

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS



The Blue Mountains Designated a Silver Youth Friendly Community

The Blue Mountains Public Library is thrilled to be part of the Town of the Blue Mountains' latest achievement of being recognized as a Youth Friendly Community from Play Works. The Blue Mountains joins a list of other municipalities committed to serving youth aged 13 to 19.

Play Works, an independent group of organizations committed to encouraging and promoting a greater investment in youth play, established the Youth Friendly Community Recognition Program in 2005. It acknowledges the work that is being done in Ontario to ensure that youth have access to opportunities for leadership and engagement. Youth Friendly Communities must meet several criteria that demonstrate a strong commitment to engaging youth.

The Blue Mountains Public Library programs, services, and policies were used to demonstrate that Town of the Blue Mountains ensures youth have continuous access to a diversity of play, with play defined as anything a young person does in their free time, including sports, recreation, drama, dance, music, the arts, volunteerism, leadership development, service leadership and civic engagement.

A group made up of representatives from local organizations, including Town of The Blue Mountains, The Blue Mountains Public Library, and Beaver Valley Outreach, met monthly and worked on the application process. Thanks to the support of community youth and other local, youth-serving organizations who contributed, the application was successful and helped to achieve the Silver Designation. The Town was officially presented with the award at the Youth Friendly Community recognition reception, ceremony, and gala banquet at Blue Mountain Resort on March 28th.

Accepting the award were: TBM Councillor Andrea Matrosovs, Liz Saunders of TBM Community Services, Emma Barker of The Blue Mountains Public Library, Melri Wright of BVO, Jason Wepler of Grey Bruce Health, Ryan Gibbons of TBM Community Services, and local youth Jaydon Klein, Emma Chapman, Arianna Lachey, and Emily Stewart.

To learn more about Play Works and Youth Friendly Communities, visit www.playworkspartnership.ca/youth-friendly-communities

Celebrate International Museum Day!



On Saturday, May 18th, International Museum Day's goal is to raise awareness about the important role museums play in cultural exchange, development, preservation and education both locally

and globally. They provide a space and a means of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples. This year's theme is "Museums as Cultural Hubs: The Future of Tradition". Local memory lives within the collection through its donors. The Craigleith Heritage Depot is a community hub for the people of The Blue Mountains.

From our community poster board to our local heritage films, from hosting the bi-weekly meetings of the Blue Mountains Writers' Group to providing resources that connect Indigenous and settler families to their Blue Mountains roots, the Craigleith Heritage

Depot provides a space for sharing cultural expressions and traditions.

The Craigleith Heritage Depot is proudly part of a GLAM structure at the Blue Mountains Public Library. GLAMs are a combination of Art Gallery, Library, Archives, and Museum. This allows the museum the opportunity to create even broader and deeper connections with the community, through a rich variety of resources. The museum provides research materials, exhibits and hands-on materials, as well as online experiences. The CHD also lends a hand at exploring cultural recreation, loans out snowshoes, and gives out tourism information for the area.

The International Council of Museums describes museums as "institutions at the heart of society" and that "museums have the power to establish dialogue between cultures, to build bridges for a peaceful world and to define a sustainable future." Help build a sustainable and peaceful future for the Blue Mountains and discover the diverse cultural heritage this community has to offer by visiting the Craigleith Heritage Depot, any day!

Celebrating our Volunteers

The Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) will celebrate its many volunteers (over 50 of them!) with a Volunteer Luncheon on Thursday, May 16th, in The Gallery at L.E. Shore.

BMPL is supported by a network of volunteers who provide thousands of hours of service each year, contributing greatly to the smooth running of the library, gallery and museum. Citizens of all ages volunteer their time and skills to the community through their work.



In the Gallery

Beaded Travel Tapestries by Beverley Smith

The show runs **April 30th to May 29th** in the Gallery at L.E. Shore.

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 4th, 2-4pm

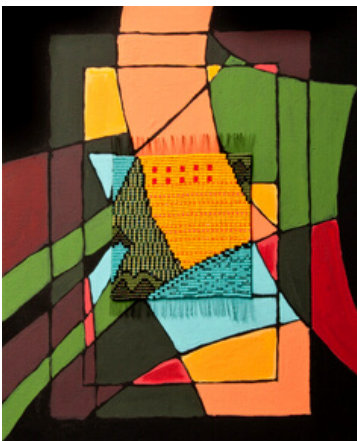
The artist commenting on her exhibit:

"One day, two years ago, I came up with the idea that I wanted to create a piece of woven beadwork for each country I'd visited. Some countries are represented literally, and some are abstracted, some are obvious (Mexico), and some are not (Finland). Some are strictly beadwork, and some are mixed media. Some are collage, and others I've painted around the image."

The Mine Finders: A Canadian Story with Norm Paterson

Tuesday, May 28th, 7:00pm

Local author and geophysicist, Dr. Norman Paterson, relates how he and a group of Canadian entrepreneurs fostered the development of a new science, propelling Canada to world leadership in mining exploration.



ARTIST: BEVERLEY SMITH

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 = Craighleith Heritage Depot

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

Every Friday 11:00am-11:30am at LES

Every week features stories, crafts, games, sensory play and fun.

Drop-in. Free event. Ages 0-5 yrs.

From the Heart Library Knitting Group

Every Thursday, 1:00pm-3:00pm at LES

Bring your unfinished projects or your knitting problems. Learn to knit. Come out for coffee, tea and laughter. Free program. All ages.

Youth Week Slime Workshop

Sunday, May 5th, 1:30pm-2:30pm at LES

May 1st-7th is International Youth Week. We will be celebrating with a super cool and interactive slime workshop, led by young entrepreneur August Banks. Registration required. \$10/person. All supplies included. Ages 6 and Up (Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult).

Mother's Day Craft for Tots

Thursday, May 9th,

11:00am-12:00pm at LES

Meet us in the Story Tower for a fun Mother's Day craft. Ages 2 and up. Drop in. Free event.



Mother's Day Wreath Workshop

Saturday, May 11th, 1:00pm-2:00pm at LES

Join us for this super cool DIY wreath workshop. We will be upcycling old books and using the pages to create beautiful hanging wreaths. Registration required, either online or by calling the Library. Free event. Ages 10 and up.

CHD Book Club

Wednesday, May 15th, 6:30pm at CHD

The group will be discussing *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* by Jung Chang.



Spinal Health & Posture Correction

Friday, May 17th, 1:00pm-2:00pm at LES

Join instructor, Joanne Pineau, HBSc., C-IAYT Certified Yoga Therapist in Thornbury for this free workshop. Learn how to sit, bend and lift pain-free. Learn effective exercises to improve muscle tone and release tension and pain in the neck, shoulders and low back. This is an experiential workshop so dress in comfortable clothing. We will do the exercises sitting in chairs and standing. Limit of 10 participants. Register online.

Grass Seed Head

Saturday, May 18th, 1:00pm-2:00pm at LES

We will be making Grass Seed Heads. Join us at the library for this fun make and grow craft. Register online or by calling the Library. Free event. Ages 4 and up (Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult)

Family Lego

Sunday, May 19th, 12:00pm-3:00pm at LES

Drop in for some fun, creative and imaginative play with LEGO. Fun for the whole family.

Family Board Game Fun

Saturday, May 25th, 11:00am-3:00pm at LES

BOARD GAME FUN! Bring your family or your friends for some fun play. Free event. Drop in. All ages welcome.

Games for Tots in the Courtyard

Wednesday, May 29th,

11:00am-12:00pm at LES

Movement games and fun.

We will break out the hula hoops, beach balls and our parachute for a fun morning of play. Drop in. Free event. Ages 2 and up.



Check out our website for the new User Fees: copies, fax, rentals, etc. 2019 Fees are effective June 1st.

Library Board Corner

Provincial Cuts have Direct Impact on BMPL Service!

The Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) Board is very disappointed to learn of the cuts by the provincial government to the Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) and Ontario Library Service-North (OLS-N). With a slash in their provincial budget by more than 50% there have been immediate impacts to the library users throughout Ontario, including here. The first announcement by SOLS was the suspension of the Inter-Library Loan Ontario (ILLO) service. The loss of ILLO will profoundly impact BMPL's service level as we receive 4,041 materials annually through this program. As of the Thursday, April 18th announcement we have recalled 150 ILLOs which were in the hands of our readers and fear the costs for mailing unreturned items following the end of SOLS delivery service when SOLS will lay-off their 24 drivers.

Indirectly, the loss of ILLO also impacts our book clubs which we are no longer able to support. We have always counted on ILLO to service these programs as we cannot supply the multiple copies of a book through our own collections. This is a direct impact to 15 book clubs with over 150 members and 1,800 materials annually. BMPL receive services from the Ontario Library Service-North (OLS-N), which was also cut by the province at over 50%. Direct impact to our community will be the loss of a portion of our DVD, large print, and print books, which were all in the provincial pool rotation. While we have not heard of any cuts to their programs, we know that the pools depend on SOLS for the delivery, which ends effective April 26th. We assume there will be further announcements as SOLS and OLS-N works to identify how to meet this extraordinary cut. SOLS is also the responsible agency for supporting our connectivity expenses, e-resources, audio/e-books, and training for the library board and staff.

OLS-N manages the provincial catalogue which 118 of the 227 libraries in Ontario, including BMPL, participate. The province created SOLS and OLS-N as agencies to ensure efficient, equitable access to resource sharing which helps us stretch every dollar for many decades now. This need has not lessened over the years, but rather, has become an entrenched function of the Ontario public libraries.

We have seen similar cuts to libraries in recent history. The Newfoundland / Labrador and Saskatchewan budget cuts of 2016 and 2017 respectively were both overturned when the public outcry reverberated through the halls of parliament. Your library board and staff hope that you will act by informing the Hon. Michael Tibollo, the Simcoe-Grey MPP Jim Wilson, and the Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP, Bill Walker that these cuts must be reversed. You may also visit us and sign the petition to parliament for SOLS/OLS funding reinstatement.

For Ontario to be a successful province,

Our Public Libraries must be Open for Business!

Support Your Library!

Contact the Government and tell them the provincial cuts to the library agencies impact you.

Doug Ford, Premier. premiere@ontario.ca

Michael Tibollo, Minister

MTCS. minister.mtcs@ontario.ca

Jim Wilson, MPP. Simcoe-Grey. jwilson@ola.org

Bill Walker, MPP. Bruce-Grey-Owen

Sound. bill.walkerco@pc.ola.org



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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



The Library will be closed on Monday, May 20 for Victoria Day.

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