

# *At the Library*, for the week of January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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## **Adopted books have a welcome new home**

Appearing on library shelves starting January will be just over 150 newly adopted library books - thanks to the generosity of our library patrons. Everything from the latest *39 Clues* series to "*Red Mist*" by Patricia Cornwell, to Harry Thurston's latest "*The Atlantic Coast: a natural history*" (2011) has found a new home on the library shelves. Just peek in the inside cover for the Adopt-a-Book book plate to see whose generosity has provided for the book you're reading.

### **"Other People's Heaven" – the Viola Desmond story.**

This Friday evening at 7:00 pm, the New Glasgow Library will play host to multi-talented Canadian playwright – Beau Dixon. Mr. Dixon will drop by the library, and share excerpts and creative commentary from his currently touring play "Other People's Heaven" with Firebrand Theatre. He is an accomplished playwright, musician, singer/songwriter, producer, actor and director. Five of his one-act plays have toured elementary and secondary schools throughout Ontario during Black History Month. Two of his plays (*From Here To Africville* and *Once A Flame*) have been produced at Factory Theatre. Mr. Dixon has co-written two plays for Parks Canada, along with composing a theme song for the Trent Severn Waterway in celebration of their 100th anniversary. Most recently, Mr. Dixon has been inducted into the Peterborough Pathway of Fame. Mr. Dixon's reading at the library is sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts, and the Playwright's Guild of Canada.

### **eReaders, iGadgets and DigiCam help.**

Although the latest Christmas gifts often come with "handy helpful" instruction manuals, it often seems like they are written in a mysterious foreign language. To help with the demystification of eReaders, mp3 players (iPods) and tablet computers (iPads), the library is offering several hands-on workshops. The next workshops are scheduled for Thursday, February 2 at 2:00 pm and Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm at the Pictou Library. For more information, and as seating is limited, please call the library to preregister (485-5021).

Also two afternoon sessions of introductory Digital Photography workshops with local photographer, Steve MacLean, will be offered at 1:30 pm – Tuesday, February 7 at the New Glasgow Library (752-8233) and Thursday, February 9 at the Pictou Library (485-5021). Class sizes are limited, so please call the library to pre-register.

### **Upcoming events at the Library -**

- "*Cinema Poetry: The Visual Sublime*", an evening presentation with filmmaker Eliza Fernbach at the New Glasgow Library on Thursday, February 2 (7:00 pm)
- "*Sounds of Nature*" audio presentation with landscape artist and filmmaker Mark Brennan, at the Pictou County Naturalists' monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 7 (6:30 pm) at the New Glasgow Library.
- "*Orchids for Billie*", a book reading with author Jennifer Hatt at the New Glasgow Library on Wednesday, February 8 (7:00 pm).

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 PARL events at [www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca).