

At the Library, for the week of January 17, 2019

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New Library Books! The Gifts that Keep on Giving

Another holiday season has come to an end and with it our annual Gift-A-Book campaign has also wrapped. We are grateful to receive support from our communities in creating better access to library materials for everyone. This year our campaign raised over \$2500 in just over one month with all of that money directly funding new materials. In appreciation of all those that gave to this campaign we wanted to highlight some of the books that you can now check out at your local library because of these donations. There is something for every reader in our new selections!

For the youngest family members we have some great titles like “Snowball Soup” by Mercer Mayer & “Brady Brady and the Puck on the Pond” by Mary Shaw to celebrate the season and maybe even inspire the whole family to get outside for some winter time fun! For kids who may be starting into their first chapter books you can’t go wrong with the newest title in the Kingdom of Fantasy Series, “The Guardian of the Realm” by Geronimo Stilton or starting the *Terrible Two Series* with “The Terrible Two” and “The Terrible Two Get Worse” both by Mac Barnett.

Tweens, teens and even adults will find a variety of new YA novels going onto the shelves. If you’ve been a fan of fantasy novels like the *Three Dark Crowns Series* then you should think about adding “Rule” by Ellen Goodlett to your “To Read” list. Set in the fantasy realm of Kolonya as the king nears his death he calls upon three sisters who unexpectedly find out that one of them, but only one, can be the next heir to the throne. If your preference is for stories with real-life characters and drama then you might want to try “Dear Evan Hansen” by Val Emmich or “Blended” by Sharon Draper. These novels explore some of the everyday struggles many people face during adolescence and into adulthood, such as discovering your identity and sense of belonging and community in the digital age.

The Gift-A-Book campaign also allows us to add extra copies of some of the most popular titles in the library, helping get books into your hands faster. If you already have your name on the holds list for titles like “Past Tense” by Lee Childs, or “Look Alive Twenty-Five” by Janet Evanovich we will be adding extra copies to get you reading quicker. If you are just looking for an escape from the cold winter weather you can curl up with a lighter read such as “Hot Winter Nights” by Jill Shavis or “Snowfall on Lighthouse Lane” by JoAnn Ross.

For the non-fiction fans we have a number of new books going into the collection. If you enjoy biographies there are, “The Never Ending Present: The Story of Gord Downie and the Tragically Hip” by Micahel Barclay or “The Big Fella: Babe Ruth and the World He Created” by Jane Leavy. To get inspired you could checkout “Make Something Good Today” by Erin and Ben Napier the creative stars of HGTV show *Home Town*; or if you’re a history buff then you might be interested in Tim Cook’s new book, “The Secret History of Soldiers: How Canadians Survived the Great War”, or learning more about the industry that shaped our province in “Nova Scotia’s Industrial Heritage: A Guidebook” by David Rollingson.

No matter your reading preference the library has something for everyone. You can search our online collection and place a hold on your next book anytime on our library website (www.parl.ns.ca), or stop by your local library to browse the shelves and talk to the library staff for a personal recommendation.

Thank you to all those who donated to our Gift-A-Book campaign and continue to support the library and literacy in our communities.

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