

At the Library, for the week of May 14, 2018

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Discover, connect, share and learn – at the library.

“The only thing you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.” – Albert Einstein.

And we couldn't agree more! As we reach for the end of May and in to early June, and although our regular weekly and monthly programs start to wind down for the season at the library – there is still lots of amazing programs on the go for the young to young-at-heart.

If you're looking for advice on how to use computers, the Silver Surfers Computer Club is hosting a drop-in session coming up on Wednesday May 16 (2:30pm) at the Westville Library, called “Give it a Goog! Some of the stuff you can do with Google”. From searching the internet, to finding directions, email (gmail), writing documents, and file sharing – Google now does it all, and it's available for free, online.

Love to sing? Join us for some musical entertainment for the little ones this week. On Wednesday May 16 at 10:30am, the Pictou Library is having a puppet show musical that's perfect for the rainy spring weather, “A Hole in your Bucket!”. Then on Friday May 18 at 10:30am, the New Glasgow Library will host a special musical session, “Together with Heather Music” for children ages 0-6, with musical instruments, and lots of active play. Space is limited for this program, so please call the New Glasgow library to register (902-752-8233).

Ribbitt, ribbitt! If you love frogs, we have the program for you. The Pictou Library will be having a special Frog Craft & Storytime program on Saturday May 19 at 2:00pm, learning about frogs, peepers, and polliwogs too.

Have you read “Uncle Tom's Cabin”? Want to learn the true story of the man behind the book? Coming up next week, on Wednesday May 23 at 7:00pm the New Glasgow library is honored to offer a viewing of the documentary film, “JOSIAH: The Story that Sparked a Civil War”. All are welcome to join us for a public screening of this new ground-breaking documentary about Josiah Henson (1789-1883). He was a dynamic, driven man with unyielding principles who overcame incredible odds to escape his cruel masters and improve the lives of hundreds of freed people throughout his long life. His story has been largely lost to history, until now. Josiah Henson was the first African American to appear on a Canadian stamp. He was a Methodist Episcopal elder with a 300-mile district under his care. He rescued 118 slaves, including his brother. He helped build a 500-person freeman settlement, called Dawn, which was known as one of the final stops on the Underground Railroad. Inspired by his story, Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote a novel that helped spark the Civil War and led to the Emancipation Proclamation. But before all that, Josiah Henson was a slave for 42 years.

Please note, for the upcoming Civic Holiday, the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library will be closed on Monday May 21 in observance of the Victoria Day holiday. The arrival of the Victoria Day weekend also brings the ending of the open hours on Sundays at the New Glasgow Library (until after Labour Day weekend).

For more information on upcoming library programs, special events and services, please drop by your local library branch, follow us on *Twitter*, find us on *Facebook*, or visit us online at www.parl.ns.ca.