

# THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS



Lilacs blooming in the Blue Mountains

## Order Books, Magazines, Movies and More for Curbside Pickup

We are pleased to announce that the Library will begin a contact-free curbside pickup service starting Tuesday, June 2.

Library materials will be available for pick up on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm at the parking lot entrance of L.E. Shore Library. Staff will place books and other items in plastic bins. They will already be checked out in your name. Look for the bin with your name on it; take out the books and leave the bin.

There are lots of ways to order books, magazines, movies and puzzles: place a hold through our [online catalogue](#), call us, email us, or fill out the [Curbside Holds Request Form on our website](#). You can also visit the library and browse our window displays!

We ask that you maintain physical distancing when you pick up your holds. When others are retrieving their holds, stay at least 2m away from other patrons and wait your turn at a safe distance.

For more details, visit the [Curbside Holds Pickup](#) page on our website.

## HOW TO ORDER LIBRARY MATERIALS FOR CURBSIDE HOLDS PICKUP

### 1 PLACE YOUR HOLDS

Place your holds by:

- visiting our online catalogue
- calling us at 519-599-3681
- emailing [libraryinfo@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:libraryinfo@thebluemountains.ca)
- completing the form on our website

### 2 WE WILL CALL YOU WHEN YOUR HOLD IS READY FOR PICKUP

At this time all pickup notifications will be over the telephone. If you do not receive a call, your hold will not be waiting.



**NO OVERDUE FINES DURING CLOSURE**

[TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca/curbside.cfm](http://TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca/curbside.cfm)

# Love Those Lilacs!

The lilacs at the Craigleith Heritage Depot have been loved for generations, but they weren't always so abundant. When the Craigleith Railway station was in operation the entire east side of the building was a quarry. The railway tracks to the north were kept clear of vegetation during the operation of the station, as sparks from the train could start a fire.

A station master and his family lived in the building and ran both the station and the quarry. In the late 19th century, lilacs were transplanted to the property by the sister of the station master to provide scent where needed—right beside the outhouse! The oldest lilacs on our property are the ones either side of the fire hydrant along Lakeshore Road. From there, the lilacs spread and, when the quarry was filled in, it provided a perfect spot to keep growing. After the station closed and the tracks were no longer used, they continued to spread out along the trail.

There are all sorts of great stories about the lilacs and Kenn Knapman, being the consummate marketer, drew attention to these beauties to help drive interest to his restaurant - The Depot. So, they are not the largest grove in Canada, the Queen didn't give the lilacs and they are not part of an indigenous healing circle. Lilacs were introduced to Canada by early settlers and they were transplanted here from other households, just like at the railway station. We still love to hear these stories and sometimes we also hear Kenn's voice!



Lilacs at the Depot Fine Dining Restaurant,  
Kourey-Knapman Collection

## Top Wild Food Book Picks

### *Field Guide to Edible Wild Plants* *of Eastern and Central North America*



**Field Guide to Edible Wild Plants** by Lee Peterson

**Healing Wise** by Susan S. Weed

**The Wild Medicine Solution** by Guido Mase

**Backyard Medicine** by Julie-Bruten-Seal and Matthew Seal

Place a hold on these and other wild edibles books [here](#).

Spring is here! As life greens up around us, our thoughts naturally turn to fresh foods. Sometimes the most nutritious ingredients are right outside our doorstep. The act of carefully finding and sustainably harvesting wild food is considered wild foraging. According to [OntarioNature.org](http://OntarioNature.org), there are important rules when wild harvesting such as knowing exactly what is being collected and taking only what can be used. Read more [here](#). When starting out, having a personal guide and good books are important ways to learn about wild edibles.

Wild foraging brings us flavourful and nutritious veggies, likes leeks and fiddleheads, but there are many more around us. For example, did you know that lilacs have beneficial medicinal properties? Our friends at Rocky Shores Health & Wellness Hub in Thornbury have compiled a list of their favourite wild food books for your convenience. Also keep your eyes peeled for a short video about lilacs and wild edibles on our CHD [Facebook page](#) ([facebook.com/CraigleithDepot/](https://facebook.com/CraigleithDepot/)) featuring Wild Food Enthusiasts from Rocky Shores, as well as a future wild foraging workshop. Place a hold on these titles to get a head start on your learning!

# Online Programs

The Blue Mountains Public Library is here for you! Get a temporary 90-day library card from our website so you can 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** [@CraigeithDepot](#)

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

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

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

### TD Summer Reading Club Registration

Monday, June 15th BMPL Virtual Branch

Get ready for a free summer long reading challenge that inspires kids to explore the fun of reading their way. Kids will be able to register and participate online through the TD Summer Reading Club website, with other virtual programs offered by the Library.

## MONDAY

### Seniors Exercise with Sharon

Mondays 10am BMPL Facebook / YouTube

Light stretches and aerobics. Sitting or standing, no matter your ability. Improve your fitness and balance.

### Museum Mondays

Mondays, 3:00pm CHD Facebook / YouTube

Explore behind the scenes at the Craigeith Heritage Depot as Museum Staff show our collections, resources and artifacts.

## TUESDAY

### Tuesday Cluesday

Tuesdays CHD Facebook

Weekly posts on Facebook with heritage photo activities.

### Retirees Coffee Hour

Tuesdays 10am BMPL Zoom

Don't forget your mug for an online social Coffee Hour. Meet old friends and new friends as you chat with other retirees and seniors over a cup of coffee or tea. Register now so we can send you a Zoom Meeting ID, and password for you to join the meetup session.

## WEDNESDAY

### Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays 1pm BMPL Facebook/YouTube

Join Ashley for virtual tech help.

June 3: Zoom Video Conferencing

June 7: Keep Your Mind Sharp with Online Brain Games

June 10: Facebook Security

June 24: TumbleBook Library

### 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, June 4, 11, and 18 at 9:30am

CHD Facebook

Curator Andrea brings our community's military history to life through history, memoirs and diaries.

### 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 for anyone who enjoys a good story.

### Museum Talk & Sketch

### Museum Show & Tell

Fridays 1:00pm CHD Facebook / YouTube

Join Allison as she focuses on museum artifacts and art activities. June will feature inspiration from Wee Willi Winkels.

### Trivia Game Night

Fridays 7:00pm BMPL Facebook

Join the fun for an interactive online Trivia Game Night. Answer trivia questions and compete for the top-spot on our scoreboard. Find the link to the game on the BMPL Facebook page and Event Calendar.

## SATURDAY

### Family Craft Time

Saturdays 11:00am BMPL Facebook, BMPL Instagram, YouTube

Spend some time with the Family creating and building fun and easy to-do activities and crafts at home.

## BLUE MOUNTAINS CREATOR SPACE

Become a Digital Arts pro with The Blue Mountains Creator Space, when you take one of their new online eLearning programs. Discover your skills in digital design, video and photography, or make the ultimate podcast. It's all on their [YouTube page:](#) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjcZZSGxBW3tA1iNrEVDj1A>



## Library Board Corner

Earlier this month, the Board released the [Year In Review 2019](#) annual report as an insert within *The Blue Mountains Review*. This should have been received in all Town mailboxes. If you did not receive this report on the successes of the Board, the document can be downloaded from our website.

On May 22nd, the Board held a Virtual Town Hall on the BMPL Facebook page. Topics of the presentation included the Year in Review annual report, the 2020 Action Plan including changes due to the pandemic, and services during COVID-19. Participants asked questions, which the presenters responded to live. Since the session, more than 200 people have watched the Virtual Town Hall. If you missed it, this can be viewed on the BMPL Facebook or on our YouTube Channel.

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. The Board will not be meeting in June. The next Board Meeting is 2pm, July 16th.

The CEO continues to publish on the [Service Updates & COVID-19 page](#). Check here for the most up to date content on changes to BMPL service and re-opening stages.

**According to  
The Ministry of Heritage, Sport,  
Tourism & Culture Industries  
2018 Library Statistics  
and  
The Federation of Ontario  
Public Libraries Ranking**

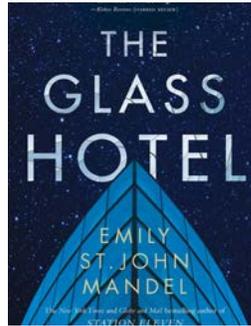
**Your Library is:**

**#1 in Program Attendance  
#2 in Active Cardholders  
#3 in Circulation**

All rankings are provincial within our  
class of population served in 2018.  
Statistics & rankings released Fall 2019.

## Crime Canadian-Style

Did you miss these recent mysteries/thrillers by Canadian authors? Click the links to find titles in print and digital.



**The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel** From the award-winning author of [Station Eleven](#), a captivating novel of money, beauty, white-collar crime, ghosts and moral compromise in which a woman disappears from a container ship and a massive Ponzi scheme implodes in New York, dragging countless fortunes with it.

**Woman on the Edge by Samantha M. Bailey** A woman standing next to Morgan on the subway platform says Morgan's name, hands her a baby and jumps!!!

**Elevator Pitch by Linwood Barclay** A string of people dying in free-falling elevators can't be a coincidence. Do not read if you have a fear of elevators.

**How a Woman Becomes a Lake by Marjorie Celona**, the author of *Y*. A woman disappears in a small fishing village while walking her dog.

**Murdered Midas by Charlotte Gray** Gray gives the true crime treatment to the 1843 murder of gold mining tycoon Sir Harry Oakes in Kirkland Lake.

**Obsidian by Thomas King** Ex-cop Thumps DreadfulWater returns in the fifth book of the comic mystery series.

**Someone We Know by Shari Lapena** In this thriller, a teenager breaks into the homes and computers of a quiet, well-to-do community.

**Your Life Is Mine by Nathan Ripley** Blanche, the daughter of a notorious murderer and cult leader, returns home when her mother is murdered.

**The Last Resort by Marissa Stapley** Bad things happen at a Caribbean couples-therapy resort.

**Many Rivers to Cross by Peter Robinson** DCI Banks is back in #26 of the one of the best police procedural series.



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