

# THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

# LIBRARY NEWS



## Holiday Programs

We are ringing the silver bells at the Blue Mountains Public Library throughout December, as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary and deck the halls for the Winter Holiday season. This month is filled with contests, prizes and giveaways, memory sharing and making moments, along with our regular programming and events.

We are kicking the celebrations off with a month-long Holiday Writing Contest for kids until Jan 4th. Winning pieces will be featured on our website and in an exhibit on Biblioboard. We'll also help you mail your letter to Santa if you drop it off at the L.E. Shore Library before December 10th. Don't forget to include your address on the envelope, so Santa can mail you back!

Join in the creative holiday fun with Holiday Recipe Swap and get memorable holiday recipes from others and the Craigleith Heritage Depot archives on Dec 3rd at 7pm on Zoom. We'll also be sharing the festivities with each other during the Yuletide Community Concert where you can sign-up to demo your artistic talent with others. Sing songs, share music all over Zoom Dec 22nd at 7pm.

We'll help you celebrate the holiday season by helping you and yours create memories this season. Register your home with Outdoor Festival of Lights to put your house on the tour map of local neighbourhoods in the Blue Mountains area. Register by Dec 9th to ensure your home is on the map available online. Outdoor Festival of Lights starts Dec 12th and you can vote for your favourite home until Dec 28th!

Explore our Holiday Themed Things To Do At Home webpage to get fun memory making activities and things you can do at home over the holiday season.

Outdoor  
Festival of  
Lights

Your Festive Lights on Tour  
Register by Wed, Dec 9th



# Programs

L.E. Shore Library is celebrating our 25th Anniversary! Join us as we celebrate with contests, trivia and more! Also, explore our [Things To Do At Home](#) page for festive winter holiday ideas all month long. For more information, and to register for programs, visit our [Event Calendar](#).

## BMPL Facebook

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[BMPL Instagram @bmplibrary](#)

[CHD Facebook @CraighleithDepot](#)

[CHD Twitter @CraighleithDepot](#)

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

## MONDAY

### Seniors Exercise with Sharon

Mondays 10am BMPL Facebook

### #MuseumFromHome Mondays

12:30pm CHD Facebook & CHD Twitter

## TUESDAY

### Cluesday Tuesday

Tuesdays 12:00pm CHD Facebook / Twitter

## WEDNESDAY

### Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays 1pm BMPL Facebook / YouTube

Dec 2 - OverDrive eBooks for Kids

Dec 9 - Local history resources

Dec 16 - Library of Things

Dec 23 - Creator Space Equipment

Dec 30 - Top 10 Tech Tips of 2020

### Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays 7pm BMPL Facebook / YouTube

Jen will be reading quiet stories to put your family in the mood for dreamland.

### Craighleith Book Club

Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30pm at LES  
Book: "Life After Life" by Kate Atkinson.

## THURSDAY

### Digital Book Club

Thursdays 1pm BMPL Facebook

## FRIDAY

### Virtual Story Time

Fridays 11am BMPL Facebook

Ages 0-5 yrs or anyone who likes a good story.

### Trivia Game Night

Fridays 7:00pm BMPL Facebook

### Favourite Fossils

Fridays 5pm CHD Facebook & Twitter

Explore the ancient past through photos of our staff's favourite fossils.

# CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH US

### Holiday Baking Recipe Swap

Thursday December 3, 7:00pm Zoom

Share your favourite holiday recipe with others on Zoom.

### Yuletide Community Concert

Tuesday December 22, 7:00pm Zoom

Register now for the Yuletide Community Concert where you can hear and share your musical or arts talent with others. Register for this event to guarantee your spot.

### The Night Before Christmas

### Bedtime Story Time

Wed Dec 23, 7:00pm BMPL Facebook

Join Jen as she reads the holiday classic, The Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore.

### Holiday Writing Contest

Tuesday December 1st - Monday Jan 4th

Share what you love most about the holiday season when you submit a story, poem, or creative writing piece.

### Send a Letter to Santa

December 1 - December 10 at LES

Write a letter to Santa and drop it in our North Pole Mailbox at the L.E. Shore Library. We'll make sure your addressed letter gets to Santa on time!

### Outdoor Festival of Lights

December 12th - Monday December 28th

Celebrate the holiday season by taking a tour of mapped homes with the best holiday front lawn decorations. Register to be on the map.

### Teen Holiday Movie Trivia

Wednesdays 7:00pm BMPL Instagram

Play our weekly Teen Holiday Movie Trivia every Wednesday at 7pm to test your holiday movie knowledge. Post your answers in the comments below the video.

### Winter Solstice Event

Dec 21 7:00pm CHD Facebook/BMPL YouTube

Heather McIntyre, Indigenous Healer, will open with a blessing of the season. We will talk about the importance of what this time brings to us, how we can connect to the earth around us, and in what ways we can open up to the lessons of bear medicine teachings throughout the upcoming seasons of rest, repair, renewal, and creation through a variety of self-awareness activities followed by a Guided Winter Solstice Meditation.

### 7-Days of Connection - a journey to create!

Every evening from December 22 to December 29 at 7:00pm CHD Facebook / BMPL YouTube

This will be an introduction to a different theme awareness each day. Spend 5 minutes a day on this focused activity that people can try and build at home to lead them up to our special Big Spirit Moon Gathering on December 29!

Dec 22 to December 28 Creating Awareness - Wrapped in the teachings of the 7 Grandfather Teachings

Dec 29, 7pm Big Spirit Moon Gathering. Our week of teachings and experiences have brought us right here to this moment! A variety of sound therapies, active learning experiences, and teachings will be followed by a Soul Journey Meditation making this a powerful evening. It will ground the energy we have created and deeply root our intentions of the future!



## New Face at the Museum



Hilary Wilson has joined the museum staff as our YCW intern. She will be working on the storage collection and the museum showcase at L.E. Shore Library. Keep an eye out for her social media posts on photographs and more!

## Connect to Indigenous Teachings and History Online

The Blue Mountains human history begins with the Indigenous Peoples who arrived after the ice sheets retreated. The rich natural resources here are an inherent attraction - providing food, construction materials and tool manufacturing for the first peoples. The area was also a place of beauty where the spiritual needs were provided through the natural world. The museum has a new online resource where you can access, books, videos, articles, and images that share this rich and unique culture through Indigenous knowledge, world perspective and objects. Check it out on our website, under the virtual museum, online exhibits starting December 21.

Join Heather McIntyre, Indigenous Healer, as she will lead you on a journey from the Winter Solstice December 21 to the Big Spirit Moon on December 29. These events bring the year to a close with healing and guide you to the next three months with intention. Join us online for this event.



**7-Days of Connection - A journey to create!** This will be an introduction to the theme awareness with each day. Spend 5 minutes a day on this focused activity that people can try and build at home to lead them up to our special Big Spirit Moon Gathering on December 29! Online on the CHD Facebook and BMPL YouTube channel.

## 25th Anniversary Gallery Exhibit

In celebration of the 25th anniversary, *25 Artists for 25 Years*, will celebrate artists who have been some of our most popular shows over the years. These artists will be featured in a two month show with a number of artisans who will fill our showcases. The *In the Gallery* newsletter will be released this week with more information on this exhibit. If you are not a subscriber, we encourage you to [subscribe](#) from the BMPL home page so you never miss a Gallery announcement.

Throughout November, The Gallery has been running an exhibit of BVO treasures and art. Thank you to the many community members who made purchases in November. All proceeds from this show will support BVO.

On behalf of the Arts and Culture Council, we would like to thank Nicole Garjraj and Jenny Dean for their work on the ACC. Both were active members and served on the ACC in 2019 and 2020.



## Board Corner

November was the last regularly scheduled Board Meeting of 2020. At this meeting the Board set the direction for 2021. As part of a pandemic pilot, the Board is broadcasting meetings on Facebook and publishing them onto YouTube following the meeting. Thirty-two people tuned in live to watch the Nov Board Meeting, while additional views have occurred since on both Facebook and YouTube.

Each year the Board reviews the Strategic Plan and determines what key areas of need are required to achieve success. These action items are gathered in an Action Plan annually. The Action Plan 2021 was approved at this meeting with 83 items to be achieved before the end of 2021.

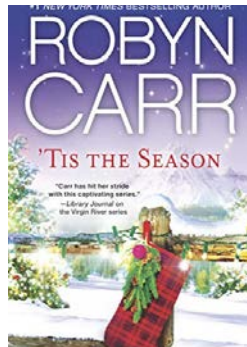
Annually in November the Board elects a Chair and Vice Chair. This executive sits from the conclusion of the November 2020 meeting through the November 2021 meeting, or when the next election occurs, whichever ever comes first. The 2021 Chair is Maurice Pepper and Vice Chair is Laurie Gillies. Additionally, at this meeting committee appointments are typically made for the year. Due to the pandemic, the Board opted not to appoint committee members, and instead run all business at Board Meetings and Special Meetings.

The 25th Anniversary of BMPL and the L.E. Shore Library building is December 8th. While we can not celebrate as planned due to the pandemic, a special celebration e-newsletter will be released December 8th, as well as door prizes on Tuesday, December 8.

The BMPL Board and staff are aware of the concerns some patrons have voiced about BMPL following the provincial mask mandate. According to the provincial order, it is the obligation of BMPL to continue to enforcement, or be fined. Those who qualify for medical exemption should inform the contact tracer so we may support your access to the facility. Those who are not exempt and refusing to wear a mask for political reasons, will continue to be turned away. Our community and staff deserve a safe facility, and this is the best way we can achieve this. We thank everyone for their compliance.

## Holiday Romance on Hoopla

Heat things up with a holiday romance on your tablet. eBooks from Hoopla are quick and easy with no waitlists or overdue fines. Click on the titles to get started. Email us at [librarytech@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:librarytech@thebluemountains.ca) if you need a hand.



**'This the Season by Robyn Carr'** 'Tis the season for family, friendship and the thrill of a holiday romance... With snow falling over the redwood forests, secluded Virgin River is the ideal place to spend the holidays. Carols are sung, hot chocolate is shared - and a surprise left under the Christmas tree is about to bring two special people together!

**Wish List by Sylvia Day** All Steph wants for Christmas is Nicholas, in a number of naughty ways.

**A Wedding in December by Sarah Morgan** This funny, charming and heartwarming novel is bestselling author Sarah Morgan at her festive best.

**Mrs. Miracle by Debbie Macomber** Seth's heart never healed after he lost his adored wife. Now, with Christmas approaching, he needs more than help to keep his family together...he needs a miracle.

**Wild Holiday Nights** Satisfy your Christmas cravings with this collection of three novellas.

**The Brightest Star by Fern Michaels** Perfect for fans of Debbie Macomber and readers who can't get enough Hallmark movies.

**One Hot December by Tiffany Reisz** Hard as steel... and hotter still! Welder and artist Veronica playful sense of evil sometimes gets the better of her.

**Holiday Spice by Samantha Chase** Darcy has gotten used to her overbearing brothers chasing away any man she wants to date. But a chance meeting with a brooding and deliciously handsome artist is about to make this holiday season one to remember.



### L.E. Shore Library

173 Bruce Street South  
Thornbury, Ontario  
519-599-3681 Ext. 5  
[LibraryInfo@TheBlueMountains.ca](mailto:LibraryInfo@TheBlueMountains.ca)

### Hours

Tuesday / Thursday: 11am-6pm  
Wednesday / Friday: 12pm-5pm  
Saturday: 10am-2pm  
Sunday / Monday: Closed



The Library will be closed on  
December 24, 25, 26, and January 1.

### Craigleith Heritage Depot

113 Lakeshore Road East  
The Blue Mountains, Ontario  
519-599-3681 Ext. 6  
[Depot@TheBlueMountains.ca](mailto:Depot@TheBlueMountains.ca)

### Hours

Sunday / Tuesday / Thursday: 12pm-4pm  
Wednesday: 4:30pm-7:30pm  
Saturday / Monday / Friday: Closed