



## Historic scanning project website launched

A new website featuring more than 1,000 photographs depicting the region's history between 1890 and 1990 was launched Friday, Nov. 27 at the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library in Yarmouth.

The captured images tell many stories and bring to light hundreds of moments in time between 1890 and 1990 in the Yarmouth area. There are photographs of children leaping off diving towers at a beach in Arcadia in the 1950s, of rescued families from the 1919 grounding of the SS North Star on Green Island near Pinkney's Point, and of stranded whales on Port Maitland beach in 1963.

Western Counties Regional Library teamed up with the Yarmouth County Museum and Archives and Community Access Program (CAP) to carry out the project *Preserving Yarmouth Memories: Digitizing and Displaying Photographs from Yarmouth's Past*. The project was funded by New Horizons for Seniors.

Over the summer, students equipped with high resolution scanners, audio recorders and laptops visited community halls throughout the Municipality and Town of Yarmouth and digitized photographs brought into the halls by the public. The objective was to fill in the gaps in Yarmouth's photographic history and allow an intergenerational exchange of stories and ideas between seniors and the students.

"The students all said working on this project increased their appreciation and respect for seniors," says Trudy Amirault, Western Counties Regional Library Director. "They've had interesting lives and were able to tell their stories to the younger generation."

Visit [www.yarmouthmemories.ca](http://www.yarmouthmemories.ca) to see the project firsthand.



**Ryan McKenzie of the Community Access Program guides Helen Hurlburt through the Preserving Yarmouth Memories website during the official launch of the project on Nov. 27 at the Yarmouth library.**