

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS



HANGING OUT IN THE STORY TOWER

March Break at the Library

Spend your March Break with us! The Blue Mountains Public Library has activities for all ages during the school break (March 12-16) and plans to keep kids dancing, learning, and laughing all week long.

On Monday, we kick off March Break with **HOURLY OF CODE**, designed to demystify computer coding and show that anybody can learn the basics. Join us for a one-hour coding challenge on Monday at 10:30am. Ages 7-12. Register Online. FREE.

Tuesday will feature **LEGO & GAMES**. Build your own design out of LEGO - we supply the materials or you can bring your own. We also have plenty of fun, family board games for everyone to enjoy. Tuesday at 10:30-11:30am. All-ages, children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Drop-in. FREE

Wednesday is movie day! Enjoy a **MOVIE MATINEE** on Wednesday from 2-4pm. Go to our Facebook page and vote for "Coco" or "Wonder". Drop-in. FREE.

It's March Break at the Craigeith Heritage Depot too! **DJ Lessons: Elements of Hip Hop** is Wednesday from 3-5pm. A local DJ will show kids how to manipulate music to express themselves. \$5, ages 9-14. Limited spots, please register by email or phone.

Thursday is our special event, **REPTILIA STAGE SHOW**. Would you like to meet an alligator? A python? Learn about reptiles, pose with them, and maybe even pet them! Thursday at 10:30am. All-ages, children under the age of 8 must be with an adult. Tickets are \$2/person and are available at L.E. Shore Library or the Depot.

And for the little ones, Friday features **FAMILY STORY TIME**. Meet us in the Story Tower for a story, crafts, and sensory activities. Friday at 10:45-11:30 am. Ages 0-5 years, older siblings are welcome to join in.

Our grand finale on Friday is the **DJ DANCE PARTY!** Time to break out those dancing shoes. Our DJ Dance Party features our local young DJs who have been learning the Art of DJing at the Craigeith Heritage Depot. Everyone is welcome. Friday from 2-4pm. FREE

Programs at L.E. Shore Library unless otherwise stated.

Museum News

This March celebrate all things Irish with the Craigleith Heritage Depot, starting with our community.



CHARLES MCGUIRE

Guest Book Quotes from
the Craigleith Heritage
Depot

“Thanks for sharing the
great history!” -
Craigleith

The 1851 and 1861 census show that about 30 percent of the head of households here were Irish. Today, across Canada about 14 percent of the population is Irish.

The first permanent settler to this area was Richard McGuire. He was born in Ireland and arrived in the fall of 1834. He cleared the land of trees and constructed his first home on lot 35 concession 11. In the spring of 1835, his wife Jane and their children joined him. Their son Charles McGuire was the first settler child born here. McGuire descendants continue to live in The Blue Mountains making them the longest settler family line still in the area.

Charles Stuart, the abolitionist and writer, arrived in 1842. He purchased his brother-in-law Charles Rankin's property and named it Lora Bay in honour of his Irish roots and that of his wife Rebecca. There he established a large log home which included some Irish household staff.

Discover more family connections on St. Patrick's Day at the Craigleith Heritage Depot. Check out the map of Irish families in the archives room. Test your skills at spotting the Irish names, and find out about the impact of Irish Canadians on the development of Canada. If you've always wanted to start exploring your Irish roots here stop by for family tree information and get started with your search. We have on-line access to Ancestry.com and many genealogy resources for you to explore.

There are so many Irish things hiding in plain sight. Pick up our community scavenger hunt card at the Craigleith Heritage Depot and with the luck of the Irish maybe win a prize!

In the Gallery

Incidental Images: Paintings by Nancy De Boni

Show runs from March 3 to March 28, 2018

Opening reception: Saturday, March 3, from 2-4 pm

Nancy writes, “My works are narratives using representational images. I gather ideas to create the story. Some works contain figures and others merely suggest a human spirit. Using different palettes I intend to evoke a mood or time of day that could be reminiscent to others. Rather than writing, I like to paint my thoughts”.

Fiona Legg Felting Workshop

Back by popular demand! Artist Fiona Legg returns to the L. E. Shore Gallery Sunday, April 8th, to lead another felting workshop.

Time: 1-3 pm in the Gallery. All levels welcome.

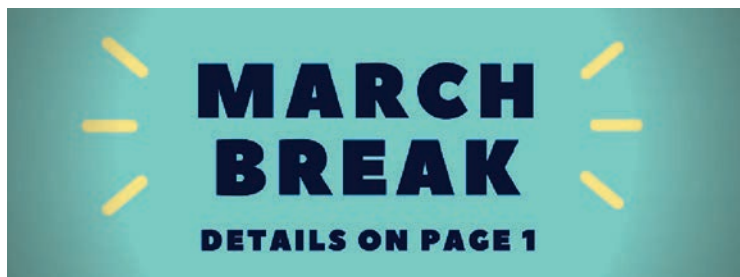
Cost: \$10. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited.



NANCY DE BONI

Programs

Contact the Library or visit our website's Event Calendar to register for programs. Unless indicated, all programs are free.



CONFLICTED HISTORY with Marty Elkins

Local author and teacher, Marty Elkins, will be speaking about the perils of writing history, the importance of teaching history, and the writing process. Copies of his book, "Leave Us In Peace", will be available for purchase. Thursday, March 1 at 7pm at L.E. Shore.

Seniors Exercise Every Monday and Wednesday 10:30-11:30am at L.E. Shore. Sitting or standing, no matter your ability. Improve your fitness and balance. Cost is \$2.

Family Friday Story Time Every Friday 10:45-11:30am in the L.E. Shore Story Tower. A great way to start your weekend! Ages 0-5 years. Stories, crafts, games, sensory play and fun.

'Luck of the Irish' Community Scavenger Hunt (March 10-17)
Find our clovers in locations around Craigleith! Posters around the area will have clovers with letters in them. Write down the letters at each location and then head to the Craigleith Heritage Depot on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday March 17, to spell out the luck of the Irish. Get all the words correctly and be entered to win a prize!

Craigleith Heritage Depot Film Club will discuss "Zero Dark 30" and "Point Break" by Catherine Bigelow. Saturday, March 10, 10:30am-12:00pm.

Sweetwater Sea Meditation Circle As a group you will learn simple breathing techniques, and then explore different meditative practices. The variety of techniques is as vast as the health benefits; from reducing stress, anxiety, and depression to managing pain. Come, clear your mind and calm your body. March 15 from 2-3pm at the Craigleith Heritage Depot.

The **Lost & Found Bin** at L.E. Shore will be emptied after the March Break. Drop in and see if any of it's yours. Clothing, water bottles, thumb drives, earrings...



LBGTQ and Friends This social group takes time to share joys, concerns, experiences and challenges of navigating a full life here in the beautiful Blue Mountains. Whether you are LBGTQ or an ally, this group is for you! Saturday, March 24, 10am-12pm at the Craigleith Heritage Depot.

Craigleith Heritage Depot Book Club Join in to discuss "The Headmasters Wager" by Vincent Lam. Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30pm.

Felting Workshop with Fiona Legg

Local artist, Fiona Legg, will be in the L.E. Shore Gallery on Sunday, April 8 for a felting workshop. Unleash your inner artist and create a beautiful, unique piece of art. Participants will be able to take home a wall-hanging. \$10/person. Limited space, so please register online. Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 1-2:30pm.

Pottery Workshop with Carol Hahn

The ever popular Pottery Workshop with Carol Hahn is back by popular demand! Local potter, Carol, will be back in the L.E. Shore Memorial Library teaching a pottery class. Learn to make your own pottery. \$20/person. Limited space, so register online. Saturday, April 28 at 10:30am-12pm



Library Board Action Plan

The Blue Mountains Public Library Board approved the **2018 Action Plan** at the February 19th Board Meeting. This Plan includes goals to be completed by the Board, its Committees and CEO prior to the end of their term. Eleven large areas were selected including the comprehensive review and completion of all BMPL By-Laws and policies; the completion of an MOU between BMPL and Council; the completion of a Feasibility Study, Space Plan and Strategic Plan.

BMPL encourages our community members to review this Action Plan. 2018 will be a busy time for our Board and CEO and we look forward to providing updates as we begin to achieve this our goals for the library, museum and gallery.

The Library and Board will be conducting community consultations in the coming months. Please participate in these surveys. They will help to inform the Strategic Plan.

Download the **Action Plan** [here](#) or visit our website and click **Library Board** at the bottom of the page.



Library Board Meeting: Thursday, March 22 at 2pm in the Gallery

Easter Hours: We are closed Friday, March 30, Sunday, April 1 and Monday, April 2. Regular hours Saturday.

Closed Friday, March 23 for Staff Appreciation & Team Building Day

Books to Movies 2018

We're excited to see each and every one of these adaptations in the theater. Many of the titles below can found on our Staff Picks shelf.



1. Ready Player One by Ernest Cline Set in a dystopian 2044 and directed by Spielberg, the hero plays a virtual reality game that's an homage to the 1980s. This exciting story should translate into a movie with great special effects.

- 2. Annihilation by Jeff VanderMeer** Fantastically creepy sci-fi
- 3. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle** Stars Oprah!
- 4. The Death Cure by James Dashner** Latest in this teen series
- 5. Where'd You Go Bernadette by Maria Semple** Funny satire with Cate Blanchett as Bernadette
- 6. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer** Charming post-WWII story about love and friendship

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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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Monday CLOSED

Tuesday 12-5

Wednesday 3-8

Thursday 12-5

Friday 12-5

Saturday 10-5

Sunday 12-5

