

At the Library for Monday, January 9, 2012

Help with Digital Gadgets

In the aftermath of Christmas, the New Glasgow Public Library is offering two programs aimed at providing assistance to new owners of e-readers, tablets and mp3 players who may be having difficulty mastering these digital gadgets. The hands-on, informal sessions will lead by Staff Trainer, Andrea Dawe and Greg Hayward, Managing Librarian, New Glasgow and Trenton Libraries. Together, this pair of techno-savvy enthusiasts will offer hands-on instruction and basic advice on how to use your device to its fullest potential and access free material from our digital library or other websites. The first session will take place the afternoon of Friday, January 20 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm with the second on the evening of Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring along their devices and instruction books - and don't forget to have the batteries charged up.

Programming for the Younger Set

Returning after the Christmas break is our popular mixture of children's programming beginning this week and next. Parents looking for a family-friendly outing are invited to plan a stopover at one of our branches for an informal session of stories, crafts, games and activities designed to enhance social and reading skills of children. The programs are free and interactive, offering families an opportunity to visit their local library and meet new friends.

The programs consist of ABC's for Babies, Toddle Time, Preschool Storytime, and two new Afterschool @ the Library programs. Programs for older children include Young Readers Clubs, Scrapbook Clubs and our new LEGO Clubs. Our full slate of programming along with times and locations can be seen in local listings or viewed online at www.parl.ns.ca.

NFB Docs Return

Also returning for another season is our NFB Club @ the Library, which will offer a new line-up of award-winning Canadian documentary films to the public. The full-length features are presented monthly at three of our branches, New Glasgow, River John and Pictou, via a national program offered to public libraries by the National Film Board of Canada. Films from their extensive collection are distributed to libraries across Canada for free viewing in public places, allowing citizens the opportunity to appreciate our unique heritage as presented by our talented artists. For more details on each of the features and screening dates, please visit our Events Calendar online at www.parl.ns.ca

Featured this month will be the highly regarded, "The Chocolate Farmer", which will be part of the annual Hot Docs International Documentary Film Festival held in Toronto each

April and May. The film explores the threats of progress through the eyes of poor cocoa farmers in Belize as they struggle to maintain the land stewardship traditions of their Mayan ancestors in a world that demands more and more chocolate.

- Pictou Library – second Tuesday of the month (7:00 pm)
- New Glasgow Library – third Wednesday of the month (7:00 pm)
- River John Library – last Thursday of the month (6:30 pm)

Lyme Disease Info Session

It may be mid-January and feel like winter outside, but public apprehensions over Lyme disease remain, despite the general perception that it is a warm-weather threat. Recent reports from the South Shore of Nova Scotia indicate the black blacklegged tick that carries the bacteria responsible for spreading the illness remain active in the winter – right until their habit becomes fully covered by snow. With concerns to these ongoing issues, our New Glasgow Library will present a screening of the full-length documentary film, "Under Our Skin: the role of Lyme disease in multiple sclerosis, autism and more". Host for the evening will be Brenda Sterling-Goodwin, who, through her tireless advocacy for awareness about the disease, has become known as a "Lyme Disease warrior". She will introduce the film and take questions regarding the current state of Lyme disease treatment and recognition in Nova Scotia/Canada. This program was cancelled in November, but due to many inquires, it will be offered at this time before warmer temperatures spark a return of outside activities.