

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS



Summer Staff Picks!

Looking for a great summer read to enjoy on the deck? Library staff are always eager to recommend a title or point you in the direction of more staff favourites like these:

The Bookshop on the Shore by Jenny Colgan: For those of us who have always dreamed of driving a library van, this transports us to Scotland, to a bookshop van. The characters are charming and it is a great book to put down, pick back up, shake out the sand, and continue up and down the roads of Scotland. Enjoyable. – Hélène

Linda Castillo's Kate Burkholder series: Once a member of the Amish community, now a police officer, Burkholder solves mysteries in a sleepy rural town. Castillo's books are gritty and fast-paced. Start with **Breaking Silence**. – Donna

A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian by Marina Lewycka: This hilarious book is not about the history of tractors, but rather two feuding sisters who join forces to break up their Ukrainian dad from his gold-digging girlfriend. – Elisa

Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Reid Jenkins centers on a fictional 1970s rock band, dealing with their rise to fame. Told in an interview format, this book jumps from different viewpoints and tells a more complete story. Loved it from beginning to end. – Emma

The Stand by Stephen King: Are you not able to get away on holiday this year? How about an epic travelogue? Stephen King's **The Stand** is an oldie-but-a-goodie as our favourite characters battle between dark and light in the epic westernly journey as only Mr. King can pen. – Sabrina

Outlander by Donna Gabaldon: Does a trio of romance, historical fiction, and time travel appeal to you? Read the book that inspired the popular TV series. – Desirée

The Oh She Glows Cookbook by Angela Liddon is in my opinion, the best cookbook for summer. While I am not a vegan, I do try and eat a more plant-based diet. Her recipes are delicious, her directions are simple and straightforward, and the photos are beautiful. – Emma

Come to Our Table: Celebrating South Georgian Bay's Food Community with Recipes, Art & Stories edited by Rheanna Kish: If you enjoy leafing through beautiful recipe books for inspiration, feast your eyes on this one. This unique cookbook was made with the involvement of local chefs, food producers, artists and writers. – Allison

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From the Craigleith Heritage Depot Vaults

Museum staff have been focusing our work on the backlog of cataloguing in our storage area. Members of the Georgian Bay Photography Club are assisting staff by providing their expertise in photographing our wide range of artifacts.

The natural and cultural history of our community are told through the objects in our collection. The majority of these items were donated to the museum and help provide an inter-generational memory and history for today and for tomorrow.

The following are images from the collection highlighting the diversity of our heritage here in the Blue Mountains.



CHD museum tech looking through an 1800's family bible.



CHD museum tech looking at a photo slide.

CHD Guest Book Quotes

"Nice Museum, particularly likes the Mary Ward virtual reality movie" – D.Y., Toronto, ON

"Fascinating area and history/geology – will research more when I get home; also friendly and authentic people" – M. R., Calgary, AB

"I Felicidades! Interstante Museo" – G.V., Mexico

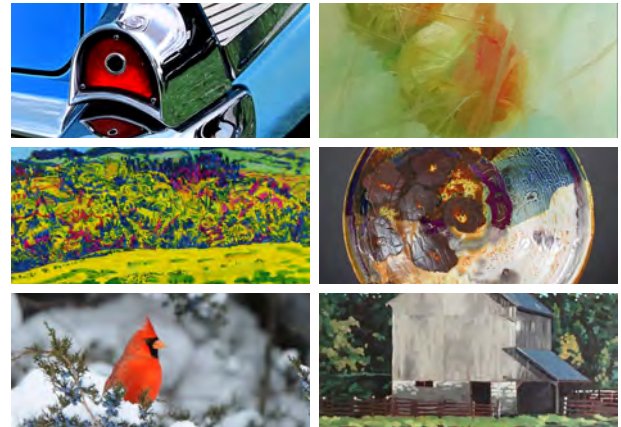
"Love the VR set up" – E.H.

In the Gallery

4th Annual Summer Invitational

The show runs **June 29th to August 28th** in the Gallery at L.E. Shore.

The 4th Annual Summer Invitational Show of Arts and Crafts continues through the month of August. Featuring: **Sharon Barfoot:** Abstract expressionism; **Delia Eastwood:** Elements of nature in acrylic painting; **David Fisher:** Photorealism in oils; **Steve Irvine:** Pottery; **Carol Norris:** Wildlife and nature photography; **Barb Pearn:** Impressionist landscape painting.

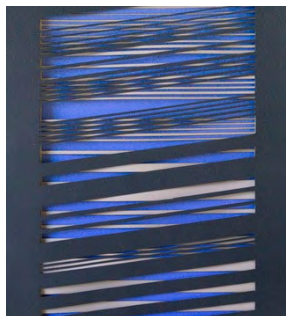


Coming in September: Double Vision

The show runs **August 31st to September 25th** in the Gallery at L.E. Shore.

Opening Reception: Saturday, September 7th, 2:00pm-4:00pm. This is a licensed event.

Lisa Hannaford and Jim Stacey will share in September an exhibition showcasing each artist's unique take on their environment. Hannaford's focus is on the beauty of the land, its vast landscapes and intimate floral scenes. Stacey's work explores the medium of paper to express visions of nature alongside fanciful paper constructions.



Programs

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

LES = L.E. Shore Library

CHD = Craigeleith Heritage Depot

Creator Space Digital Arts Lab classes for August include:

Digital Photography for Beginners, Introduction to Podcasting, Introduction to Digital Cinematography, Introduction to Digital Video Editing, and Introduction to Sound Mixing for Video. The classes are free and taught by industry experts. For more information, visit:

<https://tbmcreatorspace.com/>

Seniors' Exercise

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30am-11:30am at LES
Sitting or standing, no matter your ability. Improve your fitness and balance. Drop-in. Cost is \$2.

Story Time at the Beach

Every Friday, 11:00am-11:30am at Little River Park
Every week features stories, crafts, games, sensory play and fun. Remember to wear sunscreen and a hat! Drop-in. Free event. Ages 0-5 yrs. Little River Park is located next to Thornbury Pier.

Pictures and Words Competition for Teens

The Blue Mountains Public Library is hosting a creative writing and visual art competition, Pictures and Words. The creative writing must be an original story with a maximum of 1000 words, and story must be submitted with 2 visual pieces of art. Deadline for submission will be August 31st. See website for details. Ages 13-18.

International Youth Day

Monday, August 12th, 2:00pm-4:00pm at LES
Join us for a Tie Dye Party! Bring your white garment to tie dye and we will supply the rest. Free event. Drop in. Ages 3-17yrs.

Story Time at CHD

Tuesday, August 13th, 1:00pm at CHD
We will read some books, dance and play, make a craft and have loads of FUN! Ages 0-5. Free event. Drop in.

Natural First Aid for Families

Tuesday, August 13th, 6:30pm-7:30pm at LES
Learn all-natural first aid options for children with Lia, from Be Well Collingwood. Free event. Drop-in. All ages.



Weaving Workshop with Blue Mountain Baskets

Saturday, August 17th, 1:00pm-2:30pm at LES
Blue Mountain Baskets will be leading a weaving workshop. We will be making super cute garden gnomes using willow, dogwood, rush and other creative materials found in nature. Free event. Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

CHD Book Club

Wednesday, August 21st, 6:30pm at CHD
The group will be discussing *The Promise of Canada* by Charlotte Gray.

Basket Weaving with Newspaper

Tuesday, August 27th, 2:00pm-3:00pm at CHD
We will be learning how to weave baskets using newspaper and glue. Ages 8 and up. Free event. Registration required.

Dance It Out with Louise Stewart Potts

Thursday, August 29th, 2:00pm-3:00pm at LES
Come on down to the library for some dancing, stretching, laughs, and play. Remember to bring your comfy shoes! All ages welcome. Free event. Drop in.

Final Story Time at the Beach

Friday, August 30th, 11:00am-11:30am at Little River Park
Help us celebrate the end of summer. Therapy dogs Sophie and Molly will be joining us for stories, songs and games. Drop-in. Free event. Ages 0-5 yrs.

After School Kids Club

Registration for our Tuesday and Thursday After School Kids Club opens Tuesday, September 10th, at 3:30pm. The session begins the week of September 16th. For ages 8 and up.

Save the Date!

The 3rd Blue Mountains' Seniors Information and Active Living Fair is taking place Wednesday, September 11th from 11:00am-2:00pm at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. A day for seniors and/or caregivers.

Library Board Corner

While The Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) Board does not have a regularly scheduled meeting in the month of August, members are busy with the committee work. The Board meets the third Thursday of the month, each month, except August and December.

The Board has three standing committees which are based on 3 of the 4 Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Goals: Vibrant Spaces & Capital Campaigns (VS-CC), Communication & Strategic Plan (C-SP); and Organizational Capacity, By-laws & Governance (OC-BLG). The fourth Strategic Goal, Service Excellence, is a responsibility of the CEO through her staff, and therefore does not have a Board Committee. Each of the three Board Committees meet monthly and provide written reports within the monthly Board package.

All Board and Committee meeting dates can be found on the website calendar. Once published, the agenda packages for Board Meetings as well as minutes can be found under the Governance tab. All meetings of the Board (Regular, Special, and Committee) are open to the public. The Board may close portions of meetings according to the Public Libraries Act.

Primary areas of focus for the summer continue to be preparing a budget which meets the TBM requested 4% reduction across all departments and the BMPL. We are also working closely with TBM's SMT to complete the direction by Council to report back with expansion information and include such budget needs in the 2020 Proposed Budget. At this time our focus is on the much anticipated LES expansion as this project has been more than 15 years in the making.

If you have not yet subscribed to the *Key Message Update*, we encourage you to do this. The Board is publishing a short blog monthly which provides each of the most important matters being addressed by your Blue Mountains Public Library Board.



MEMORY LAB
AT L.E. SHORE LIBRARY

**SCAN OLD PHOTOS,
 NEGATIVES, AND SLIDES**

CONVERT VHS TO DIGITAL

Book time (with or without staff help)
 email librarytech@thebluemountains.ca



L.E. Shore Library

173 Bruce Street South
 Thornbury, Ontario
 519-599-3681 ext 140
libraryinfo@thebluemountains.ca

Monday 10-5
 Tuesday 10-8
 Wednesday 10-5
 Thursday 10-8
 Friday 10-5
 Saturday 10-5
 Sunday 12-4



The Library will be closed on Monday, August 5, Civic Holiday.

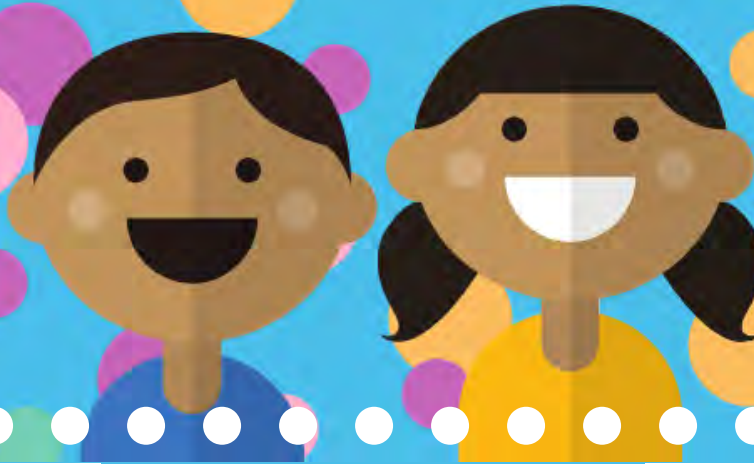
Craigleith Heritage Depot

113 Lakeshore Road East
 The Blue Mountains, Ontario
 519-599-3681 ext 370
depot@thebluemountains.ca

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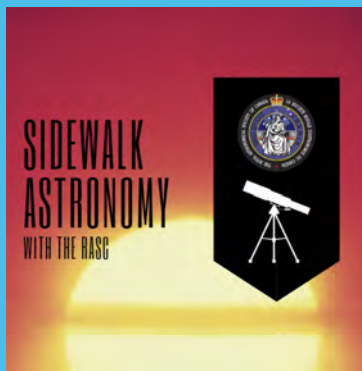
What's up in August?

BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY KID'S PROGRAMS IN AUGUST



Observatory Visit

Wednesday, August 1st, 2019, 7-10pm. Join us at the L.E. Shore Library for an exciting "What's New in Astronomy" presentation done by the Royal Astronomical Society (RASC). The evening will end with a visit to the Carr Observatory for an evening of stargazing. Free. All ages. Pre-registration required.



Sidewalk Astronomy

Tuesday, August 6th, 2019. 1-3pm. Meet at the L.E. Shore Library for a program organized by the RASC. The idea of this program is to catch people when they are not expecting to get a look through a telescope, and then explain to them what they are seeing. Children will also have the opportunity to create a piece of Constellation Art. Free drop-in event for people ages 6 and up.



Bullet Journal Workshop

Saturday, August 3rd, 2-3:30pm. If you're worried about the new school year and organization, give a bullet journal a try. All you have to do is bring in your own journal to the L.E. Shore Library and all other supplies will be provided. For ages 13-17. Pre-registration required. Free event.



No Sew Pencil Case

Friday, August 9th, 2019, 1-2pm. Back to school season doesn't always have to be stressful. Come join us at the L.E. Shore Library for a fun workshop making pencil cases. Free event for children 8 and up. Pre-registration is required.

WHAT'S NEW IN ASTRONOMY?

TALK & VISIT TO THE CARR OBSERVATORY

3 Little Birds Craft

Thursday, August 8th, 1-2:30pm. Come in and join us at the L.E. Shore for this adorable craft! We will be painting rocks and using reclaimed wood for this cute craft. Pre-registration is required for this free event. For ages 8 and up.



Slime Workshop

Thursday, August 15th, 1-2pm.
Come to the L.E. Shore Library to work with August Banks, the creator of Cosmic Cat Poo Slime, and make some slime! This slime is ooey, gooey and one of a kind. \$10 per person all supplies provided. Pre-registration required. Ages 6 and up.



Story Time at the Beach

Every Friday, 11-11:30am, at Little River Park (next to the Thornbury Pier). Features stories, crafts, games, sensory play and fun. Drop-in. Free event. Ages 0-5. Remember to wear sunscreen and a hat!

International Youth Day - Tie Dye

Monday August 12th, 2-4pm.
International Youth Day is an awareness day designated by the United Nations. It is celebrated annually on August 12th. Join us at the L.E. Shore Library, bring a white garment to tie dye and we will supply the rest. Free event. Drop in. For children ages 3-17.



Bed Time Family Story Time

Thursday, August 22nd, 6-6:30pm.
Join us in the Story Tower for a super comfy, cozy Story Time. We will read some stories, play some games and sing some lullabies. This is a free event so come drop in. For ages 2 and up.



Games for Tots

Tuesday, August 20th, 2:30-3pm.
Meet us in the Courtyard at the L.E. Shore Library for some movement games. We will bring out our hula hoops, beach balls and our parachute for a fun afternoon of play. Drop in for a free event. Ages 2 and up.



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