



## AGENDA ITEM REPORT

**Meeting:** Regular Meeting of Council, Operations and Planning - 21 Jul 2021  
**To:** Members of Council  
**From:** Kristin Seaborn, Acting Library CEO  
**Department:** Library/Culture  
**Subject:** Quarterly Library Cultural Report

### Recommendation:

That Council accepts the Quarterly Cultural Report as information only, as submitted by the Acting Library CEO.

### Origin:

Not applicable

### Background information:

#### LAST QUARTER – (April to June 2021)

**Library Board** – The HHPL Board conducted their regular meetings on Thursday, April 22nd, Thursday, May 27th, and Tuesday, June 29th. The Hastings Highlands Public Library Board welcomed the newest member to the Board, Mayor Tracy Hagar at her first regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, June 29th, 2021.

**Library Staffing** – Library CEO, Rod Moffitt started a 6-month leave of absence on May 1, 2021. Kristin Seaborn was selected by the Library Board to fill the position of Acting CEO from Monday, May 3rd, 2021 to Saturday, October 30th, 2021, while Rod is on leave. Jessica O'Reilly is filling the temporary Assistant Librarian position from Monday, May 17th to October 30th, 2021. The temporary Information Services Tech Librarian position was posted internally and did not receive any applicants, resulting in it being posted externally. Candidate Temple Cameron was hired to fill the temporary Information Services Tech Librarian position from Wednesday, June 16th to October 30th, 2021.

**Library Services** – Due to the Provincial Wide Shutdown, the library had to go back to curbside services and computer usage by appointment only on April 6th until July 5th. All in person library programs had to be halted as well. We were able to offer the following services by appointment: pickup/drop-off of library materials, use of the computers, and faxing/scanning/printing. We lent out **1757** library materials (books, DVDs, audiobooks, interlibrary loans, magazines, etc.) through curbside pickup appointments during this time.

### Donations:

- The Sew N' Sews (the library's weekly sewing group – when there is not a lockdown, that is) kindly donated items that they have made for HHPL to sell as a fundraiser. You can view the items on HHPL's Facebook page or at the library in the glass display cases. Prices are attached and items will be sold first come first serve. We wish to thank the Sew N' Sews for their generous donation to the library!

- HHPL was the recent recipient of a donation of \$300.00 to assist in children's books or programs from the local Lions Club in Bancroft. With this donation, the HHPL purchased children's books from the TD Summer Reading Club recommended reading list. These books will contribute to the TD Summer Reading Club at our library this year, and for years to come. We wish to thank the Bancroft Lions Club for their generous donation!

**Website** – In April, we launched two new pages on our website devoted to Heritage Services and Interlibrary Loan Services offered at HHPL.

The Heritage Services page contains information on Ancestry Library Edition (an online genealogical resource for library users to trace their family roots and history), Local History Archives and Heritage Projects.

You can find it at <https://www.hastingshighlandslibrary.ca/heritage-services>

The Interlibrary Loan page explains what the service is and how to place a request.

Check it out at <https://www.hastingshighlandslibrary.ca/interlibrary-loan>

**TD Summer Reading Program** – Our annual TD Summer Reading program officially launched on June 15th. The TD Summer Reading Club is Canada's biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages, interests and abilities. The Club celebrates Canadian authors, illustrators and stories, and inspires kids to explore the fun of reading their way. Kids can read whatever they'd like throughout the summer and earn virtual badges, vote in the Battle of the Books, post reviews, write stories, read and write jokes, participate in weekly trivia, watch author/illustrator readings and workshops and more. Studies show that kids who keep reading all summer do better when they return to school in the fall. The TD Summer Reading Club is a great way to build excitement about reading. Call us at 613-338-2262 or email us at [hhplcurbside@gmail.com](mailto:hhplcurbside@gmail.com) to register. Library patrons can also now come in and register at the Circulation Desk. (As of July 5th, 2021)

**TD StoryWalk®** - HHPL launched the TD StoryWalk® on June 15th. The StoryWalk® is a fun socially distanced activity that places a children's book page by page on coroplast boards along a path. Take a stroll through the gardens in front of the library/municipal building and engage with literacy. Enjoy reading "The Thing Lou Couldn't Do" by Ashley Spires during library opening hours (weather permitting).

**HHPL Student Bursary** – On Thursday, June 24th, one student from North Hastings High School, a resident of Hastings Highlands, was the recipient of the Hastings Highlands Public Library Student Bursary Certificate. The student will receive the bursary in February 2022 after submitting proof of completion of the first semester and proof of enrollment in the second semester of post-secondary education, whether college, university or apprenticeship.

**Grab n' Go Kits** – HHPL gave out **67** Grab n' Go Kits for children. The Grab n' Go Kits that we offered were as follows:

- Spring Break Green Earth Initiative Kits (Knitted Fish Washcloth, T-Shirt Bags, Golf Ball Ladybugs, Bird Feeder). Thank you to our community contributors and local merchants for their support,

donations, and collaborations on our green Earth Initiative Kids Programming. Pat McGillivray and the Carriagehouse team: Michael Cooke, Lesley Eden, Dorothy Parshall and Stu Vickers.

- Mother's Day (included planting a marigold and making a bookmark)

- Father's Day (included two children's activities: planting a perennial herb and a mini snap together toolbox with decorations).

**The Latest Acquisitions (April – June)** – We continue to bring in new library materials each month. Below is a sampling of some of our latest acquisitions for adults:

- - The Final Twist by Jeffery Deaver
- - Sufferance by Thomas King
- - Find you First by Linwood Barclay
- - The Summer of Lost and Found by Mary Alice Monroe
- - China by Edward Rutherford
- - Local Woman Missing by Mary Kubica
- - The Woman with the Blue Star by Pam Jenoff
- - The Premonition by Michael Lewis
- - A Gambling Man by David Baldacci
- - Ocean Prey by John Sandford

#### **CURRENT EVENTS:**

**Library Board** - The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 9am.

**Current Library Services** – Step Two in the Roadmap to Reopen came into effect on Wednesday, June 30th, 2021 and the Hastings Highlands Public Library reopened to the public on Monday, July 5th, 2021 at 25% capacity. The capacity for the library is **8** people during Step Two.

The hours are as follows:

Mondays: 11am – 1:45pm

Tuesdays: 11am – 5:45pm

Wednesdays: 11am – 3:45pm (**Curbside pickup only and computer usage by appointment**)

Thursdays: 11am – 5:45pm

Fridays: 11am – 1:45pm (**Curbside pickup only and computer usage by appointment**)

Stay tuned for further updates, which will be posted on the HHPL website, regarding the provision of Library services throughout the continually changing Provincial restrictions.

**Quarterly Newsletter** – HHPL's summer issue of the newsletter is posted on our website and Facebook page. Hard copies will be available at the Maynooth Post Office and other local businesses.

**Book Sale** – Starting the first week of July, the HHPL will be setting up their annual Summer Book Sale. We will place the books for sale on tables and shelves in the library and on a cart in the lobby

outside the library doors. Come out and stock up on reading material for the summer. You can take as many books as you like in exchange for a donation to the HHPL.

**Financial impact:**

Not applicable

**Link to strategic plan:**

Not applicable

**References:**

Not applicable

**Prepared By:**

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**Reviewed By:** Municipal Clerk July 12, 2021

**Reviewed By:** CAO/Treasurer July 14, 2021