

ERESOURCES



2016 brings new e-resources. We are especially excited to offer **Flipster**—a digital magazine platform which provides magazines in an electronic format you can download to your tablet or smartphone! We currently have Shutterbug, for all you photography buffs; Vanity Fair, Mother Jones, Family Tree (genealogists take note) and Vegetarian Times. Go to our webpage www.missmillslibrary.com and click on the upper left tab “Quick link to our e-resources and e-books” or click on the sidebar “Library’s Collection” and follow the links from there. Flipster is under the E-book tab.

We are also very excited to offer **Mango Languages!**

Mango Languages is a fun language-learning experience for language fanatics worldwide. Access over 60 foreign-language courses and 17 English courses taught in the native language of the user. Each Mango lesson incorporates the four key conversational components crucial for successful communication: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture. Located under our E-resources, follow the suggestions above to get there.



TumbleBooks is back in full swing. This is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they’ll love. Story books, chapter books, math stories, graphic novels, puzzles and games, videos, language learning, non-fiction books, and playlists—all free!

And for all you travel fans, we have **Global Road Warrior**. This fun database is found under our e-resources tab on the webpage. It’s a wealth of country information. Compiled and maintained by a talented professional team, this is a substantive and useful resource for travellers and researchers.

Fundraising News

Have you noticed our wonderful new book bags? Or our wonderful Library brand coffee from Equator? This is all the hard work of our Board Outreach Committee. They are working tirelessly and creatively to raise money and awareness for our library. You can support our library by purchasing these items at either branch. There’s more to come too! We are working on a Library Mascot with our local schools. Keep an eye out for an upcoming silent auction as well as some summer surprises! Board meetings are held 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the last Wednesday of every month, except July/Aug. The location rotates between Almonte and Pakenham. Call 613-256-1037 or more information.

FROM THE CEO



The holiday season is over and our supply of fresh baked cookies, squares, boxes of chocolates and various treats are all gone. Thank you to all our patrons who brought us so much good cheer. Your appreciation is part of why we all love working here so much!

Thank you to all our Almonte patrons for your patience while our meeting room got a redo as a result of our fall flood. The room is back in action —so welcome back babies, toddlers, families and room renters! Enjoy our new space.

Thanks to the **Elizabeth Kelly Library Foundation Inc.**, the Almonte branch has 4 new tablet arm-chairs. Bring your tablet and sit in comfort —why not read one of our new digital magazines or learn a language while relaxing? We have some fabulous new digital resources (see front page) including Flipster (digital magazines) and Mango Languages.

Recently Fern Martin donated copies of her plays to the library! These will be located at the Almonte branch but can be borrowed from either location. Just ask at the service desk! Thank you Fern, a treasure to have.

Don't forget to book our Tech Facilitator, Ketsia! She's here to help you meet as many of your technology needs as she can! Call either branch to book her before it's too late.

Cool dates to mark in your datebook:

Join us on Jan. 27 to celebrate **Family Literacy Day** — go for a “story walk:” find a story board pegged outside the Almonte Branch. Read and do the activities, then come on inside to our meeting room and read the story from cover to cover. Thanks to Children's Resources on Wheels for making this happen!

Keep these dates! Feb 4; Mar. 3; Apr. 7; and May 5, 2016. Our **Travelogue** Series meets in the Almonte Meeting Room 7-8:30 p.m. Rick Scholes will be first up.

“**Bridging Generations**” in Pakenham on Sunday February 7th from 12:30 -4:00 pm, at the Pakenham Public School. There will be a free lunch and community conversation to help ensure programs are being developed and information is available to seniors in Mississippi Mills. For more information call Katherine at the Pakenham branch, 613-624-5306.

Come and learn how to download e-books to your e-reader or mobile device! The workshop will take place at the Almonte Branch at 2pm on **Friday, January 29th**. Call either branch or e-mail the tech tutor to register and secure your place at this workshop! The session will be followed by a brief Q&A. Contact Ketsia at mmpltechtutor@gmail.com Almonte Branch: 613-256-1037 Pakenham Branch: 613-624-5306.

The Human Library Project is April 30, Almonte Branch.

CORRIDOR GALLERY— Almonte

News for the Corridor Gallery

2016 ushers in a longer viewing time for the artists whose work grace the walls of the Corridor Gallery. Beginning in February with the arresting figurative works of Kanata artist, Donna Lynd, the works will remain in the Gallery for two months for each show (instead of the current one month).

From January 4 to February 8, 2016, the watercolour paintings of **Jacque Christiani** are on exhibit. "Walking in nature awakens a memory or connection that I am inspired to share. .. As I paint, other images emerge as the watercolour pigment flows through and with the water. I apply the pencil over the dried application of watercolour to highlight the subtleties of the images revealed to me." During the annual Pakenham Maple Run Studio



Tour on April 2nd and 3rd, 2016, you can drop in and meet Jacquie in her home studio.



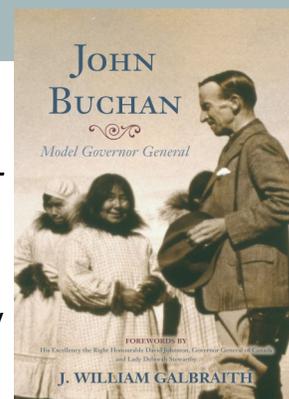
Inspired by the forms and structures of Modigliani and encouraged by Van Gogh's daring with colour, **Donna Lynd's** work presents an emotional impact that challenges the viewer to share the experience. Extensive studies in figurative expressionism and especially the face and portraiture find unique expression in her work.

Currently living in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Donna paints daily in her upstairs studio, shows her work in her home gallery, The Drawing Room and teaches workshops in the lower floor studio 35 Below.

Donna's work will be on display until the end of March.

Author Talk

Wednesday 17 Feb. 2016 at 2 p.m. Almonte Branch. Author J. William Galbraith will give an illustrated presentation: *From The 39 Steps to Model Governor General*. An accomplished journalist, publisher, head of intelligence, and Member of Parliament, Buchan is best remembered as author of thrillers like *The Thirty-Nine Steps*. However, as Canada's 15th Governor-General, he played a significant role promoting unity, the sovereignty of Canada and loyalty to the Sovereign; and played an important bridging role between Britain and the U.S. He also founded the Governor General's Literary Awards and inspired several of his Canadian successors.



Seed Library News

Almonte Seedy Saturday! Calling all gardeners!

Sat. February 20, 2016, 9-3 at the Almonte Civitan Hall (500 Almonte St.)

Admission: \$2.00

This swapping event is brought to you by Beyond the Garden Gate and sponsored by Neighbourhood Tomato. It's sure to be engaging. Supported by A&D Horticultural Society, the Mississippi Mills Public Library and our Seed Lending Library, Lanark's Master Gardeners, Canadian Organic Growers and Seeds of Diversity Canada, you'll learn all about heirloom, organic, open-pollinated seeds and plants. There will be presentations on gardening, season extending, hoop house techniques and square foot planting.

Upcoming Workshops

Our first gardening workshop of the season is **SOIL 101** on **Sat. Mar. 5th, 10 a.m. to Noon** at the Almonte Branch. Our Seed Library will be open for exchange beginning March 19. To help celebrate the launch we are featuring a gardening workshop: **Healing Plants in Your Garden, Mar. 19th 10 a.m. to Noon**. Call Karen 613-256-1037 for more details.

We had a lot of busy bees helping Karen stuff envelopes with tiny seeds. Featured in our first Seed-Stuffing Bee of 2016, (photo right) our volunteer Seed Squad (from L to R: Laura, Richard, Sharon). Thank you!



A new museum pass!



NEW at the ALMONTE and PAKENHAM Branch – In addition to our new skating passes, we are very excited to offer a **FREE** family pass (2 adults, 3 children) to our own Mississippi Valley Textile Museum. Come check it out and ask about all of our museum passes while you're here!

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