

# THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS



Left to right: H el ene, Elisa, Mary, Ashley, Monica, Alessia, Jennifer, Emma, Allison, Jamie, Desir ee, Sabrina, Hannah, Andrea, Mackenzie, Lily.

## Get Creative from a Distance

The Blue Mountains Public Library is hosting a digital creative writing and visual art contest, **Pictures and Words**.

**What's the criteria?** The creative writing must be an original story or poem or comic with a maximum of 1000 words, and must be submitted with a visual piece of art or photo. Deadline for contest will be May 31st.

There are 5 age categories:

- Ages 0-5 years
- Ages 6-10 years
- Ages 11-14 years
- Ages 15-18 years
- Ages 18+

We have some AMAZING prizes lined up. In an effort to support our local small businesses, the Library has purchased digital gift cards from some cool spots, including Good Grief Coffee, Thornbury Bakery, Imagination Studio, Jessica's Book Nook, Lemonade Collective, and Bruce Wine Bar.

The winning pieces will be posted on our website and will also be featured in a Biblioboard exhibit.

Please send entries via email to:  
libraryprograms@thebluemountains.ca

You can also submit using our social media pages  
[Facebook @thebluemountainslibrary](#)  
[Instagram @bmplibrary](#)

Submissions can be sent as photos or documents.



Pictures & Words Contest Winner, 2019. "Entry to Cave", submitted by Booklyn Loopstra to accompany her short story "The Awakening of the Sea Creatures. Read it on [Biblioboard](#).

# Our Military Heritage

The Craigleith Heritage Depot has received a grant from Veterans Affairs Canada through the Commemorative Partnership Program to digitize and upload local veteran and military history. The Commemorative Partnership Program's Community Engagement funding supports organizations undertaking remembrance initiatives including commemorative activities or the development of commemorative materials. The museum greatly appreciates this opportunity to grow the online exhibit Our Military History available on our Virtual Museum.

Not only is Veterans Affairs Canada assisting, but the Royal Canadian Legion Beaver Valley 281, volunteers and the community are all involved in helping to document this incredible history. Over the summer staff and volunteers will be researching, digitizing and uploading resources to add to this exhibit. This project will also provide a place for collaboration and commemoration. If you or a family member was involved as a member of the military or militia, it will be a place where you can upload your images, documents, memories, stories and resources to the site.



WWII, Alfred Frost (left) and Roy Buchanan (right)



Interior Clarksburg Military Museum, by A. Black

Together we share the individual stories of our neighbours, friends and family members who were involved in our military heritage from the 19th century to today. In addition, local military organizations, such as the Clarksburg Military Museum, the Royal Canadian Legion Beaver Valley and secondary resources will be included. It will continue to grow and expand as we collect and document this history providing community resources for digital access around the world.

Throughout May, every Thursday morning at 9:30 on Facebook, curator Andrea Wilson will profile some of the stories shared on this platform. We anticipate launching the newly uploaded materials for September and start accepting community uploads at that time. We thank all of our partners in this project and know it will be visited by people around the world and right here at home.

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# Online Programs

The Blue Mountains Public Library is here for you! Read, listen, research, and learn online through our [Virtual Branch](#), open 24/7. See the [Event Calendar](#) for details about our online programs through social media.

**BMPL Facebook** [@thebluemountainslibrary](#)

**BMPL Instagram** [@bmplibrary](#)

**CHD Facebook** [@CraigleithDepot](#)

**CHD Twitter** [@CraigleithDepot](#)

**YouTube:** [The Blue Mountains Public Library](#)

## MONDAY

### Seniors Exercise

Mondays 10:00am BMPL Facebook

Sharon is online, providing a short exercise video on Facebook. Light stretches and aerobics. Sitting or standing, no matter your ability. Improve your fitness and balance.

### Museum Mondays

Mondays, 3:00pm CHD Facebook

May is Museum Month! Join Museum Technician, Monica Norris, as she shows behind the scenes in research, collections, interpretation and care. Videos archived on YouTube.

## TUESDAY

### Tuesday Cluesday

Tuesdays CHD Facebook, CHD Twitter

Join Library Assistant, Alessia, in exploring what is hiding in archival photographs every Tuesday. Themes for May include: Local Families, Spring Feels, Caption This and Collingwood Township Communities.

## WEDNESDAY

### Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays 1:00pm BMPL Facebook

Join Ashley for video lessons and virtual tech help. Lessons archived on YouTube.

May 6: Lynda.com

May 13: Consumer Reports

May 20: Mango Languages

May 27: Instagram

### Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays 7:00pm BMPL Facebook, BMPL Instagram

Jen will be reading quiet stories to put your family in the mood for dreamland. Wear your PJs, brush your teeth, and meet us for a story.

## THURSDAY

### Our Military Heritage

Thursdays at 9:30am CHD Facebook

Live feature with Curator Andrea Wilson as she shares stories, memoirs and images.

Videos archived on YouTube.

### Digital Book Club

Thursdays 1:00pm BMPL Facebook

Let's talk books! What are you reading?

Receive book recommendations or give

book suggestions. An interactive Facebook

Live weekly event.

## FRIDAY

### Virtual Story Time

Fridays 11:00am BMPL Facebook, BMPL Instagram

A great way to start your weekend! Watch from the comfort of your own home. Every week features stories and fun. Ages 0-5 yrs or anyone who likes a good story.

### Museum Talk & Sketch

### Museum Show & Tell

Fridays 1:00pm CHD Facebook, BMPL YouTube

See museum artifacts and create artwork inspired by local histories with Museum Technician Allison Brown.

May focus: Beaver Valley Fall Fair and Ambassadors.

May 1: Learn to draw animals like Walter Trier, a world-famous illustrator with a tie to The Blue Mountains!

May 8, 15: Beaver Valley Fall Fair

May 22, 29: Fall Fair Ambassadors

## SATURDAY

### Family Craft Time

Saturdays 11:00am BMPL Facebook, BMPL Instagram

A new fun and easy to do activity and/or arts & crafts project to do at home with the kiddos. Videos archived on YouTube.

# New Online Learning Resources!

## Free Digital Art Tutorials from Local Digital Artists

## Find us online: [www.tbmcs.ca](http://www.tbmcs.ca)



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## Library Board Corner

At the April 16th Board Meeting, 22 items from the Action Plan 2020 were deferred due to COVID-19 and anticipated lost revenue or inability to maintain physical distancing. These items will be reviewed for inclusion in the 2021 Plan in late Fall. At this same meeting the Board passed amendments to several policies and By-Laws, including those which required updates as a result of the pandemic. All policies are available on our [Policies](#) page of the website

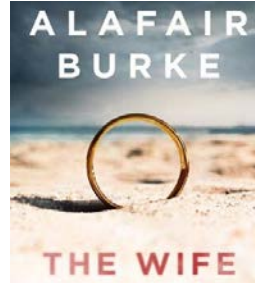
Board and committee meetings are continuing to occur virtually. As a result of increases to hacking attempts during COVID-19, the link for meetings will no longer be published on agendas or the Event Calendar. Those interested in attending open meetings should contact [LibraryCEO@TheBlueMountains.ca](mailto:LibraryCEO@TheBlueMountains.ca) prior to meetings, and login credentials (Internet and phone) will be provided. No links will be provided 30 minutes prior to any meeting due to scheduling conflicts of the CEO. Those interested should consider making requests well before the meetings to guarantee access.

In May all mailboxes within the Town of the Blue Mountains will receive a print *Board Year in Review*. This annual communication includes highlights from the 2019 year and touches on governance in 2020. Also included in this newsletter is the explanation of the new service model during COVID-19. Similar information has been published by the CEO on the [Service Updates & COVID-19](#) page with regular updates made as changes occur. The Board encourages all community members to check this page for future updates as well as [subscribe](#) to both the *Key Messages from the Board* and the e-newsletter *Library News*. E-subscription is the primary communication method by the Board and Library staff.

On May 22 at 3pm, members of the Board and our CEO will be holding a Virtual Town Hall on the [BMPL Facebook](#) page. We had intended to have 3 such Town Hall meetings in 2020 across the community (Thornbury, Craigleith, and Ravenna) but due to the pandemic have moved these meetings to a virtual platform. This will be an opportunity to hear updates and ask questions of your BMPL Board.

## Audio Book Bonus Borrows on Hoopla

A Bonus Borrow doesn't count towards your 5 borrows a month! These titles are available now. Download the hoopla app to your smartphone or tablet and listen up! [Get Hoopla](#).



**[The Wife by Alafair Burke](#)** From New York Times bestselling author Alafair Burke, a stunning domestic thriller in the vein of *Behind Closed Doors* and *The Woman in Cabin 10* in which a woman must make the impossible choice between defending her husband and saving herself.

**[The Making of Us](#)** by Lisa Jewell. An engaging tale of choices made and not made, families lost and families gained.

**[Better Sleep Hypnosis](#)** by Mindfulness Training. With this 1 hour deep sleep hypnosis accompanied by relaxing music. Falling asleep quickly is as easy as pressing play.

**[Switchblade](#)** by Michael Connelly. An original short story in the Harry Bosch series.

**[Pieces of Her](#)** by Karin Slaughter. An electrifying novel of devastating secrets and hidden lives that probes the fraught relationship between daughters and mothers.

**[7 Thoughts to Live Your Life By](#)** by I. C. Robledo. The thoughts you let into Your life can make all the difference in the world.

**[I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916](#)** (JF) by Lauren Tarshis. In the summer of 1916, ten year-old Chet Roscow is captivated by the local news: a Great White shark has been attacking and killing people up and down the Atlantic Coast, not far from Chet's hometown of Springfield, New Jersey.

**[Wild Born](#)** (JF) by Brandon Mull. Four children separated by vast distances all undergo the same ritual, watched by cloaked strangers. Part 1 of the Spirit Animals series.

**[Something Wicked This Way Comes](#)** by Ray Bradbury. Bradbury has dramatized this literary classic into a first-class audio drama, complete with a full cast, sound effects, and original music.

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