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Museum Launches Pandemic Virtual Exhibit: Staying Home Stories

Staying at home during this challenging time has given us opportunities to learn new things, connect and share differently. What have you been discovering over this past year or so? Do you have great photos of signs from neighbours windows, "hang in there" painted rocks, participating in online programming, or even how your family gathered? This exhibit covers everything our community did throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Let us know your experiences and share them with the community, maybe a shout out to friends or family who have helped, or a new skill you have learned.

In April the Blue Mountains Public Library and Craigleith Heritage Depot launched [Staying Home Stories](#). This online exhibit will share your photos, stories, documents, audio recordings, videos, and more, to capture your Blue Mountains experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Included in this exhibit are submissions from the public as well as photos captured by staff.

To contribute pieces to this collection, please visit our [Staying Home Stories Participate](#) webpage. All submissions are revised by the museum staff and uploaded to the exhibit.



Staying Home Stories

Share what you have been doing since 2020 in The Blue Mountains



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Everyone is learning new ways to live during this time. We want to know how the pandemic has shaped our local culture.

Share what you have been doing since 2020 in The Blue Mountains. Life has looked a little different, but we have stayed strong as a community and are even thriving in new ways. The Blue Mountains Public Library and Craigleith Heritage Depot museum and archives seek your photos, stories, documents, audio recordings, videos, and more to capture your experiences as a community and as

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TD Summer Reading Club

It's almost time to get your summer read on! It only takes 15 minutes of reading each day to get all the benefits of this great summer reading program.

Additionally, we'll be creating engaging and interactive kits to go along with this great program. We hope these kits bring some fun and creativity into your families reading activities. We're eager to help your child discover or rediscover their love of reading this summer. Kits will feature fun activities and crafts, literacy activities, and things to do that will help keep your child on build kills and make memories.

TD Summer Reading Club goes live on June 15th this year! It's Game On! Are you ready? Stay tuned to our [website](#) for further updates throughout the next few months.

This Month In the Gallery

Exhibit Launch: *Sideroad 7B*

Sideroad 7B, an exhibition of large and small paintings interpreting the landscapes of Thornbury and the surrounding area. Brought to you by artists Joel Loblaw, Tanya Zaryski and Marq Quarrie. This exhibit runs until the end of June. Visit online under our [Exhibits](#) page. Pieces are available for purchase over the phone.



ACC Presents: Wildflowers of the Beaver Valley Area

Following the resounding success of February's Waterfalls of the Beaver Valley Area, Stew Hilts will be bringing us a fresh look at our region once again. This time learn about the unique Spring Wildflowers of the Beaver Valley Area. There is no registration required for this presentation. Visit our [YouTube Channel](#) on May 6 at 7:00pm to view this talk.

Summer Reading Club



Get your read on!

REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 25TH

Feel-Good Books to Lift The Spirit



It's a great time enjoy a title with a guaranteed happy ending, isn't it?

These titles are available in print and eBook through OverDrive.

[You Had Me at Hola](#) by Alexis Daria An unforgettable, hilarious rom-com set in the drama-filled world of telenovelas.
[The House in the Cerulean Sea](#) by TJ Kline An enchanting story about the profound experience of discovering

an unlikely family in an unexpected place.

[The Authenticity Project](#) by Clare Pooley A notebook brings together strangers and leads to unexpected friendship and love.
[The Midnight Library](#) by Matt Haig A dazzling novel about all the choices that go into a life well lived.

[Anxious People](#) by Fredrik Backman A story about the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness, and hope—the things that save us, even in the most anxious of times.

[All Adults Here](#) by Emma Staub A deeply satisfying novel about all the things that follow us into adulthood, whether we like them to or not.

[Redhead by the Side of the Road](#) by Anne Tyler A funny, joyful, compassionate story about seeing the world through new eyes.
[Oona Out of Order](#) by Margarita Montimore An inventive novel that explores what it means to live a life fully in the moment.

Looking for something completely different? Next time you're at L.E. Shore for curbside pickup, visit the courtyard to browse new books.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS



Seniors Exercise

Mondays | 10:00am

BMPL [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#) | Drop-in

Improve your health and fitness with light aerobic exercises and stretches. Exercises can be done sitting or standing, no matter your ability.

Museum From Home

Mondays | 12:30pm

CHD [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) | Drop-In

Start your week with highlights and the history of items in the Craigeleith Heritage Depot's Museum collection.



Book Review

Tuesdays | 10:00am

BMPL [Facebook](#) | Drop-in

Looking for a new read? Tune in to our Facebook page each Tuesday morning for a recommendation from our staff!



Cluesday Tuesday

Tuesdays | 12:30pm

CHD [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) | Drop-in

Solve some mysteries or test your knowledge with photos and items from the Craigeleith Heritage Depot archives collection to decipher, discover and delight!



Kids Clubhouse

Tuesdays | 4:30pm

BMPL [YouTube](#) | Registration

Interactive activities kits for registered participants. Follow along to a video shared on YouTube.



Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays | 1:00pm

BMPL [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#) | Drop-in

Join Ashley on our Facebook page for virtual tech help. She will discuss a different Library resource or tech topic every week and provide tech help.

Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays | 7:00pm

BMPL [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#) | Drop-in

These quiet stories and rhymes will help get your family ready for bed. Wear your PJs and bring your teddy bear.

Local Fact or Fiction

Thursdays | 12:00pm

CHD [Facebook](#) & BMPL [Instagram](#) | Drop-In

Every week take a crack at trying to guess what's true and what's not local edition. Learn some new things or check your own knowledge on local history!

Digital Book Club

Thursdays | 1:00pm

BMPL [Facebook](#) | Drop-in

Each week features a new book discussion topic to hear your thoughts on books.



Virtual Story Time

Fridays | 11:00am

BMPL [Facebook](#) | Drop-in

Support your young children develop a love of reading. Songs, rhymes and stories are shared. Suitable for children of all ages, stages and abilities.

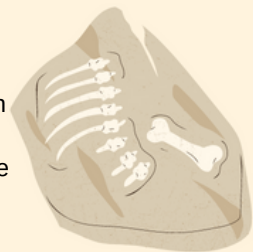


Favourite Fossils

Fridays | 5:00pm

CHD [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) | Drop-in

Explore the prehistoric past with fossils from the Craigeleith Heritage Depot!



Trivia Game Night

Fridays | 7:00pm

BMPL [Facebook](#) & [Event Calendar](#) | Drop-in

New weekly Trivia themes posted every Friday for you to enjoy all week long! Get the link on our Facebook page or Event Calendar.



Photo Feature

Saturdays | 11:30am

BMPL [Instagram](#) | Drop-in

Learn about the history of photography in the Blue Mountains and see highlights from the Craigeleith Heritage Depot archival museum collections.



Monthly Scavenger Hunts

L.E. Shore & Craigeleith Heritage Depot | Drop-in

Each month a new outdoor scavenger hunt will go up on the windows of each building! Test your eyes and see if you can find all the hidden items!



CREATOR SPACE Mobile Digital Arts Lab

Learn more about digital design. New online classes are posted on our [Event Calendar](#).



SPECIAL THIS MONTH



Exhibit Launch: Sideroad 7B

May 4 | [Online](#) & In-Person

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Exhibit runs May 4 to July 2, 2021.

ACC Presents: Wildflowers in the Beaver Valley Area

May 6 | 7:00pm

[BMPL YouTube](#) | No Registration

Learn about the unique Spring Wildflowers of the Beaver Valley Area with Stew Hilts.

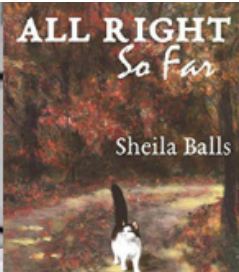


Teen Group

May 13 | 5:00pm

[BMPL Zoom](#) | [Registration](#)

Join the Teen Group and have your say on Teen programs and services, become involved in your community, and meet new friends!



Author Talk with Sheila Balls

May 18 | 8:00pm

[BMPL Zoom](#) | [Registration](#)

Sheila Balls will share insights and inspiration for her most recent novel "All Right So Far", which tells the true story of an ordinary couple at a not so ordinary time in their life, as they cope day to day with uncertainty and loss.

Library Board Meeting

May 20 | 2:00pm

[Facebook Live](#) | Drop-in

For deputations, please follow the deputation policies. If you would like to view live, please contact the library no later than the Wednesday before the meeting at 4:00pm in order to receive log in information.

Nutrition & Lifestyle Strategies for Burnout

Health & Wellness Series

May 25 | 7:00pm

[BMPL Zoom](#) | [Registration](#)

Learn from Alexa Jackson, Registered Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Educator and Health Coach, all about the ways you can prevent burnout through nutrition and lifestyle strategies.

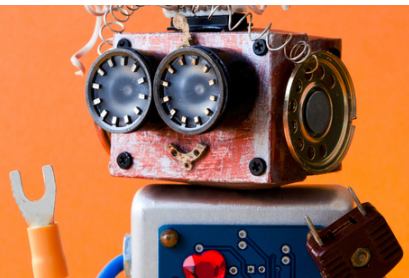


TwAG

May 27 | 7:00pm

[BMPL Zoom](#) | [Registration](#)

Monthly meetings feature an interactive MakerKit where tweens make, explore and lead in this tween-led program.



Master Class

Creator Space Series

[Zoom](#) | [Registration](#)

This month long program with the Creator Space will explore different forms of media production in week-long classes. Sign up today!



For more information on these programs, visit our [Event Calendar](#) on our website.



Follow us on social media!



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Community Consultation

The Blue Mountains Public Library is beginning our thinking around Strategic Planning, in preparation for the 2022-2026 BMPL Strategic Plan. In 2018 we had 358 survey responses, which assisted us to frame our thinking for more detailed focus groups and informed the final Strategic Plan of 2018-2022. Beginning in May we will be launching a series of short surveys. These will be available in print when you pick up your holds as well as online on our [Community Consultation](#) page. Please consider responding throughout the summer to our various themed survey's and making sure your voice is represented in our Strategic Plan 2022-2026.

HistoryPin

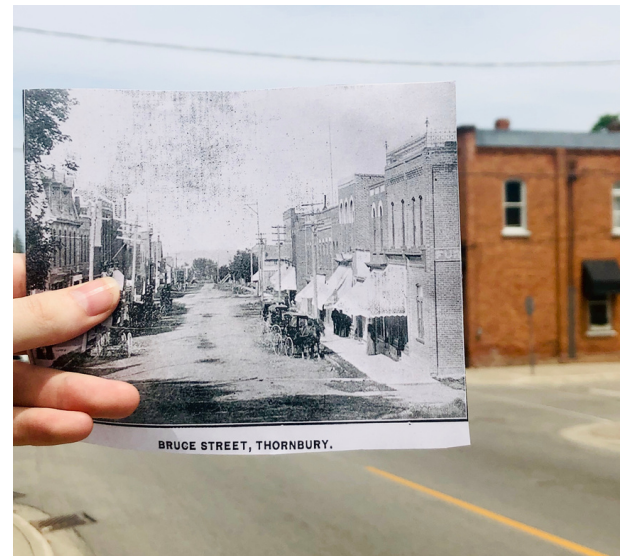
[HistoryPin](#) is another new, fun website that allows people to pin images old and new, and video and audio recordings to a Google map of the world. You can find a growing collection of local images recently pinned.

There is also a video series on the [BMPL YouTube channel](#) called “[Building History](#)” that summarizes the history of 13 buildings in the Blue Mountains in under 2 minutes. For other archival gems online, keep your eyes on the [Craigleith Heritage Depot Facebook](#) page, where weekly historical photos are posted as part of #MuseumFromHome Mondays, Historical Fact or Fiction, and Cluesday Tuesdays. You never know what you’ll find! And of course, remember to share your house research with the Craigleith Heritage Depot afterwards – future researchers will thank you!

Opportunities to Exhibit with BMPL

The Arts & Culture Council (ACC) are excited to announce that there are new opportunities to exhibit with The Blue Mountains Public Library. The [Municipal Art Program \(M.A.P.\)](#), is an initiative by the Town and The Blue Mountains Public Library. Inaugurated in 2012, the program is designed to provide a showcase for the works of artists in the region while enhancing the environment of the Town Hall for employees and visitors. This yearlong exhibit is also available online. The [Application Portal](#) for M.A.P. is now open and closes May 31, 2021, so apply today!

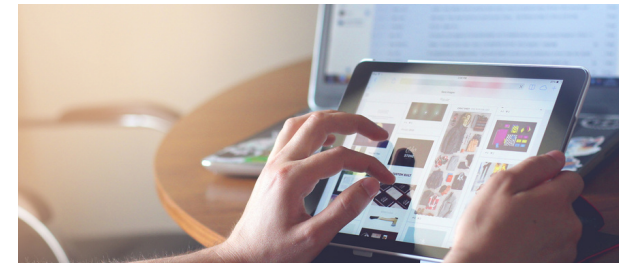
[The Gallery at L.E. Shore](#) is our main room and is a large open space. During the pandemic, this space is also being used as a browsable library room, which we hope will return to full Gallery space sometime during 2022. The Gallery is used for Library speaker series and other programs, so all materials must be able to be securely affixed to the walls. Pottery, jewelry, or other art forms may be considered for display in the Showcases and, when approved by the ACC as part of the annual exhibition plan, can be promoted as part of the monthly show. These shows are also available [online](#). Application forms for exhibiting in The Gallery can be found on our [Applying to Exhibit](#) page. Applications close August 31, 2021.



Before and After of Bruce Street in Thornbury

Technology Help

Do you need assistance with technology. The library is here to help! Contact us through LibraryTech@TheBlueMountains.ca to set up an appointment with one of our staff members. We will schedule as much time as needed to help you through the problem.



Photos Needed

Do you have pictures of you or your family participating in library virtual programs at home? We would love to use these in our Year in Review! Send them our way via [email](#).

Journey of Knowledge

Discover Indigenous History and Culture connected to The Blue Mountains region. Start your path with the newly created [Journey of Knowledge](#), where visitors will encounter common questions and topics to guide an exploration of the [Indigenous History and Culture online exhibit](#). The Blue Mountains Public Library congratulates Sharai Masanganise, who created the Journey of Knowledge in 2021 as part of her University of Toronto Master's degree in Adult Education and Community Development.

Board Corner

The Board has begun planning for the consultation which will inform the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. With the ongoing pandemic, we realize this will need to be accomplished in a safe physically distanced manner. We encourage community leaders with suggestions of how best to reach groups you represent to make suggestions to the CEO by [email](#).

Community members may also provide feedback directly to the Board on this and any aspect of the agenda, by reaching out to the CEO for login credentials for the [May 20th Board Meeting](#).

**NOT VACCINATED? NEED ASSISTANCE?
CONTACT US FOR SUPPORT**

Staying Home Stories



BMPL seeks your pictures, videos, audio & stories for an online exhibit to highlight our community's experiences in 2020-21

New Skills in Action

Connecting Creatively
& more!

Signs of the Times



Curbside Pickup will continue
throughout the provincial
Stay-at-Home Order

L.E. Shore Library
173 Bruce St. S., Thornbury
LibraryInfo@TheBlueMountains.ca

Curbside Pickup Hours
Tues / Thu: 11am-6pm
Wed / Fri: 12pm-5pm
Sat: 10am-2pm

Craigleith Heritage Depot
113 Lakeshore Rd. E., Blue Mountains
Depot@TheBlueMountains.ca

Curbside Pickup Hours
Sun / Tues / Thu: 12pm-4pm
Wed: 4:30pm-7:30pm

CALL FOR ARTISTS!

MUNICIPAL ARTS PROGRAM & 2022 GALLERY EXHIBITS

APPLICATION PORTAL NOW OPEN
APPLY ONLINE

Our **Virtual Branch** is still open 24/7
and **Curbside Pickup** at L.E. Shore & Craigleith
Heritage Depot is available.

Have a question? We're here for you!
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It's Spring:
watch for turtles!

