



Library Report

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Board profile

Bernie Nickerson

You could be excused for believing that Town of Shelburne board trustee Bernie Nickerson's career is municipal politics. He has served on area councils for the last 15 years, beginning in 1991 as a councillor on Clark's Harbour Town Council. When he relocated to Shelburne, the council table changed, but not his interest in municipal affairs. He is in the middle of his third term on Shelburne Town Council.

But municipal politics is just one of the things he does when he's not working. To find him at work, you'd have to visit the rehabilitation services department at the Roseway Hospital. He has worked at the hospital for 33 years.

The father of four grown children has five grandchildren to dote on. In his spare time he pursues his musical interests, which include singing in the festival choir. He is a devoted member of the local Anglican church congregation, where he participates in the lay reader program.

He says his biggest surprise since joining the library board a year and a half ago, has been the realization that "people don't utilize the library for research and materials to the extent that they could."

The ways people use libraries are definitely changing, he says.

Adopt-a-Book campaign launches April 4 with fools trivia challenge

Planning is well underway for the sixth biennial Adopt-a-Book fundraiser. The campaign launch is set for Tuesday, April 4 at the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library in Yarmouth with the Fools Day Trivia Challenge. The trivia challenge will run from 1-4 p.m. There will be eight 12-minute games. Semi-finals will determine who plays in the finals, to be held just before 4 p.m.

Teams are being registered now. Call 742-2486 ext. 231 to enter a team.

The Adopt-a-Book Challenge will once again be a feature of the campaign, providing an incentive for individuals and groups to increase the power of their donations by challenging others to contribute. The winner will gain custody of campaign mascot Lotta Bookz for a year and their name will be engraved on the Adopt-a-Book plaque. The trophy was won by WCRL staff in 2004. Staff's initial contribution of \$367 generated a total of \$2556 in donations from challenges.



The library is delighted to once again be joined by its sponsor CJLS Radio in promoting this campaign. The radio station's support will be critical, keeping the campaign before the public for its two-month duration.

Displays of books that will be available for purchase are now being prepared for each branch. In addition, this year donors will have the option of purchasing books for adoption at Amazon.com and several local stores. If donors use the library web site to access the online bookstore when making purchases, the library will not only receive the adopted book, but also 10 percent of the purchase price.

Adopt-a-Book has led to more than \$100,000 worth of books being adopted. It has allowed the library to maintain its budget for new books and other materials despite the provincial financial restraints that all public institutions have faced in the last decade.

This year's Adopt-a-Book campaign will run from April 4 to June 4.

Staffing Updates

Westport library clerk **June Swift** has been recognized by the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment for her efforts to protect special places on Brier Island through education. Congratulations June!

Headquarters has said good-bye to **Joan Donaldson** who has taken a full-time position with the Tri-County District School Board. She started as a reserve in 2002, before assuming the

position of inter-library loan clerk.

In the Yarmouth branch, **Susan Young** will replace library clerk **Natasha LeBlanc**, who resigned to assume a fulltime position elsewhere.

Paul Falls has been hired as a reserve for the Yarmouth branch and **Sarah Fulde** is the new student assistant.

Welcome to our new staff and best wishes to those who are moving on.

New Barrington library nearing completion

The Barrington municipal library should be relocated to its new home sometime in May.

Barrington's library services coordinator Joanne Head has been working with the contractors throughout the project and says once the plumbing and electrical work is completed, relocation will begin.

"We're all excited to see the new library taking shape. The community has waited so long and the Friends group has worked so hard we

can hardly believe moving day is nearly here," she said.

The new library will be housed in

a new municipally-owned community development centre.

It is located at 3588 Highway #3 in back of Owaissa park and will also be home to a youth services centre. And a community economic development centre.

The regional library has made a commitment to stock the new shelves with a minimum of 1,000 new titles. Head said the books have been ordered, catalogued and are now on the shelves



Barrington's new library will soon be opening its doors.

Trade Food for Fines program to aid area food banks

Library patrons can trade food for overdue fines during the month of March. The library has instituted a region-wide program tied to donations of non-perishable food items for food banks. For every item of food donated to the library, up to \$5 in overdue fines will be forgiven.

Library branches throughout Yarmouth, Shelburne and Digby counties will collect the food for the food banks that serve their areas.

There is no limit on the amount of fines for overdue materials that will be forgiven. However, the food-for-fines program does not apply to lost or damaged materials.

Library Express patrons can also trade food for fines. If they can arrange for someone to drop off the food items to their nearest library, the fines will be forgiven.

Regional library director Trudy Amirault says the program serves two purposes. March is a difficult month, for food banks and for people having to pay power and oil bills.

"We can give our patrons a break and at the same time help replenish

area food banks' dwindling supplies," she said.

Whether they owe fines or not, anyone is welcome to contribute a donation.

"You can still donate to the food bank even if you have no fines owing, but you can't use the donation to defray the costs of future fines," said Amirault.



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Kids in western Nova Scotia will be encouraged to join the *Quest for Heroes* along with 260,000 others from across Canada this summer in a national reading club held at libraries and sponsored by TD Bank Financial Group.

The TD National Summer Reading Club's aim is to encourage children to develop a taste for reading during the summer months through library programs. TD has gotten involved because the corporation believes summer reading programs improve children's literacy and overall academic performance.

Club members will receive a poster, stickers and an activity booklet filled with word games, riddles and other games related to dragons. The program also provides support material for staff to help in local programming.