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Fall 2011 Newsletter
The library is a temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history.
 --Carl T. Roman



Summer Program a Huge Success!

Laura Bernier showing off the pirate beard she made in our Treasure Hunting program this summer. Our Summer Reading Club went very well with nearly 300 participants.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

How does the Library improve or impact your life?
 Our library provides books, media, a connection, and so much more. Help us shape our story by sharing yours. The Cobourg Public Library is currently looking for testimonials from patrons about what the library means to them. If you have a story, memory, or comment about how important our library is to you, please share it with us. We will be sharing submitted testimonials in various ways over the coming months.

You may email your stories to feedback@cobourg.library.on.ca or drop off a written testimonial at any of our three branches in Cobourg, Bewdley, or Gores Landing.

Building Capacity, Collaboration and Communication: Cobourg Public Library's Strategic Plan



The Cobourg Public Library is a well used and well loved resource for the citizens of Cobourg and Hamilton

Township. Over a 10 year period, visits to the library have increased over 30%. Individual library members take out more items per year than users at almost all the other libraries of a similar size in the province. In just one year, the combined circulation at the Bewdley and Gores Landing branches increased by 19%.

If we are to maintain the high quality of library service that the citizens of Cobourg and Hamilton Township have enjoyed in the past it is essential for us to review both current service levels and future demands, establish priorities and allocate resources through a Strategic Plan.

In Spring 2011, the Cobourg Public Library Board began this process of mapping out a plan for service over the next three to four years.

In May, library patrons were asked to complete user surveys to give their views on library service and the direction it should follow. Library staff members were also asked to complete a questionnaire to give their perspective on the strengths and weaknesses of the library, and to offer suggestions to enhance or improve library service.

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Adult Programs

September 8 *The Friends Book Club*
10:00am (ongoing - meet the second Tuesday of every month)

September 12 *Community Living Book Club* 1:30pm (Ongoing weekly)

September 12 *Northumberland Scribes*
6:30pm (ongoing - meet every other week)

September 21 *CPL Board Meeting*
7:30pm

September 26 *Linda Hutsell- Manning Book Talk That Summer in Franklin*
7:00pm

September 28 *The Bewdley Book Club* 7:00pm (ongoing - meet the last Wednesday of every month)

October 1 *The Human Library* at the Cobourg Community Centre

October 2 *Culture Days Celebration* with the Cuba Literary Alliance 1:30pm

October 16 to 22 *Ontario Public Library Week*

October 17 *Open House* for Public Library Week/Town of Cobourg Day

October 19 *Agnes McNab dedication and reception* 7:00pm

October 19 *CPL Board Meeting* 8:00pm

October 20 *Writing Your Memoirs* sessions start

October 22 *Annual CPL Book Sale*
10:00am - 5:00pm

Ongoing Adult Programs

The Book Club (Community Living)

An informal group which meets weekly in the relaxing environment of the Adult Reading Room to listen to a library staff member read a book from the junior collection. This program is designed with the needs of the intellectually challenged in mind. New members and guest readers are always welcome.

****NEW****

Bewdley Book Club

The first meeting of the Bewdley Book Club will be held in the Alice D. Behan Library of the Bewdley Community

Centre on Wednesday September 28th at 7pm. The meetings will run one Wednesday a month, and there will be plenty of thought provoking discussion, and good reading to beat those fall and winter blahs. Refreshments will be provided.

Special Programs

Booktalk

Monday, September 26th at 7pm, join us for a reading by Cobourg author Linda Hutsell-Manning of her new novel "That Summer in Franklin". The book traces the trajectory of the lives of two women who spent the summer of 1955 working as waitresses in a hotel in a small Ontario town that will seem eerily familiar to long time Cobourg residents. The women meet again forty years later when they are both faced with the pain and guilt of admitting their parents to the local nursing home. During their reunion they face a trauma that they shared during that long ago summer.

Culture Days and the Human Library

A Human Library is a way for people to reach out and connect with individuals in their community. In this case, members of the artistic community have volunteered to act as Human Books. Members of the public will have an opportunity during the event to "borrow" the Human Books and engage in conversation for a half hour period. Check the Library's website for the list of Human Books and available times. Call 905 372-9271 x 6210 to reserve a time with your Human Book. Please note: this program will take place at the Cobourg Community Centre.

Canada Cuba Literary Alliance

Celebrate Culture Days with the Canada Cuban Literary Alliance. Short films, slides and readings on Cuba will be shown on Sunday October 2nd from 1:30 to 4:30pm in the Library's Rotary Room.

Open House for Public Library Week/ Town of Cobourg Day

Monday October 17th. Take a self-guided tour of the Library to discover all the resources and services we have to offer. Get your passport stamped with all 5 stations and be eligible to win a great prize.

Agnes McNab Dedication/Reception

Wednesday October 19th. Join members of the Cobourg Public Library Board and Cobourg and District Library Foundation for a special dedication

ceremony and reception to honour a generous donation from the estate of Agnes McNab that was used to upgrade the Library's public computers and infrastructure.

Writing Your Memoirs

Write the stories of your life and have fun doing it. Preserve your life story for generations to come. Four Thursdays from October 20 to November 10 from 1:00 to 3:30pm. Cost \$75. Class sizes are limited. Call Diane Taylor at 905 885-9709 to reserve your spot.

Annual CPL Book Sale

Join us on October 22, 2011 for our annual book sale. We collect donated books throughout the year to sell at low-cost at this sale. Nearly new, rare and interesting books are for sale, most for only a dollar or two.



Mysteries and More Friday movie series

Films are shown at the Cobourg Public Library, starting at 2:00pm.

Free admission.

A contribution towards the expenses of refreshments is appreciated.

September 16 *Grapes of Wrath*, 1940, Dir. John Ford, 128 min. Henry Fonda and Jane Darrow.

September 23 *The Stranger*, 1947, Dir. Orson Welles, 95 min. Orson Welles, Edward G. Robinson, Loretta Young, and Richard Long.

September 30 *Heavenly Creatures*, 1994, Dir. Peter Jackson, 98 min. Melanie Lynskey, Kate Winslet.

October 7 *An Affair to Remember*, 1957, Dir. Leo McCarey, 119 min. Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr.

October 14 *Wuthering Heights*, 1939, Dir. William Wyler, 103 min. Laurence Olivier, Merle Oberon, David Niven.

Ongoing Children's Programs

Our preschool programs are about books and positive experiences, but did you know that your child's library experience also helps with social development? early literacy? school readiness?

Mother Goose

For parents/caregivers and babies 0-24 months. Focuses on the pleasure and power of rhyme, song and story – the building blocks of early literacy.

Tales for 2's

For parents/caregivers and children aged two. Introduces short stories, felt board activities, rhymes and songs, all based on a common theme. Each class finishes with a craft and snack time. This program is a gentle way to introduce school readiness. Small class sizes are less intimidating for young ones and allow for intimacy and interaction with the children.

Story Hour for Ages 3 to 5

For some preschool children, story hour is their first experience without parents and this helps them develop a sense of independence. Story hour is also a wonderful opportunity for language and social development. This theme based program introduces longer stories, felt board activities, songs and related crafts. Class ends with a shared snack.

October 28 *The Innocents*, 1961, Dir. Jack Clayton, 100 min. Deborah Kerr.

November 4 *The Collector*, 1965, Dir. William Wyler, 110 min. Terence Stamp, Samantha Eggar.

November 11 *The Cruel Sea*, 1953, Dir. Charles Frennd, 126 min. Jack Hawkins.

November 18 *The Pawnbroker*, 1965, Dir. Sydney Lumet, 114 min. Rod Steiger.

November 25 *Orson and Me*, 2009, Dir. Richard Linklater, 113 min. Zac Efron, Claire Danes, Christian McKay.

December 2 *If...*, 1968, Dir. Lindsay Anderson, 111 min. Malcolm McDowell, David Wood, Richard Warwick.

Sweet Treats and Cool Reads

Children aged 7-12 will love this book club. Join us for a book chat, activity and a snack. Watch for our new book club blogging site starting in September. You can keep in touch even when you can't attend. Club starts up Wed., Sept. 14th, but you can register now at the Youth Services Desk. (Ongoing until June)

Special Programs

Autumn Puppet Show

This family program runs on October 23 at 2:00pm. There is no charge to attend.

Cougar Day

Join us on October 22 to celebrate Public Library Week with the Cobourg Cougars! Members of the Cobourg Cougars will be available to give autographs, read stories, and help in the library. We will also have draws for some great Cobourg Cougar gear, and other library prizes.

Spooky Halloween Stories and Craft

This all ages program will be held on October 29 at 10:30am. Spooky stories will be shared and a craft will be made. There is no charge for this program.

Spooktacular Halloween Howl

Wear your costume and join us for a party, lots of fun activities and games. For ages 4 to 10, this free program starts at 1:30pm.

Slimy Experiments

Learn how to make Guck. Ages 7 to 9, there is no charge for this program. November 5 at 2:00pm.

Children's Programs

Registration starts September 12th

September 14 *Sweet Treats & Cool Reads* 4:00pm (ongoing weekly)

September 19 *Mother Goose* 10:00am (ongoing weekly)

September 20 *Mother Goose* 10:00am (ongoing weekly)

September 21 *Story Hour* 10:30am (ongoing weekly)

September 22 *Story Hour* 10:30am (ongoing weekly)

September 23 *Tales for 2s* 10:30am (ongoing weekly)

September 23 *Awesome Art* 2:00pm (ongoing weekly)

September 23 *Bewdley Story Hour* 10:00am (ongoing weekly)

October 11 *TAG Meeting*

October 22 *Cougar Day*

October 23 *Autumn Puppet Show* 2:00pm

October 29 *Spooky Halloween Stories and a craft* 10:30am

October 30 *Spooktacular Halloween Howl* 1:30pm

November 5 *Slimy Experiments* 2:00pm

Monday Musical Movie Matinee (The 4 M Club)

Films are shown at the Cobourg Public Library, starting at 2:00pm. Free admission.

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September 19 *The Band Wagon*, 1953, Dir. Vincente Minnelli, 112 min. Fred Astaire, Cyd Charise

September 26 *The Gay Divorcee*, 1934, Dir. Mark Sandrich, 107 min. Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers

October 3 *The Red Violin*, 1998, Dir. Francois Girard, 130 min. (Canada)
October 10 *Thanksgiving Day* No film.

October 17 *The Inspector General*, 1949, Dir. Henry Koster, 102 min. Danny Kaye, Elsa Lanchester.

October 24 *Monkey Business*, 1931, Dir. Norman Z. McLeod, 77 min.

October 31 *Swing Kings*, 1993, Dir. Thos. Carter, 112 min. Robert Sean Leonard, Christian Bale, Barbara Hershey.

November 7 *1776*, 1972, Dir. Peter H. Hunt, 142 min. Ken Howard, Donald Madden.

November 14 *Shall We Dance?*, 1996, Dir. Massayiki Suo, 136 min. (Japan)

November 21 *Strictly Ballroom*, 1992, Dir. Baz Luhrmann, 94 min. Paul Mercurio, Tara Morice (Australia)

November 28 *The Student Prince*, 1954, Dir. Richard Thorpe, 107 min. Edmund Purdom Anne Blyth.

December 5 *Down to Earth*, 1947, Dir. Alexander Hal, 101 min. Rita Hayworth, Larry Parks.

December 12 *Meet Me In St. Louis*, 1944, Dir. Vincente Minnelli, 113 min. Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien

Public Libraries and the Provincial Election

Did you know that Ontario Public Libraries have:

- More cardholders than VISA?
- More items than FedEx?
- More outlets than McDonald's?

Here are some other interesting facts about public libraries in Ontario:

- Everyday 13,000 Ontarians get job-seeking help at their public library
- 120,000 times each month, Ontario business owners and employees use resources at public libraries to support their small businesses
- 66.5 million visits are made in person to Ontario public libraries each year...more than 3 times the annual attendance at all North American NHL hockey games

At the Cobourg Public Library in 2010:

- 260,930 items were borrowed
- 176,302 in person visits were made
- 8,120 people attended 474 programs
- Public access computers were used 21,253 times

During the provincial election, libraries across Ontario are raising awareness about the important work that libraries do in encouraging reading in children, supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs, providing services and resources to the unemployed and supporting cultural and leisure pursuits. Provincial support for library operating grants has not changed since the mid 1990's when the funding was cut by 40%. On average, the Province funds only 5% of public library operating budgets. Public libraries rely on municipal funding to support the majority of their operations which results in disparity in service levels across the province and

increased burden on municipal taxes.

All the candidates for MPP in Northumberland-Quinte West have been sent a questionnaire on library issues. Completed questionnaires will be posted in the library and on our website before the election.

If you are interested in hearing more about library related issues in the provincial election check out the brochure "Does Your Next MPP Support Public Libraries" available at our branches and on our website at www.cobourg.library.on.ca.

Call your MPP candidates and let them know that you think libraries are important and ask them, if elected, how they plan to lend their support.

On October 6, 2011, if you care about public libraries, Make Your Vote Count!

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Board members reviewed the information from these surveys along with information about the types and levels of service currently provided at the library, demographics of the community and trends and innovations in the broader library world. The review culminated in an all-day planning session of the Board and senior Library staff on June 4, 2011, from which evolved a draft strategic plan centred around the three strategic directions

of building capacity, collaboration and communication.

A series of public meetings were held at all three library branches and members of the public were invited to comment on the draft. The Board incorporated this feedback into the final version of the plan which will be posted on our website at www.cobourg.library.on.ca

In the coming weeks and months library staff will be asked to develop

a workplan with specific tasks and associated timelines to accomplish the goals of the plan. The Board will review progress on the plan on a monthly basis and progress reports will be provided to the public annually.

Please contact Charmaine Lindsay, CEO at 905 372-9271 x6200 or by email at clindsay@cobourg.library.on.ca if you have any questions or comments about our strategic plan.

Can You Help?

Our Library depends on the financial support of people like you in order to continue offering our services to the community. Please donate now.

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