



Merrickville Public Library

What's New in November

Radon Detectors



Do you know the radon level in your home? Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the ground and is found in every home – sometimes at elevated levels. Radon can build up to levels that Health Canada considers dangerous, particularly when Canadian homes are sealed up against the cold weather. Over time, exposure to elevated levels of radon can cause lung cancer. In fact, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. The Library's website has a link to more info from Health Canada.

What can you do? This is a good time of year to test your home. The Library lends Radon Detectors you can use at home to test your levels. Contact the Library to find out more about this program. Thank you to Simon Air Quality for donating radon detectors.

Universal Class

Online Learning Platform



Check out this e-learning platform – available free on our website -- offering over 600 online courses in 35+ subjects for adults & teens: small business & career, hobbies, academics, personal development and more! All courses are self-paced so you can do them at your convenience – for continuing education credits, or audit them for personal interest. All you need is your library card to create your account and get started.

Craft Tool Library



Making a cake for a special occasion? Our Craft Tool Library has specialty pans and fondant molds! If you need a train, pirate ship, Cinderella's coach – or a 3-tier cake! – we've got you covered! Search our online catalogue (include the search term: 'craft tool') to see what's available (or contact us) and borrow it using your library card – just like a book! — There's a variety of fabric arts and other craft equipment in the Craft Tool Library- and it's all searchable through our catalogue. The collection is growing through donations and fundraising.

Thank You to our Supporters



The Friends of the Library's Adventure Hunt was a great time for all participants.

Thank you to our generous sponsors! Gold sponsors: LA Team Realty, Merrickville Drug Mart, Park View Homes; Silver sponsors: Nellie's Room, All the Things, Healthily Ever After, Justin Rice Insurance; Bronze sponsor: Maureen McAuliff.

And thank you to prize donors: All the Things, Baldachin Inn, Gather Brewery & Glassworks, Goose & Gridiron, Iron Forge, Mainstreet Restaurant, Rowland Leather, Village Bean, and Yellow Canoe. And to Mrs. McGarrigle's for the delicious charcuterie platter.

Off the Shelf



Off the Shelf is early this month. Join us Mon, Nov 2 at 7:00 pm for an evening of entertaining short readings & light refreshments for adult listeners – our theme will be "Food for Thought". And watch for our special Christmas **Off the Shelf** on Dec 7.

Rideau Eco-Literacy

Sat, Nov 14, 2:00 -3:30 pm



This month's workshop is all about "Wild Clay". Learn how to identify, harvest and process wild clay – and use it to make a clay treasure box to take home. These free hands-on STEM workshops are for ages 6 – 12. Registration is required! We only have 12 spaces in this month's workshop, so register early. This is a joint project with the Rideau Roundtable.

Chill & Chat



Our group for Gr. 7+ will get together to do T-shirt flipping! Contact the Library for dates.

Guided Meditation

Fridays, 2:00–3:00pm



The Library hosts free guided meditation led by staff from the Merrickville Health Centre. These weekly sessions include 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 info.

StoryTime

Fridays at 10(ish)



Stories, rhymes, rhythm instruments and a simple craft for preschoolers & toddlers. Build early literacy and social skills & chat with other caregivers. New StoryTimers welcome.

"Count the Hidden People" Walk



The Walk is over for this year and the Hidden People have gone back to their winter hideaway. Contest winners will be announced in early November. There were a lot of entries this year and we are delighted that this has become such a popular October tradition.

Thank you Graham Annable & Coba Studios for masterminding this project – and thank you to the Lions Club and the Trails Society for your support. We can't wait to see how many Hidden People are on the trail next year.

Seed Library



The Seed Library is closed until February -- but we are accepting seeds for next year.

Thank you **West Coast Seeds, Ritchie Feed & Seed** and the **Ottawa Wildflower Seed Library** for your seed donations in 2026!

For more info about any programs or services, contact the Library:

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