



Merrickville Public Library

What's New in September

Diana Beresford-Kroeger Talk

Sun, Sept 20 at 3:00 pm

Diana Beresford-Kroeger will be giving a presentation and Q&A session as part of the Eco-Literacy Panel at the upcoming **Smiths Falls Literary Festival** on **Sun, September 20 at 3:00 pm** at the **Smiths Falls Legion**.

Proceeds of this event will support the Rideau Eco-Literacy Project which brought so many great workshops for kids about the science and engineering of the Rideau River and Canal to the Library this summer.

Tickets are \$15 at <https://sf-litfestival.ticketsplease.ca/events/small-town-big-stories/>

Guided Meditation



Fridays, 2 – 3 pm, starting Sept 11

Come to the Library for free guided meditation led by staff from the Merrickville & District Health Centre. In these weekly sessions, you will learn how to use breath work, body scanning and guided imagery to promote health and well-being. This drop-in program runs through the fall. Contact the Health Centre or Library for more information.

Off the Shelf



Off the Shelf will be kicking off a new season on **Mon, Sept 28 at 7:00 pm** at the Library. *Off the Shelf* is a relaxing and convivial evening of short readings and anecdotes for adult listeners. It's always an eclectic selection – humorous, dramatic, thought-provoking – from books, short stories, poetry and more. Plus friendly conversations and light refreshments. Co-hosts Jo, Elaine and Andrea are putting together a slate of readers to start the season – and look forward to welcoming new listeners! Contact the Library for more information.

Repair Café



The fall Repair Café is **Sat, October 24!** Bring your broken household items to the Library where skilled volunteers will be on hand to help with repairs to electronics, small appliances, and clothing/textiles, and teach you how to do your own simple fixes. This is a joint program with Sustainable Merrickville-Wolford to reduce what goes in the landfill and share knowledge and skills.

Enabled Talent



Reminder! Enabled Talent's series of free online seminars about career resources and supports for job-seekers with disabilities continues on the 4th Thursday of the month. This month is **Sept 24**. Register at <https://luma.com/txqgepzs>.

Eco-Literacy Workshops



These educational and fun hands-on workshops, led by Tina Bye, were a huge hit this summer. We're excited that they will continue monthly in the fall. Details coming soon! Contact the Library for dates. These workshops are a joint project between the Rideau Roundtable and 6 local libraries.

StoryTime



Join us **Friday mornings at 10(ish)** for stories, rhymes, rhythm instruments and a simple craft for preschoolers and toddlers (and a caregiver). It's a great way to build early literacy and social skills – and to chat with other parents & caregivers. New StoryTimers are always welcome.

More for Kids!



We have more programs for kids and youth in the works – including Infant Massage lessons led by EarlyON staff, more Mini Music Makers programs for preschoolers, and a new Music & Movement session for school-aged kids. Plus a special Percy Jackson party night is coming in October (a joint project with the Lions Club). Sign up for email updates on our website to keep up to date with what's going on.

Summer Wrap-Up



Lions Reading Den: This July's Lions Reading Den was another big success. This free literacy program, funded by the Merrickville Lions Club, provided 3 weeks of intensive remedial reading instruction led by professional teaching staff. Congratulations to all our readers for their progress!

TD Summer Reading Club: Just over 100 kids participated in our TD Summer Reading Club this year! They entered hundreds of tickets (earned by reading books) in our Prize Draw. The Draw featured 70 different prizes for kindergarten to high school. Our Reading Club also included our "Dive In" Craft Space – featuring under-the-sea crafts and activities, such as making a light-up coral reef, a jellyfish suncatcher, a chomping shark, and STEM activities like boat building, water experiments, map-reading, and more! Thanks to the TD Bank Financial Group for sponsoring materials for this program and our own Friends of the Library for sponsoring prizes and supplies.

More Summer Programs: The Library also hosted the Rideau Eco-Literacy Workshops and Tech Tuesdays – a series of drop-in programs by BGC Leeds & Grenville that let kids experiment with a variety of tech toys to learn about building, coding, and robotics.

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

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