



*Hastings Highlands*

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## **REPORT**

**TO:** Members of Council  
**FROM:** Rod Moffitt, CEO, Hastings Highlands Public Library  
**DATE:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019, Regular Meeting of Council , Operations  
**RE:** Monthly Library / Cultural Report

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Library Board** – The next Library Board meeting is on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Program Room.

On Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-4:00 pm, HHPL staff participated in a workshop presented by Deborah Hierlehy from the Alzheimer's Society in Belleville. The interactive workshop gave library staff an opportunity to work through case scenarios in order to be aware of signs of the disease in patrons and also know ways to initiate effective communication. The workshop was sponsored through the Trillium Foundation under the Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative.

**Hallowe'en party** – The HHPL hosted a successful Hallowe'en party on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Over forty children and their parents showed up for a time of games, scavenger hunts, healthy snacks and treats. Thank you to the capable staff for all your hard work in preparing for this event.

**Author Visit** – Author Diane Campbell Thompson was a guest visitor at October's Book Club gathering on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Her book, 'Road to Ithaka' is a personal memoir from various stages of her life. Book club members were able to interact with Diane about some of her interesting exploits.

**Bridge Club** – The HHPL Bridge Club is looking for new members! You do not need to know how to play Bridge in order to join because it is played in a teaching forum. Members are able to ask questions about how to play Bridge as the game progresses. Alex Walder, Bridge Club coordinator, gives excellent teaching advice throughout the games. Come on out for an enjoyable afternoon.

**Music in the Library** – Music in the Library is an ongoing program that occurs every other Friday morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the HHPL. Attendees are able to bring an instrument of their choice and play with the other members. Currently, the following instruments are represented: violin, tin whistle, mandolin, acoustic guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, banjo and piano. Each member has the opportunity to request the group to play a song of their choice as they go around the circle. All styles of music are represented from classical, bluegrass, country, fiddle and blues. If you don't play an instrument, you are still welcome to come and enjoy listening to the group. The next Music in the Library group will be on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**November Cultural Corner** – This month, we are pleased to display the cooperative photography/painting exhibit by Lisa Resmer and Valerie Loney. Lisa Resmer's photographs have been artistically painted by local artist, Valerie Loney

**Community Walk** – The Community Walk is a new program being offered at the HHPL. Every Wednesday, from 10:30-11:30 am, the Emond Centre is open for residents to come and walk out of the nasty weather and chat with their neighbours with pleasant music playing in the background.

**Remembrance Day Assembly** – Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> marked the day when the Maynooth Public School Remembrance Day Assembly occurred in the Emond Centre. Over a hundred residents came to the assembly to remember the soldiers who have died as well as those who are currently serving our country. Each class from Maynooth PS presented a poem or song, The Last Post was played and two minutes of silence were observed. Wreaths were placed by Maynooth PS classes, the Veterans, the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, Hastings Highlands and the Scouts of Ontario. Madame Boyd ended the assembly with a beautiful story called, 'A Poppy to Remember'. Thank you to Maynooth Public School students and teacher, Katy Garrett for providing a very moving tribute to our soldiers.

**Murder Mystery Fundraiser** – The countdown is on for the arrival of our Annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Emond Centre. With a casino theme, attendees will be treated to a delicious lasagna meal as well as a very entertaining, live murder mystery. A great selection of silent auction items will be available to bid on during the evening. Tickets are going fast and can be bought at the HHPL, Maynooth General Store and Harvest Moon.

**Community Employment Services** – Loyalist College and Community Employment Services will be available on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 for consultations regarding job and training opportunities.

**Public Health presentation** – On Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm is a drop-in event sponsored by the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health Unit regarding our Community

Food System. The Health unit wants to hear from you about local challenges and opportunities in finding, buying and preparing good food for your family.

**Opeongo Readers Theatre** – The latest podcast of the Opeongo Readers Theatre, recorded in the Program Room on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, is now available to be heard online. To listen to this local podcast, google ‘Opeongo Readers Theatre’ and click on the podcast titled ‘Once There Was a War’.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Moffitt, Library CEO