



*Hastings Highlands*

*Beautiful By Nature*

## **REPORT**

**TO:** Members of Council  
**FROM:** Rod Moffitt, CEO, Hastings Highlands Public Library  
**DATE:** Wednesday, October 16, 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 will be on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Program Room of the Library.

The Library will be closed on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

Rod attended the ‘LittleBranches, Rural Routes’ Library Conference in Arnprior, Ontario on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Rod will be attending the next Library Committee meeting at North Kawartha Public Library in Apsley on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Community Walk** – Are you wanting to get some exercise in the colder weather, but finding it difficult to find a place to walk in the cold and snowy weather? The HHPL is here to help you. Starting on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 11:30 am is our first ever Community Walk. Come out and enjoy an hour of walking and meeting other like-minded people in the comfort of our heated gymnasium . The Community Walk will be occurring every Wednesday from 10:30 – 11:30 am during the fall, winter and early spring.

**Girls Who Code** – The HHPL is launching a brand new Girls Who Code club (GWC) starting in November from 4:30 – 5:30 pm. The club, for girls aged 10 to 15 years, will run every Tuesday for up to fifteen weeks. Participants need to sign up at the Circulation desk. You will also be able to access the club online from home with the Library’s invite code. Please ask our library staff how to get started.

**Knitting Circle** – The Knitting Circle is back! Join Leslie Eden every Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm by the fireplace to enjoy time to knit and socialize. Leslie is able to provide guidance for the novice to expert knitter.

**Mend-it-in-Maynooth** – Our third Mend-it-in-Maynooth event will be happening in the Program Room in the HHPL on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 pm. The focus for this event will be making adjustments to Hallowe'en costumes in preparation for the big event on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Learn how to make your own alterations from our expert sewers.

**Come Drum with Me** – The Come Drum with Me program sponsored by the North Hastings Childrens Services is back for the school year. This is a great program to introduce young ones to rhythm and indigenous music.

**Author visit** – Local author, Ann Douglas, made a visit to the HHPL to talk with interested patrons about parenting and her new book, "Happy Parents, Happy Kids" on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. In her book, Douglas talks about different topics tht many parents struggle with such as work and life balance and anxiety. Douglas's book is now part of the Hastings Highlands Public Library collection.

**Cultural Corner** – For the month of October, we are featuring the photography of Malia Dupuis. Her passion is to hunt for wild mushrooms and capture their beauty. Malia visited the HHPL on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am to discuss her work with interested patrons. She likes to talk about the amazing capabilities of mushrooms.

**Donated Paintings** – The HHPL is thrilled to be the recipient of four paintings created by local artists, Susan Dunlop, Carol Westcott, Marc Gagnon and Arne Roosman. Each of these artists painted Maynooth street scenes during the Maynooth Madness weekend. The paintings were on display in the Library's Cultural Corner for the month of September and will be hung permanently in the Library's southwest corner for patrons to enjoy.

**Mega Book Sale** – Our summer-long Mega book sale is coming to a close after Thanksgiving. During the summer, we sold by donation many books from our five long tables, two carts and two bookshelves. The proceeds from the Mega book sale were well over \$1,000.00.

**Social Prescribing Fair** – On Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Rod represented the HHPL at the first 'Social Prescribing Fair' at the Bancroft Legion. Well over fifteen agencies set up tables in the legion hall in order to inform people about social opportunities that are available to them in the community.

**Maynooth Public School Visits** – Maynooth Public School students are once again scheduled after Thanksgiving for bi-weekly visits to the Library for story time, activities and book exchanges. The visits occur on Fridays in conjunction with their scheduled time in the gym. Two classes come one week followed by the other three classes the next week.

**Community Employment Services** – Community Employment Services (CES) from Loyalist College is continuing to provide an opportunity in the HHPL for assistance with resumes, job search techniques and funding for retraining opportunities. The next CES session is in the Program room on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

**Hallowe'en Party** – Make sure you dig your Hallowe'en costume out for the annual HHPL Hallowe'en party on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. There will be fun, games and treat bags!

**Provincial Park Pass** – The Provincial Park pass has been used extensively this year. Remember that you can still use it until November 30<sup>th</sup> this year.

**Interagency Meeting** – There will be an Interagency meeting in the Program room on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:30 pm in the Program room. This is an opportunity for representatives of local community agencies to network with each other in order to better serve their clientele.

**Ontario Public Library Week** – Three local libraries (Hastings Highlands, Carlow/Mayo and North Hastings) are planning an event on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Club 580 to celebrate Ontario Public Library Week (October 21 – 26). Our local MPP has been invited as well as representatives from each municipality. Music will be provided by our 'Music in the Library Group'.

**Opeongo Readers' Theatre** – The Hastings Highlands branch of the Opeongo Readers' Theatre is back in preparation for their 2019-2020 productions. The first show will be podcast in early November on the theme of Remembrance Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Moffitt, Library CEO