



Hastings Highlands

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REPORT

TO: Members of Council
FROM: Rod Moffitt, CEO, Hastings Highlands Public Library
DATE: Wednesday, August 14, 2019, Regular Meeting of Council,, Operations
RE: Monthly Library / Cultural Report

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

Library Board – The next meeting of the Hastings Highlands Public Library Board will be on Wednesday, September 25th, 2019. The HHPL will be closed for the Civic holiday on Monday, August 5th, 2019.

Mega Summer Book Sale – Books from our mega summer book sale are continuing to walk out the door like hotcakes. Come in and take a look. You can take as many books as you like in exchange for a donation to the library.

Summer Camp – Our second summer camp will occur during the last week of August (26th – 30th) with a tropical paradise theme. The camp will run from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Registration forms are available at the circulation desk of the library for students aged 4-12.

TD Summer Reading Program – It's not too late to join the TD Summer Reading program. Students can register at the circulation desk and receive a TD Summer Reading program passport which they can use to track their reading over the summer. A variety of picture, non-fiction and fiction books are available for participants to read. We currently have twenty-nine students registered.

Summer Reading Challenges - There is still time to join the summer reading challenges at the HHPL. The first reading challenge is for children up to age 12. For every three books read, each participant can enter one ballot in the draw for the Owl Crate prize, *Code*

Breakers. The Owl Crate is a loot crate that contains a signed hardcover Junior Fiction book as well as various knick-knacks related to the code-breaking theme. The second reading challenge is for children ages 12 – 18. The Owl Crate prize is *Epic Adventure*. The draw for the two Owl Crate prizes will occur on Saturday, August 24th. There are currently sixteen readers registered.

Author Visit – Author Dave Meslin, who wrote *Teardown: Rebuilding Democracy from the Ground Up*, is visiting the HHPL on Thursday, August 8th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Local resident, Marlena Zuber, drew the illustrations for this book. The HHPL has purchased a copy of Meslin’s book for patrons to read.

Maynooth Garlic Festival – For this year’s festival, the HHPL will set up a book sale table in the courtyard of the HH Municipal building. This will give us an opportunity to promote HHPL programs and membership.

Maynooth Madness – The HHPL Board approved an extension of library hours on Saturday, August 31st to support the community event of Maynooth Madness. The HHPL will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 31st.

History of North Hastings – On Monday, July 22nd from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm the HHPL in collaboration with the Algonquin Inodewiziwin EarlyON Centre, hosted a Researcher and Toponymist who has worked with the Geographical Names Board of Canada. The purpose of the presentation was to learn about the indigenous and settler history of North Hastings as told through early documents, letters and cartography. A special book giveaway was made to the children attending.

Community Mapping Survey – For the summer months, a large map of North Hastings and the Town of Bancroft is hanging on the wall just inside the doors of the library. The purpose of this map is to gather input from community members about places that people like to meet and gather with others in North Hastings. The results of this survey will be collated by North Hastings Community Integration Association in order to find a location(s) to build a collaborative public artwork display. Come in to the library and place a red dot sticker on the place(s) where you like to meet and gather with others.

North Hastings Community Safety and Well-being Public Consultation Survey – The seven municipalities in North Hastings are working together to create a community safety and well-being plan. To inform the plan, the municipalities want to hear from everyone in North Hastings. Designed for people 16 and older, participation in the survey is voluntary and answers are anonymous. The survey should take approximately fifteen minutes to complete and are available at all North Hastings municipal offices as well as the Hastings Highlands Public Library. Surveys must be completed by Saturday, August 31st.

Provincial Park Pass – Our Ontario Provincial Park Pass is now available to be booked up until November 30th, 2019. The Pass may be borrowed for a maximum period of one week with one day prior to the lending period set aside for pickup and a one day grace period at the end of the lending period for returning. A late fee of \$18.00 per day will be charged if

passes are not returned on time. The Pass may be used at any Ontario Provincial Park including Algonquin, Lake St. Peter and Silent Lake.

Community Employment Services – A job seekers consultant from the Loyalist College Community Employment Services will be at the HHPL program room on Monday, August 12th from 12 – 2 pm. This is an opportunity for job seekers to explore current job opportunities, review their resume and job search techniques, learn about Youth programs and enquire about funding for retraining. Employers can use this opportunity to find out about placement training incentives, how to access grants to train current staff and how CES can assist them in recruiting new staff.

Cultural Corner – This month's Cultural Corner features the paintings of local artist, Nancy Brookes. Nancy has been drawing and painting for 44 years. She enjoys capturing local history and scenic views of the lovely villages and towns of Hastings Highlands in her highly realistic style.

Book Club – The next meeting of the HHPL Book Club is on Thursday, August 15th at 1:00 pm by the fireplace. Come and join us for tea and coffee and a lively discussion of the book *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. If you are interested in joining the Book Club, please ask a Librarian at the circulation desk for a copy of the latest book.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Moffitt, Library CEO