

April—June 2016

Disc Golf

Disc golf is played much like traditional golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, players use a golf disc. A golf disc is thrown from a tee area to a basket which is the "hole". As a player progresses down the fairway, he or she must make each consecutive throw from the spot where the previous throw has landed. The trees, shrubs, and terrain changes located in and around the fairways provide challenging obstacles for the golfer. Finally, the "putt" lands in the basket and the hole is completed.

The tee shot is typically made with a "driver" disc, the approach shot with a "mid-range" disc and the final shot with a "putter" disc.

We now have four Almonte Disc Golf bags, each containing a driver, mid-range and putter disc available for loan at either branch of the library. Ask at the desk for more information.

Thanks to Almonte Disc Golf Club for their fun donation!

The disc golf course will be in Gemmill Park. It was installed Saturday/Sunday May 14/15th. Rules and game layout available at the library. Check their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Almonte-Disc-Golf-Club-1447173035602285/>



Gratitudes

We have been very grateful to receive donations in memory of Bernard Cameron. Given Bernard's interest in and advocacy for, and at the request of the donors, these funds will be dedicated to Teen Services and Collections.

Many thanks to Bill Kereluk and Ron Caron for their generous donations of musical instruments—violins! for our music lending library. These instruments are awaiting conditioning but if you have a yen for a violin, get in touch and we'll get them ready for lending!

Thank you to our community!

FROM THE CEO



You may have noticed a couple of empty glass cases in both branches of the Library — keep your eye on these because over the next few months they will be filled with interesting artifacts and tidbits from our local museums! This is a great three way partnership with our Municipality, the museums and our libraries. Stay tuned!

School teams from across the UCDSB schools and regions are getting together to pitch their favourite book. The theme for this inaugural year is First Nations, Métis and Inuit literature. You may want to read some of the line up: 7 Generations by David Alexander Robertson; Dream Catcher by Stella Calahasen; The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Trevor Holme ; Monkey Beach by Eden Robinson; Caribou Song by Tomson Highway. Students will be creating videos to pitch their choice. These will be publically available in May. For more information or to follow the event, check their website: <http://vlc.ucdsb.ca/ucdsbread>

Bridging Generations was a grass roots, seniors-led project funded through Mills Community Support and the Ontario Seniors Secretariat., which connected older citizens of Pakenham in inter-generational and community action activities. Thanks to Katherine, Pakenham Branch, for her participation as a scribe.

Our ever popular Travelogues are scheduled for May 5th on Antarctica with Donna Healey,. The June Travelogue has been moved to the fall: Bali: Coral Reef Restoration with Lilly White.

We partnered with the Lanark County Public Libraries again this year to host the 2016 Human Library Project. This year we hosted our Syrian neighbours—they were joined by 12 community members intrigued to learn more about their experiences. Thank you to Margo for making it such a meaningful event.

CORRIDOR GALLERY— Almonte

ARTIST: NANCY YOUNG, Acrylic & Oil Landscapes

Nancy Young works in oils and acrylics and creates contemporary works in the great tradition of Canadian landscape painting. Inspired by areas that she lives near or visits in her travels, she likes to try to capture in paint the feeling of that moment in time.

Current Show runs to 7 June 2016.



CELA—Centre for Equitable Library Access

Do you know what equitable access means? It means that if you, or someone you know, has a print disability, you may still enjoy the services of your public library through the generosity of an organization called CELA. A print disability may be visual (blindness or partial sight), physical (conditions making it difficult or impossible to hold a book or turn pages), or learning based (challenges related to the comprehension of printed material).

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These items may be shipped directly to your home or delivered to your local library for pick-up at no cost to yourself. You must have a current MMPL card, a print disability, and request to be linked to CELA. Your library branch will register for you. If you were previously registered with the CNIB, you may continue your service with CELA directly.

For further information and/or assistance to become registered for services, please contact Tammy Langstaff at the Pakenham Branch, either by email tlangstaff@mississippimills.ca or by phone 613-624-5306.

Staff Picks



Farewell!

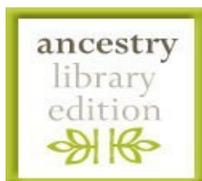
After a busy winter season, the technology tutoring service has come to an end! It was an active time where many community members learned how to download e-books, practiced e-mail and Skype to keep in touch with family and friends, and even developed their own websites! I would like to thank everyone who came to a workshop or a one-on-one tutor session; it was a real pleasure to meet and work with you all. Remember; don't get discouraged! Keep exploring, playing, and practicing! Thank you, Ketsia Snider, Technology Facilitator.



Note: Although Ketsia is no longer our Tech Facilitator, she has joined our team as a part time assistant at the Pakenham Branch. Please welcome Ketsia!

ERESOURCES

Global Road Warrior provides large-scale databases of country information. This resource is maintained by a team of professional researchers, writers, editors, graphic artists, content designers, database experts, and webmasters. More than 160 freelance writers and researchers have contributed to what is the world's largest and most comprehensive database of country information. You'll be asked to enter your library card when you log in.



Even though **Ancestry Online** can only be accessed from within the library, it is a gem of a database. If you are not already familiar with it **Ancestry Online** is a genealogy research tool that provides access to more than 1 billion names, 3000 databases and primary resources. Covers Canada, the US, UK and some European countries. English and French content. If you're starting to investigate your family tree, start here.

You won't regret it and before you know it, you'll be an **Ancestry Online** junkie!

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