

At the Library, for April 2025 (Antigonish & Pictou Counties)

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Green thumb gardening tips, and a celebration of poetry, great Canadian films and children's books, and more – at the library in April!

April is one of our favourite months at the library, because it's National Poetry Month and this year's theme is Family! To celebrate, we invite you to borrow a book or two of some of your favourite poets and to participate in the Book Spine, and Blackout Poetry displays at several of our libraries. Local poet, Anne Simpson, will be dropping by the Community Café at the Antigonish Town & County Library on April 2 at 2:00pm. The Writers' Group at the Trenton Library has a weekly poetry challenge, "Write, bring and share your work" Haiku (1 April), Acrostic (8 April), Limerick (15 April), Nonet (22 April), and Ballads (29 April). They meet weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm. We'll also take time to celebrate Poem in your Pocket Day on Thursday April 10. And wrap up National Poetry Month with a Poetry Open Mic at the Trenton Library on April 26 starting at 11am.

With April's showers bringing all those May flowers, it's time to get growing – with some gardening workshops to share precious Green Thumb tips. The River John Library is hosting 3 sessions with Mandy, of SOULFully SOIL – beginning with Winter Garden Sowing for Kids (April 5), Outdoor Composting (April 15), and Gardening on a Budget (April 26). Seating is limited and pre-registration is required for each workshop. For more information, please call the River John Library at (902) 351-2599.

The Antigonish Town & County Library is hosting a screening of the documentary film, "Taking Care" On April 2 at 6:30pm, by acclaimed filmmakers Lauren Miller Rogen and Seth Rogen, as they navigate the complexities and heartbreak of Lauren's mother's advancing Alzheimer's disease. All are welcome to join.

River John Library, reimagined! The Friends of the River John Library are asking for Community input on renovations for the River John Library. We want to hear from you! Three community sessions are planned for early April. Two sessions are in-person at the library (Wednesday April 2 at 6:00pm, and Saturday April 5 at 9:30am) while the third session on Tuesday April 8 at 6:00pm will be offered online, via ZOOM. Full details, including the ZOOM link information may be found in the library's PARLevents calendar.

More Sourdough? The Stellarton Library is hosting a Sourdough Inclusions workshop on April 10 at 6pm. Seating is limited, and registration is required. To register for this advanced bread making class, please call the Stellarton Library at (902) 755-1638. Love to travel? Leslie and Dieter Klapstein will be sharing stories and photos of their Hiking Trip in Northern Ireland, at the Armchair Travel presentation at the Antigonish Library on April 10 at 7:00pm.

National Canadian Film Day brings another reason to celebrate April, and great Canadian films. This year we are excited to host 6 free film screenings on Wednesday April 16, 2025. We'll start the day with a 3:00pm screening of "You are Here: A Come From Away Story" at 3:00pm, at the River John Library. The New Glasgow Library has an afterschool special screening of "The Trotsky" at 3:30pm, followed by "Bergers" (Shepherds) beginning at 6:00pm. The Pictou Library is showing "Any Other Way: The Jackie Shane Story" starting at 6:00pm, and the Antigonish Town & County Library will also show "Any Other Way: The Jackie Shane Story" starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome to drop by and join us, and bring your favourite movie-watching snacks too!

Health Care Options: With or Without a Family Care Provider? Drop by and join us for an information session at the Antigonish Library on April 24 at 2:00pm, and learn how to get medication refills, referrals and in-person appointments if you do not have a primary care provider (and how to access your online medical information.)

To wrap up this whirlwind of a month, we'll be celebrating the Canadian Children's Book Week too! We are very fortunate to welcome Willie Poll, as a guest author, to share some of her books with us at the Pictou Library on April 30 at 10:00am. Ms. Poll is a Metis author and Indigenous educator, currently residing in Prince Edward Island as a guest on the traditional lands of the Wabanaki and Mi'kma'ki people. All are welcome to drop by and join us!

Please note, the Regional Library will be closed Friday April 18, Sunday April 20 and Monday April 21, 2025 for the Easter weekend holidays. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience, and invite you to visit the Virtual Library services available online at www.parl.ns.ca.

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