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Summer 2009 Newsletter

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

--Carl T. Roman

Agent 009 at the Cobourg Library

The Library's Youth Services staff are preparing to recommend a great number of super sleuths, private investigators, and secret agents to their patrons this summer.

The title of the summer's detective-themed 2009 TD Summer Reading Program is Agent 009. Your children may be looking for Agent 009 in a detective novel, or in mystery fiction. Thrillers, horror stories or suspense novels may also be of interest to young readers who like to challenge themselves to figure out 'whodunnit'.

The Club kicks off at our Cobourg branch on Monday, June 29th and runs until Saturday, August 15th.

Membership is free and every child aged 4 and up who registers, receives a poster, a logbook filled with fun activities and a sheet of stickers. In addition to these incentives we have weekly reader rewards so each time you report on a book you receive a reader reward. Simply come and tell us about the book, draw a picture or roll the dice and we'll ask you a few questions. The ultimate goal is to report on six books over six weeks. Even holidays don't get in the way – there's always fax or email. Register your child to take part in the fun.

For more information contact the Youth Services Department at 905 372-9271 ext. 6130.



SUNDAY SUMMER HOURS

Please note that, effective Sunday, July 5, the Library will not be open on Sundays until September 13 when regular (1-5 p.m.) hours will resume. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Agent 009

@ our Hamilton Township Branches

Registration for Hamilton Township programs is limited to Hamilton Township residents until July 2nd at which time program registration will be open to all Library members.

JULY

Eye Spy with my Little Eye – Gore's Landing Tues. July 14· 3:30pm, ages 4-6. \$1.

Once Upon a Crime – Bewdley Wed. July 15· 3:30pm, ages 9-12. \$1.

The Game of Clue & other puzzles – Gore's Landing Tues. July 28· 3:30pm, age 9-12. \$1.

Tic Tac Toe - Bewdley Wed. July 29 · 3:30pm, all ages. \$1

AUGUST

Nancy Drew Tea Party – Gore's Landing Tues. August 11· 3:30pm, age 8-12. \$2.50.

Solve the Mystery – Bewdley, Wed. August 12· 3:30pm, ages 9-12. \$1.

Whose Shoes? – Gore's Landing Tues. August 18 · 3:30pm, ages 6-8. \$1.

Inspector – Bewdley, Wed. August 19 · 3:30pm, ages 9-12. \$1.

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Enjoy Summer @ the Library

For a full list of all summer programs please visit the Library's website at www.cobourg.library.on.ca For more information please call the Youth Services Department at 905-372-9271 ext. 6130

JULY

Richard Scrimger & "The Mystery & Secrets of Charlie" – Wed. 8th, 2pm. Ages 8-12. \$3. Cobourg.

The Science of Detection – Thurs. 9th, 2pm. Ages 9-12. \$1. With Terry Stanley of Cobourg Police Services. Each child gets a fingerprint kit. Cobourg.

Little Red Riding Hood – puppet play. Fri. 10th, 11am. All ages. Cobourg.

Little Feet Dance – with Stephanie Booth. Mon. 13th, 11am. Ages 4-6. \$2. Cobourg.

Nancy Drew Tea Party – Wed. 15th, 11am. Ages 8-12. \$2.50. Cobourg.

Library Mystery Madness – Write a mystery, do a scavenger hunt, learn the history of mysteries. Thurs. 16th, 1:30pm. Ages 9-12. \$1. Cobourg.

Music Show – with June Nominee "Jake" who is on tour with his family. Fri. 17th, 11am. All ages. \$3/person, \$10/family. Cobourg.

The Power of Disguise – with Terry Stanley of Cobourg Police Services. Tues. 21st, 2pm. Ages 9-12. \$1. Cobourg.

Overnight at the Library – Fri. 31st, 7:30pm. Ages 6 and up - must be accompanied by an adult. \$5/family. Cobourg.

AUGUST

Eye Spy with My Little Eye – Thurs. 6th, 10:30am. Ages 4-6. \$1. Cobourg.

Art Class – Acrylic. Fri. 7th, 2pm. Ages 4-8. Cobourg.

An Evening with Shane Peacock – Mon. 10th, 7-9pm. Ages 10 and up. \$2. Cobourg.

Too Scared Library Drive-in – Thurs. 13th, 1:30pm. Ages 4-8. \$3. Cobourg.

The 3 Little Pigs – puppet play. Fri. 14th, 11am. All ages. Cobourg.

Spies Like Us – with Terry Stanley of Cobourg Police Services. Mon. 17th, 10:30am. Ages 7-10. \$1. Cobourg.

Art Class – Splatter Art. Fri. 21st, 2pm. Ages 4-8. Cobourg.

Detective School – Mon. 24th, 2pm. Ages 6-8. \$1. Cobourg.

First Day Jitters – Tues. 25th, 10:30am. Ages 3-6. Cobourg.

Registration for July Programs starts on June 29th at 10am. Registration for August programs starts July 29th. Registration is required for all programs. All registrations must be made in person.

Ride to Read Free Transit for Children

In order to encourage children to read during the summer months, and to encourage the use of Cobourg's transit system, the Cobourg Public Library and Cobourg Transit have entered into the Ride to Read partnership to provide free transit for children ages 3-13.

Between July 1 and August 31, inclusive, all children ages 3-13 will be able to ride the Town's buses at no charge using a valid Cobourg Public Library card that has been appropriately labeled.

Children ages 10-13 may travel without adult accompaniment. Younger children must travel with an adult. Adults will be expected to pay their fares.

Card holders may travel anywhere the buses travel.

Children will be able to come to the Circulation Desk at the Library's main branch to have their cards properly labeled any time after June 15th.

July 15 and August 5 are Digitization Days @ your Library

Cobourg Images - <http://images.ourontario.ca/Cobourg> - is the name of the online database of historic photographs pertaining to Cobourg and its environs. This database is maintained by the Library and by the Archives of the Cobourg and District Historical Society. These online photographs are viewed by researchers, historians, and genealogists who are interested in the visual history of the area as indicated by the photographs of the time.

The Library and the Archives are grateful to the members of the community who have either donated their photos to one of the

two organizations, and/or who have permitted their digitization and online posting.

We are inviting community members who may have a stash of historic photos of people, businesses, buildings, or noteworthy events, and who are interested in making them available for study through online posting, to come to the Library on July 15 from 10am-5pm and August 5 from 1pm-8pm. We will be happy to digitize and post your photos in the Cobourg Images database. You do not have to give your photos away, although we will be grateful to accept your donations should you wish to ensure that their physical

condition be maintained (all donated photographs are properly stored in acid free envelopes to protect them from deterioration).

There is great value in sharing the history that these images portray. It is also important that the images that document our local history not be lost or allowed to become damaged. We encourage you to consider allowing the Library to digitize the old photographs in your possession.

If you are unable to come to the Library on these dates, but are willing to share your photos, please contact Donna Bright at 905 372-9271 ext. 6200.

Cobourg Public Library

Trustee Profile : Janette Johnston

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: Douglas Bates (Chair), Kevin Caldwell, Patricia Fenner, Alison Fraser, Michael Hanlon, Councillor Pat McCourt, Councillor Bill MacDonald and our Vice Chair, Janette Johnston. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Janette to the community.

Janette is a retired elementary teacher and school librarian who has lived in Cobourg for almost twenty years. Janette's interests are varied. She has children and grandchildren. A history buff, she also loves the theatre, literature and

learning.

Janette feels strongly that it is important to be involved in the local community in which she lives. This is one of the reasons why she enjoys being a volunteer trustee. Janette believes that public education is the best way to ensure that we live in an enlightened and democratic society. With all they have to offer and their free and open access, public libraries play an essential role in helping to maintain and achieve the best possible society for all. Janette says, "The Cobourg Public Library is one of the treasures of our very pleasant community and I am happy to give my time and energy to help it carry out its purpose of adding to the quality of life of our town."

This is Janette's second year as Vice Chair of the Cobourg Public Library Board.



Please remember that Library Board meetings are open to the public. The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month (July and August meetings may be cancelled) at 4:00 p.m. in the Rotary Room.

Downloadable Audiobooks from OverDrive

Coming Soon, Two year funding from Ontario's Ministry of Culture will allow all of Ontario's public library members to freely download audiobooks for use on personal MP3 players such as iPod and Zune. Patrons will be able to choose from a large selection of current, popular fiction and non-fiction titles.

If home Internet access is too slow, there is the opportunity to visit the Library to download digital books from a Library computer to your MP3 player.

The Library will still continue to acquire audio books on compact disk for patron convenience.

Watch for an announcement this summer, as the target launch date is scheduled for sometime in July.

WIT @ your library

The library's new writing club is already more successful than any of us expected. Write It Down, said the poster announcing the club. And some 20 people with the urge to do just that turned out for the first meeting in early April.

We decided then that monthly meetings wouldn't be frequent enough so now our writers gather in the library on the first and third Mondays at 6 p.m. And some meet on the other Mondays as well, though usually in a local hostelry.

Mike Rooney, the musician and retired music teacher who suggested we form a writing club, suggested we play with Write It Down and change the initials to WIT as the club's name. Club member Collin Whitehouse pounced on it: "Writers In Training," he said. And it stuck.

"It's not a writing course," said

Michael Hanlon, the retired journalist who moderates the meetings. "It's similar to an art club but we use words instead of pictures. We talk about writing and writers and end each meeting with a suggested subject and our WITs let their imaginations go crazy and come back with up to 150 words.

"The subjects so far have included The Perfect Table, Two Strangers Getting Off a Bus Together at the Wrong Stop, Crossing Borders and Adam and Eve's First Meeting.

"It's a treat to see how imaginative the responses can be. We read them to each other and talk about them and always learn something – about writing and about ourselves."

There's plenty of room for anyone to come along and become a WIT. And the library provides coffee and munchies.

Michael Hanlon, CPL trustee

Private Lives

By Patricia Malcolmson

Have you ever looked with a hint of annoyance at a stack of faded or mildewed pages of handwriting and wonder if you should just pitch it out? If the words are part of a diary, yours or someone else's, or letters from decades ago, consider your choice carefully. The documents that may seem prosaic to you could be a fascinating source for social history.

Recently my husband and I have completed an edition of the diary of a middle aged housewife (Nella Last) who lived in north-west England in the austere years immediately following the Second World War. Hers was, in many ways, a very ordinary life. But it was one that she

documented virtually daily, often in individual entries as long as 1,500 to 2,000 words – the length of a typical undergraduate essay – for almost thirty years. Happily, her massive diary is preserved in the Mass Observation Archive at the University of Sussex in Brighton, England.

Nella Last was a talented and perceptive writer. We crafted this edition from a hard-to-decipher manuscript of well over a million words, of which the book represents only ten per cent of the total for 1945-48. Among the endless cups of tea and complaints about how hard it was to get by (in England bread was only rationed after the War), we found lyrical descriptions of the Lake District she loved and a touching and spirited account of daily life in postwar was Britain. She wrote frank and often very

funny accounts of neighbourly relations; probing recollections of her childhood, youth, and early years as a mother; wifely jibes at a reclusive husband who abhorred the gaiety she craved; anguished reports of POWs she encountered still on English soil years after the war had ended; and musings about a world of nuclear weapons into which her new grandson had been born.

Hers was an ordinary life made extraordinary by the power of her pen. At its essence, Nella Last's diary gives us a privileged insight into a human heart – as may other 'hidden' sources yet to be discovered.

Patricia and her husband, Robert, are editors of Nella Last's Peace: The post-war diaries of Housewife, 49 (London: Profile Books, 2008) [Canadian distributors not yet known]

Video games @ your library

We are pleased to showcase the newest circulating collection at the Library - our collection of video games. Video games are available for the Wii, Xbox 360, PS3 and PS2 consoles. Patrons may borrow two items per family. The loan period is two weeks, with no renewals allowed. Patrons may place holds on any video game, or any other materials, from home, or from within the Library.

Auto Repair Reference Center Online Database

The Auto Repair Reference Center database is now available remotely from the Library's website. Home mechanics with Internet access are able to access repair information for current and vintage automobiles from the comfort of your own home. Auto Repair Reference Center contains information on most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles, with repair information for most vintage makes from as far back as 1945.

Database content includes more than 33,800 vehicles covered from 1945 to present, nearly 800,000 drawings and step-by-step photographs, approximately 83,200 technical service bulletins & recalls

issued by the original equipment vehicle manufacturer, over 99,800 enhanced wiring diagrams for easy viewing and printing, specifications & maintenance schedules, a complete guide to vehicle ownership & maintenance, and much more. New repair procedures and updates are continually added to the product. All of the content in Auto Repair Reference has been created by ASE certified technicians.

This database is available, free of charge, to all library members. It can be found at www.cobourg.librarby.on.ca. Select the <Search a Database> menu and choose the Novelist/Ebsco Host option.

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