



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council, Operations - 18 Mar 2020
To: Members of Council
From: Rod Moffitt, Library CEO
Department: Library/Culture
Subject: Library Cultural Report

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Library Board – The next Library Board meeting is on Thursday, April 2nd at 9:00 am in the Program Room.

Seedy Saturday – The annual Seedy Saturday will be held in partnership with the HHPL. The free seed exchange will occur in the south end of the library from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. People can also help themselves to seeds that are available at the North Hastings Seed Library located in the HHPL. Deb Jeffery will be doing related read-alouds during the day in the library. Seed vendors will be located in the Emond Centre.

Author visit – Local author, Kimberly Dawn, will be at the HHPL on Thursday, March 19th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm to read aloud from her new picture book, 'I Am Lovable'. Her book explores bullying and life lessons.

March Break Plans – We have an exciting March break planned at the HHPL. All week, we will be running our 'March Break Giveaway'. Youth can come in and help themselves to free Junior and Young Adult Fiction and Non-fiction books and picture books. On Tuesday, March 17th, Mend-it-in-Maynooth will be offering a dish-cloth weaving activity for youth to participate in. On Thursday, March 19th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm, local childrens' author, Kimberly Dawn, will be doing a read-aloud of her book, 'I Am Lovable'. You won't want to miss it!

Long Talks in the Woods – The second 'Long Talks in the Woods' occurred in the HHPL on Friday, February 28th from 12:00 - 2:00 pm and Thursday, March 5th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The topic presented by Shaun Sellers was 'What do we mean by sustainability?'. Sustainability, as a word and concept, has come to be a powerful rallying idea about how we humans should live on this planet. Yet there are just as many critics of the concept as there are supporters. Participants learned about the many definitions of sustainability, its origins and history, and the political purpose of a sustainability lens. They discussed deep versus shallow, weak versus strong, relative versus absolute sustainability, and the policy differences inherent in those distinctions. They practically related the conversation to how people think of sustainability in their own lives, and what relevance it has to personal and community approaches to climate action.

The next 'Long Talks in the Woods' is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and Friday, March 20th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. The topic is Consumer responsibility and climate action. Learning about the global ecological crisis has led many of us to try and change our day to

day habits so that our local and consumer actions will have an overall global effect. From an individual perspective, the use of statistics that divide national emissions by population make it seem like we are each personally responsible for climate change. This is not wrong, but is not the whole picture, either. In this session we will discuss how the political framing of climate change as an 'individual consumption' problem has sometimes prevented meaningful change, and how to reframe our responsibility as people and members of a global community in taking climate action. We will explore why our consumer choices don't have as much impact as we would like them to, by learning a bit about the role of the finance sector in the global economy and the rules that define global trade in goods and services. We will also talk about how we understand change itself, our responsibility to be part of changing our impact on the world we are a part of, and how that might redefine what climate action means to us.

Mend-it-in-Maynooth – Our next session of Mend-it-in Maynooth will occur on Tuesday, March 17th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. It is going to be a darn good session, looking at how to darn socks and other items for reuse.

Meals on Wheels collaboration – CARE North Hastings has recently expanded their fresh Meals on Wheels program to Hastings Highlands. There are currently two drivers who pick up their carrying bags and delivery instructions at the HHPL before going on to pick up and deliver the meals.

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.

Tech Talks – Our first Tech Talk will occur on Saturday, March 21st from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. This is an opportunity for those who are not familiar with using today's technology (i.e. computers, ipads, cell phones...) to receive instruction in a comfortable forum. Classes are free of charge and are being directed by Deborah Anderson, The Digital Diva. Deborah has a degree in Electronics Engineering Technology from Durham College and has worked in the technology field since 1987, having run her own business, 'The Computer Store' in Belleville for 19 years. Deborah has extensive experience aiding tech-terrified folks with their technology questions and challenges by being that trusted calm and caring professional that always communicates in easy to understand language. If you are interested in attending, please register for the class by calling the Hastings Highlands Public Library.

Book Club – The next gathering of the HHPL Book Club will be on Thursday, March 19th from 1:00-3:00 pm. The focus for this time will be 'I Read Canadian'. Contact the Library if you are interested in participating.

Yoga – Yoga is back! Every Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:30 pm, yoga classes are held in the Emond gymnasium. All donations towards the classes are given to the HHPL.

Just in! – Come and check these latest arrivals:

- The Orphan Thief by Gylnis Peters
- Crooked River by Preston & Child
- We Have Always Been Here by Samra Habib
- Blindside by James Patterson
- Canadian Geographic Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada
- Golden in Death by J.D. Robb
- DIY Chicken Keeping by Lisa Steele
- The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson
- Perfect Little Children by Sophie Hannah
- Small Game Hunting at the Local Coward Gun Club by Megan Gail Cole

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

N/A

REFERENCES:

N/A

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