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Spring 2010 Newsletter

The library is a temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history.

--Carl T. Roman

Lights, Camera, Action!



The Cobourg Public Library hosts its first Student Film Festival on Saturday, May 29th, 2010.

The Festival is intended to be a celebration of student film—an opportunity to explore the challenges and the choices involved in the process of filmmaking. The Library will screen the films and encourage dialogue between students, rather than adjudicate the work.

The Festival is open to all students in grades 9-12 currently attending school in Northumberland County. Each of the seven high schools may submit two films and a production team of five may present the film at the Festival.

The Library is very privileged to have the producers of the internationally popular and award winning Degross television series, Linda Schuyler and Stephen Stohn as the featured lunch hour speakers. We are thrilled that two of the most creative and successful Canadian producers of teen television will be joining us at the Cobourg Public Library's inaugural Student Film Festival.

We will have an MC; there will be door prizes, a People's Choice Award, and all attending schools will be eligible to enter a draw for a cash prize to be used for the advancement of film and video studies at their school.

Film is an opportunity to explore storytelling in a visual medium. It speaks to the Library's mandate to promote literacy—literacy in the widest possible sense. We are very proud to be the first library in the area to host such an event and hope that as many students as possible will submit films to their schools.

For more details visit
www.cobourg.library.on.ca or call Beth Kolisnyk at 905-372-9271, ext. 6130.

What's Happening

APRIL

17th POW Festival Children's Poetry Reading 10:30 a.m.

18th Anime at the Library Ages 10 and up. 1:00-4:00 p.m.

19th Volunteer Appreciation Tea and Awards Ceremony 6:00 p.m.

21st Earth Day Program Endangered Species in Northumberland County 7:00 p.m.

MAY

4th-31st "A Night at the Ball"

Display of Period Costumes in Honour of the 150th Anniversary of Victoria Hall

5th Victoria Hall Lecture Series:

"Why Them?" The ladies that danced with the Prince of Wales at the Ball. Rob Mikel. 7:00 p.m.

12th Victoria Hall Lecture Series:
"Royal Tour of 1860" Walter Lewis. 7:00 p.m.

19th Victoria Hall Lecture Series:
"The History and Restoration of Victoria Hall" John Taylor and Peter Stokes. 7:00 p.m.

20th Seniors health lecture on nutrition and physical activity.

26th Parenting your Anxious Child and Teen 6:30 p.m.

JUNE

25th Twilight Party to celebrate the release of the film "Eclipse" Ages 10-15. 6:30 p.m.

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Message from the CEO

It has been just over three months since I joined the Cobourg Public Library as CEO; so many people to meet, so many things to learn about the Library and the community. I have been touched by the warmth of the welcome I have received and would like to thank everyone, staff, Board members, volunteers and library patrons for making me feel at home.

One of the things that impressed me about the Cobourg Public Library long before I came to work here was the large number of community partnerships that the Library has developed. Whether it is working with the local secondary schools to put on a student film festival or working with social service agencies like Kinark Child and Family Services to provide programming to assist parents in dealing with their

anxious children, the Library is an integral and integrated community resource for the people of Cobourg and Hamilton Township.

An area of personal interest and professional specialty to me is the promotion of local history. I am therefore, particularly pleased that the Library will be contributing to the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Victoria Hall with a lecture series and display of historical costumes from the 1860's era. Please see the article in this newsletter for more details.

Volunteers are an important part of any community organization. Not only does the organization benefit from their work but also from their energy and ideas. It is especially important for an institution like the Library to have active and creative

volunteers. In January, one of the Library's longest serving volunteers, Margaret Preston, passed away. We have instituted an annual award in Margaret's name to perpetuate her memory and inspire others by her example. I thank all our volunteers for the time and effort they contribute to the Library and its users. We couldn't provide our current high level of service and programs without our valued volunteers.

I look forward to meeting as many Library patrons and community members as possible over the weeks and months ahead. If you have any comments or suggestions about the service we provide I would be happy to speak with you. Please feel free to contact me at the number below.

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New Bewdley Branch: More space, more computers, more books, more hours!

Come, sit back and enjoy the atmosphere of the Bewdley Public Library in its new location at the Vincent Massey Memorial Centre (Bewdley Arena). Our new library offers something for everyone with a wide selection of books for any age on any topic and four brand new computers equipped with high speed Internet access. We also offer a children's computer loaded with fun filled games to entertain the youngsters while you browse the Library's well stocked shelves.

We provide a variety of children's programming, featuring our very popular Story Hour with Rhonda Perry, Children's Librarian, every Friday morning beginning April 9th from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. for ages 2-5. This program offers theme based books, songs and rhymes, an activity and a snack.

Take advantage of our comfortable and spacious lounge area, where you can sit back and read a book or sit with your laptop and surf the internet with ease using our wireless

network.

We are now open four days a week, Wednesday 3:00-6:00, Thursday 6:00-9:00, Friday 9:00-12:00, and Saturday 10:00-2:00 until the end of June. Call for summer hours. Come in and see what everyone is talking about, come see your new library, and be prepared to be greeted with a smile and friendly service.

Bewdley Library, Vincent Massey Memorial Centre, 7060 Lake Street, Bewdley, (905) 797-2535 x23

Cobourg Public Library Board

Trustee Profile : Patricia Fenner

The Cobourg Public Library Board is comprised of nine trustees, appointed by Cobourg's Town Council. The Board includes a Councillor from Cobourg as well as one from Hamilton Township. Other trustees are citizen representatives who apply to serve on the Board for the four year tenure of Council. Our members are: Doug Bates, Alison Fraser, Michael Hanlon, George Atto, Councillor Pat McCourt, Councillor Bill MacDonald, Kevin Caldwell (Vice-Chair) and Patricia Fenner (Chair). We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our Chair, Patricia Fenner, to the community.

Patricia is a retired teacher and school-librarian who has lived with her husband Bob in Cobourg since 1999. During their early married life they lived in various and exciting places in the Middle East and the Mediterranean. During her teaching career, Patricia taught History, English, Family Studies and Computer Studies. She and Bob have four children and seven grandchildren in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and New York City. She likes to read and cook and says that she has dabbled in amateur

dramatics, taught herself to sew and has produced masterpieces of knitting for her children and grandchildren.

Patricia has a distinguished record of volunteer service in Cobourg. In 2009 she was named Volunteer of the Year for her work on the Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary and the Cobourg Public Library Board. She served as President of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary from 2004 to 2008 and is currently the Acting Director of Volunteers for that organization. She has two periods of service on the Cobourg Public Library Board; one starting in 2001 and another in 2008. She was Chair of the Board from 2004 to 2005 and started another term as Chair in January 2010.

"I chose to become part of the Library Board and thus, the library family, because we have always been a family of readers. My husband is a Faulkner fanatic, our three daughters took to reading along with toilet training (and incurred enough overdue fines that we were occasionally visited by the Toronto Library Truck but that's another story,) and our



seven grandchildren are book addicts.

My time in the Emery Library spanned the books-to-computers era and I learned from this experience that reading, questioning and seeking information are civilizing activities. It's a bit like the light in the monastery windows of long ago. Anything we can do to keep that light alive keeps the 'dumbing-down' darkness at bay. That's a job worth doing."

Library Board meetings are open to the public. Please check the website at www.cobourg.library.on.ca for details.

150th Anniversary of Victoria Hall

The Cobourg Public Library is pleased to participate in the celebrations surrounding the 150th anniversary of Victoria Hall.

During the month of May we will be hosting a display of 1860's costume and furnishings that will recreate a scene from the Grand Ball that opened Victoria Hall. Queen Victoria's son, Prince Albert Edward, the Prince of Wales, officially opened Victoria Hall during his tour of British North America and the United States in 1860. The display will be best viewed from inside the

Library on the second floor during Library open hours.

In addition, we will be hosting a series of three historical lectures. All three will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Rotary Room.

May 5th "Why them?" Cobourg historian, Rob Mikel, will talk about the ladies that danced with the Prince of Wales at the Ball and why they were chosen. Rob will also give some historical background to Cobourg in the 1860's.

May 12th "The Royal Tour of

1860" An illustrated talk by Walter Lewis on the Prince of Wales' tour throughout British North America and the United States including his stop in Cobourg.

May 19th "The History and Restoration of Victoria Hall" John Taylor, first Executive Director of the Society for the Restoration of Victoria Hall and Peter Stokes, Restoration Architect.

Space is limited. Register at jmaclean@cobourg.library.on.ca or 905-372-9271 ext. 6242.

Volunteer Appreciation

Volunteers are an integral part of the Cobourg Public Library. It would be nearly impossible for the Library to run efficiently without the helping hands of our volunteer team.

The Library, along with organizations across North America, celebrates Volunteer Week in the third week of April every year. We take the opportunity to host an event to present volunteer recognition awards and get to know our volunteer team outside of their work in the Library.

This year we will be recognizing our volunteers in a new way, with the introduction of the Margaret

Preston Volunteer of the Year Award. This award is in memoriam of Margaret Preston, a long time volunteer with the Cobourg Public Library, who suddenly passed away in early 2010. Margaret was a dedicated volunteer who often contributed above and beyond her stated volunteer responsibilities.

The award will recognize an outstanding volunteer who has given their time for three years or more, for at least two hours a week. Award winners will be determined based on the following qualities: adaptability, creativity, dedication, positive attitude, conscientiousness, cooperation and leadership.

This year we will again be presenting our volunteer service awards, recognizing five and ten years of service with the Cobourg Public Library.

Our Volunteer Tea will be held on the evening of April 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. I hope to see all of our volunteers there. And – as always – thank you to all of our volunteers! We couldn't do it without you!

If you are interested in volunteering with the Library please contact Jocelyn at 905-372-9271, ext. 6249 or by email at jmaclean@cobourg.library.on.ca

Free Audiobooks Available from the Library's Website

The Cobourg Public Library is part of a project to provide free access to audiobooks for Library users over the Internet. The project is called Overdrive and was made possible through a \$15 Million Investment in Ontario Public Libraries by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

To download titles from our webpage you will need:

- Windows or Mac computer
- Valid Cobourg Public Library card
- Free software (OverDrive Media Console)
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