



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council, Operations and Planning - 05 Feb 2020
To: Members of Council
From: Rod Moffitt, Library CEO
Department: Library/Culture
Subject: Monthly Library and Cultural Report

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council accepts the Library and Cultural Report as information only, as submitted by the Library CEO.

ORIGIN:

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Library Board – The next Library Board meeting will be held on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 1:00 pm in the Program room.

The HHPL will be closed on Monday, February 17th for Family Day.

Community Survey – The Library Board has formed a committee to collate the results of the Community Survey. The Committee plans to report its findings to the Board at the February Board meeting.

Hastings Highlands Public Library Student Bursary – Because of an increase in the amount of donations to the HHPL Student Bursary in 2019, the Board decided to award each student who applied in 2019 the sum of \$300.00 each.

Long Talks in the Woods – The first 'Long Talk in the Woods' was well-attended for both the Thursday evening and Friday afternoon sessions. Speaker Shaun Sellers gave a thorough explanation regarding an introduction to ecological economics. The topic for the next 'Long Talk in the Woods' will be 'What do we mean by sustainability?' Shaun Sellers will be presenting at two sessions: Thursday, February 27th from 6:00-8:00 pm and Friday, February 28th from 12:00-2:00 pm at the HHPL.

Book Club – The next Book Club meeting will be on Thursday, February 20th from 1:00-3:00 pm. The book that will be the topic of discussion is 'The Moon of the Crusted Snow' by Waubgeshig Rice. You can pick up a copy of the book from the circulation desk if you are interested in joining the club.

Yoga – Yoga is back! Starting on Wednesday, February 5th, classes will be held every Wednesday from 4:00-5:30 pm led by instructor Eleanor Cheyne. Proceeds from class donations will go towards the HHPL.

Forest of Reading – The HHPL has ordered books for the annual 'Forest of Reading' adventure. Books by Canadian authors have been obtained in the following three categories: Blue Spruce

Picture Books (Ages 4-7), Silver Birch Express (Ages 8-10) and Silver Birch Fiction (Ages 8-12). Ask for a 'Forest of Reading Passport' at the front desk for each child to track the books they have read.

Mend It in Maynooth – The next exciting 'Mend It in Maynooth' is on Tuesday, March 17th from 2:00-5:00 pm. Bring items that need repair and learn how to be a fixer! This is a special March Break Workshop for kids.

Blind Date with a Book – During the week of February 10th to 15th, there will be a display of books that have been wrapped up with a few clue words written on the outside wrapping. You can choose one of the books and be surprised by what is inside. This is an excellent way to discover new authors that you may not have read.

Kritter Korner – The next exciting Kritter Korner will be in Emond Hall on Saturday, February 15th from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Come on out and see Korbin's exotic krittlers!

'I Read Canadian' – Wednesday, February 20th is 'I Read Canadian' day. All Canadians are encouraged to take 15 minutes during this day to read something by a Canadian author. There will be a display of Canadian books in the Library that you can choose from.

Girls Engineering Day – Thursday, February 20th is Girls Engineering Day. There will be a variety of engineering activities set up in the Library during the day for girls to try their hands at.

Just in! - Here are some of the latest acquisitions at the library:

- The River Murders by James Patterson
- Moral Compass by Danielle Steel
- Ghost Fire by Wilbur Smith
- Westwind by Ian Rankin
- When you See me by Lisa Gardner
- A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende
- The New Iberia Blues by James Lee Burke
- The Lesser Blessed by Richard Van Camp
- Hindsight by Iris Johansen
- The Second World Wars by Victor Davis Hanson

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

N/A

REFERENCES:

N/A

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