

# What's New in June

## Pride at the Library!



Join us on **Sat, June 20** for a day of Pride-themed activities for youth! Hosted in partnership with **NGRYA (North Grenville Rainbow Youth Alliance)**, this event welcomes all youth – members of NGRYA, allies, friends, & those looking for a fun and inclusive way to celebrate Pride Month.

Activities run from **10am – 4 pm** and include: Pride crafts & creative activities, a scavenger hunt, Pride-themed book displays & learning opportunities, activities and support from **Big Brothers Big Sisters' PROUD program**, and a welcoming space to connect, learn, create, and celebrate community. All are welcome!

## Reading Den



### Registration Deadline: June 19

The Lions Reading Den returns this July for young readers who need more intensive support.

This high-quality remedial program is run by professional elementary teachers using UFLI resources – and offered free by the Merrickville Lions Club!

The program is designed for children entering Grades 2 or 3 in September who are struggling with reading.

**The application form is posted on our website.** Spaces are limited to 12 to allow for personalized instruction, so apply early before it fills up!

## Seed Library



The Seed Library still has a wide variety of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds available free for community members!

We would also like to give another shout-out to our sponsors **West Coast Seeds, Ritchie's Feed & Seed** and The **Ottawa Wildflower Seed Library** for donating seeds to expand our selection. The Seed Library is a joint project with Sustainable Merrickville-Wolford.

## Thank You!



Thank You!: to everyone who contributed to (and shopped at) the **Friends of the Library** Garage Sale and Plant Sale in May.

The Friends were to raise nearly \$4,000 at these two sales to sponsor the Library's Libby ebook and Kanopy subscriptions for 2026. The Friends also use their fundraisers to support programs, our DVD pool, and other items for the Library.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Enabled Talent



**Enabled Talent** is offering a series of free online seminars to support people with a range of disabilities in exploring career options and understanding the pathways available to move forward.

These monthly seminars start **Thurs, June 25** and cover different career pathways and how to choose what fits, training and skill-building options, support systems and resources, and practical next steps to take next. Register on our website.

Upcoming topics include navigating the digital job market, networking, and financial supports and strategies.

Contact the Library for more information.

## Eco-Champions on Display



This year's Eco-Champions contest entries are in!

It's great to see all the effort that the kids put into their projects – and how this contest has raised awareness about local species-at-risk.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Awards Ceremony on June 6!

The Library is proud to partner with the Lions Club for this initiative and is delighted to have all the entries on display for the summer to share the learning. Come by and take a look!

## Story Trail



As we head into warmer weather, enjoy some outdoor literacy as a family by borrowing a **MAPsack** from the Library. A MAPsack is a nature-themed backpack for families with books and tools – and a **Family Park Pass** (to Ontario Provincial Parks or RVCA parks) to help you enjoy and explore the great outdoors. We have MAPsacks about: Bugs, Otters, Transformers, Rivers, and Trees.

And don't forget to take a walk on the **Story Trail** (a joint project with the Merrickville District Trails Society) to enjoy a favourite story while you explore the Woodland-Toboggan Hill Loop by Merrickville Public School.

## Coming in July!



### TD Summer Reading Club:

Join the TD Summer Reading Club for school-aged kids! Participate in our Summer Prize Draw (get tickets for every book read during the summer) and our weekly craft/activity program.

It's a great way to keep up reading skills over the summer.

### Eco-Literacy Workshops this summer!:

Eco-Literacy Workshops will run bi-weekly in July & August. Learn about nature and ecology in this free program for ages 6-12.

**For more info about any of these programs, contact the Library:**

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