when we return items, we are waiving fees during the pandemic.