

Summer 2018

## New CEO

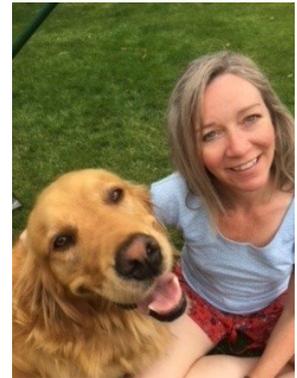
Pam Harris has been CEO/Chief Librarian for almost 5 years. During that time Pam has made it possible for the Library to offer you more adult programming, extended hours and has forged strong connections with various community groups. She has recently retired.

Our new CEO/Chief Librarian will join us on August 20, 2018.

*Hello Mississippi Mills,*

I am so excited to be joining your team and working in such a creative, vibrant community. I have been your neighbour for a while as I have worked at the Rideau Lakes Public Library for 15 years. In that time, I have witnessed rural public libraries grow into essential community hubs and I'm inspired by the possibilities that are yet to come.

In my personal life, I have watched my boys grow into men, learned that living in an old school-house is not all fun and games, and experienced the joys and pains of long bike rides with my husband. I look forward to sharing my next chapter of life and learning with you.



*Christine Row*

Monica Blackburn will assume the duties of acting CEO until Ms. Row begins her new role.

## Summer Camp

Both Branches are offering summer programming for children ages 4 and up this summer. Look for information on our website, Facebook page, and at the two Branches. This year's theme is [Feed your Passions!](#)

Need a reason to keep reading over the summer? Join the TD Summer Reading Club!

Sign up and receive a booklet to log your reading, get a **sticker** for every 15 minutes you read and **MMPL Book Bucks** to spend in our ever popular Book Buck Store! Whether you are reading on your own, or being read to, this is the Club for you!



Reading fun for kids, from  
Canada's public libraries  
[tdsummerreadingclub.ca](http://tdsummerreadingclub.ca)



## Did you know?

...that items can be returned to either Branch, regardless where you checked them out?

## Upcoming Adult Programming

The Almonte branch will be offering a series of SUSTAINABLE LIVING TALKS beginning Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Sarah Lickley of Wild Oak Homestead will be delivering a talk entitled "Preserving the Harvest". On September 12th at 7pm Bill Kemp of Fluid Coffee Roasters will be speaking about renewable energy and living and running a successful business off the grid. Brodie Barrie of Forest Floor Mushrooms will be coming in to speak on the topic of growing and foraging mushrooms on October 10th. This series is made possible because of a generous donation made by the Clayton Food Cooperative.

In the fall we'll be offering a fun new seasonal cookbook book club at the Almonte Branch entitled FOOD FOR THOUGHT to be held in the fall, winter, spring and summer. This will be a registered book club with a maximum attendance of 14 people.

Also at the Almonte Branch, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON FILMS will start up again on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also, more LEE VALLEY WORKSHOPS are in the planning stages.

TRAVELOGUES at the Almonte Branch are scheduled to resume Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the meeting room.

If you are interested in presenting a Travelogue during the upcoming season please contact Katherine Pillsworth at [paklib@lanarkcounty.ca](mailto:paklib@lanarkcounty.ca) or by phone at 613-624-5306.

The Pakenham Branch Book Club will also be resuming this fall, starting Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Pakenham meeting room, feel free to email ([paklib@lanarkcounty.ca](mailto:paklib@lanarkcounty.ca)) or call (613-624-5306) for more information.

In October the Pakenham Branch will be hosting an instructional presentation with our Tech Tutor Gregory on "Using the Pakenham Memory Lab" for converting photos, slides or videos to a digital format - final date to be determined so stay tuned!

## Gardens

Loads of thanks to Alan Goddard and David Hinks who worked devilishly hard to remove some rotten trees alongside the Railway Garden and Community Garden behind the Almonte Branch. Together with the municipality and through a generous donation by Jay and Brenda Parr who purchased trees in support of the Hub Hospice and in turn donated these trees to the Almonte garden, (now isn't that a win-win!) we now have a lovely, restorative community space! Come walk the Railway Garden, enjoy the community veggie garden and come check out the community oven ("Friendship Oven") built and run by community volunteers along with a just-built by the Man Shed complementary herb garden. For more information, call 613-256-1037. With deep gratitude to all our volunteers who made this possible.

The Pakenham Branch has a new garden in the front of the Branch dedicated to long time volunteer Fern Martin. Fern has recently moved to BC, but we will always remember her many contributions to the community, and particularly her fund raising efforts for the recent Pakenham Branch expansion.



## Museum Passes



Summer has arrived...don't forget to come and check out a museum pass. In partnerships with the local and national museum networks the library offers free passes that will get you into the Aquatarium in Brockville, Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, 11 museums under the umbrella of The Ottawa Museum Network including the Diefenbunker, as well as all of the following great national museums on our doorstep: the National Gallery of Canada, the Canadian Museum of

History, the Canadian War Museum, the Canadian Museum of Nature, the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum, the Canada Aviation and Space Museum and the Canada Science and Technology Museum. Passes do not always cover the cost of special exhibits. For example, the pass won't get you in to see the popular LEGO exhibit, The Art of the Brick, on now at the Canada Science and Technology Museum. The pass also doesn't cover parking fees.

Museum passes circulate for one week and are good for a family of a minimum of 2 adults and 4 children (this varies from pass to pass). So, if you want free access to some great museums, check out the museum websites and start planning your museum visits now. Then come in and check out your museum pass. Passes are offered on a first come, first served basis, so cannot be reserved and are not renewable and are limited to one per family. Passes are available at both the Almonte and Pakenham branches.



## Seed Library



Watch for the MMPL Seed Library's return of The Tastiest Tomato Contest!

A fun and friendly contest for tomato growers and tasters.

We'll set the date in late August/early September (depending on this year's tomato crop).

For more details, check our bulletin boards, circulation desks, big screen tv, and our Facebook page.

## Almonte Corridor Gallery



**Teresa Wingar's Slip Trailed Stoneware Pottery** Drawing her influences from 18<sup>th</sup> century English designs, Persian carpets & Indian Henna, Teresa uses a technique called slip trailing to apply her intricate patterns and each piece is hand thrown on the potter's wheel. Once dried enough to handle, the pot is carefully trimmed, then decorated with clay slips, by first painting and then applying the clay slips, creating a slightly raised design. Her pieces are highly decorative and collectable.



### Photography Matters

On display is the fine photography of Karen Thompson, Bruce Thompson, Susan Cressy, Samantha Metcalfe, Jack Gordon & Kathleen Teahen. The group works to inspire and learn from one another.

# The Friendship Oven

In partnership with the Neighbourhood Tomato and the community at large, we celebrated the launch of our community oven on Sunday, June 17. Not only was this the big kick-off to launching the oven, it was a fundraiser for the Mississippi Mills Youth Centre – nearly 100 delicious pizzas were made with over \$450.00 raised for the Youth Centre!

The oven is the brainchild of Jeff Mills and together with funding from the Elizabeth Kelly Library Foundation Inc., the Almonte Community Coordinators, and loads of community support, we now have a lovely community oven. Sean MacKenzie, of Dominion Masonry, with help from a number of community residents, hand-crafted the oven. These helpers also learned the art of building outdoor ovens in the process. Not only was the oven built by volunteers much of the materials were provided at serious discounts or through donations:

Ian Paige of Ian Paige Pottery gave us firebrick at a discounted price; LBL gave us discounted hours for excavation and also supplied fill material. Doug Parsons came with his tractor to help back fill the foundation. As well, Mervin Logan of LBL donated a piece of black granite used for the outer landing. Levi Home Hardware donated and/or discounted materials as did Branje Metalworks who built the steel frame for the roof. Andy Brown donated steel for the roof. Breah Demers and family donated red brick as did Jeff and Gillian Mills. The Mills also donated a keystone. Guissepe Lund and Sawyer Campbell crafted the wrought iron door. Jill Halliday drew the numbers for the date stone. Amelia Ah You helped with the roof design.

Hidden in the oven is a time capsule – a surprise for down the road. Building the oven turned out to be a great story – lots of twists and avenues as we dug down and built up. It's a story of history and a story of community. It's a story still to come, so stay tuned! Meanwhile, if you want to learn about the oven, how you can use it or if you would like a donation or volunteer, please contact the Almonte Branch of the library 613-256-1037.



## Tech Tutor



Sign up at either branch at the Service Desk if you are interested in receiving one-on-one tutoring for anything techy, big or small. This service is available to everyone—all ages and technical capabilities!

Look for the TechBoomers link on our website to access free tutorials on computer technology.



## Historical Photos

Tremendous kudos to Michael Dunn who has an amazing photo archive. Michael has donated copies of the photos to the library for public use. One really exciting project that Michael has been working on with our amazing Technology Assistant, Gregory, is an intriguing digital, geographic map overlaid with these historic photos. This is quite a treasure. 1889 will soon be available for viewing with more years to come. Stay tuned!

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