

Brockville Public Library
BOOK COLUMN – MAY 2008
“Happenings at the Brockville Public Library”

The Brockville Public Library has a number of special events planned throughout May. In recognition of Mental Health Week, May 5 to 11, the Brockville Library is delighted to announce a new resource-sharing partnership with the Brockville Mental Health Center's Mental Health & Addiction Resource Centre. This year's theme is *Work-Life Balance: make it your business*. Books belonging to the Mental Health & Addiction Resource Center are now available at the Brockville Library and are listed in the online catalogue. These titles cover topics such as depression, coping with obsessive/compulsive behaviors, borderline personality, self-esteem, alcoholism, phobias, relaxation, and Alzheimer's disease. They are available for loan from the Public Library to anyone who has a current Brockville Library card. They can also be read at the Library and are available through the interlibrary loan system. On Tuesday May 6, 2008 at 3 p.m. the community is invited to a gathering in the meeting room of the Brockville Public Library to launch this new service. Books from both the Mental Health & Addiction Resource Centre and the Brockville Public Library will be on display and available for loan.

If your child enjoys making crafts why not sign up for a special Mother's Day Craft program on Sat. May 10, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee per child for materials is \$5.00. Your child must have a current library card. Sign up at the circulation desk. We are busy preparing summer programs for children age two to twelve. This year's theme is Laugh out loud/Lire aux larmes.

In celebration of Mother's Day, we have a special display of children's books that celebrate the special relationship between mother and child. In *Little Night* by Yuyi Morales Mother Sky fills a tub with falling stars and calls, "Bath time for Little Night!" But Little Night is hiding. Where can she be? Award-winning author Lois Grambling and bestselling illustrator Jane Manning bring us the story *My mom is a firefighter*, about a little boy who wants to be just like his mum. In *Baby Bear, Baby Bear, what do you see?* Bill Martin and Eric Carle explore the special bond between mother and child and invites young readers to identify each of the native animals that appear along the way. In Rachel Vail's book *The (almost) perfect Mother's Day*, little T. Rex plans a delicious breakfast in bed as the perfect surprise for Mama Rex but on the big day everything goes wrong. Check out the full selection of titles available in the children's department.

On Saturday May 24 the Library is participating in Doors Open, an annual event in Ontario celebrating our architectural heritage and history. The Library's permanent collection of forty-one drawings of Brockville and area scenes by Robert H. Lindsay (1868-1938) will be on display. As well as being an artist and teacher, Mr. Lindsay was a trustee on the Brockville Library Board for over twenty years and helped plan the construction of our Carnegie library in 1903-1904.

You're invited to attend the next meeting of the Brockville Climate Action Group in the library meeting room on May 25th.

Join us on Thursday May 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Library, as Mike Hart shares his journey across more than 5200 kilometers of Africa's bush land. The adventure was planned as a wildlife safari and all expectations particular to seeing Africa's great and small beasts were met. This event is free. Please pre-register at the Circulation Desk as space is limited.

Library users probably have a vague idea of the value of the library in terms of cost-savings. A new service, the "Value of Services Calculator", now available on our website (www.brockvillelibrary.ca) allows you to calculate just how much you would have had to pay out-of-pocket for your library materials. It's an eye-opening exercise!

Mark your calendar for our annual book sale. The Friends of the Brockville Public Library will be holding their annual sale of used library materials at the 1000 Islands Mall on Friday May 30 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sat. May 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The selection will be fantastic.

During May there are three special exhibits on the second floor of the library. You can view gorgeous quilts designed and made by library staff member Dinah Merckx; see Christina McCarthy's beautiful pottery; and enjoy the talented mixed media paintings by the young student of Nancy Roberts in the young adult area.

The Southern Ontario Library Service (www.sols.org) recently gave a library workshop on genealogy at the Brockville library. One of our staff participated and shares her notes with you. The workshop presenter, who specializes in local history at the Oakville Public Library, recommended checking out public library websites for genealogical information and also suggested the following websites: http://genealogy.about.com/od/free_charts/ig/genealogy_charts/family_tree.htm; <http://www.familysearch.org>; and <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com>. There is a new genealogy magazine called "Discovering Family History" and the preview issue can be read on-line at www.discoveringfamilyhistory.com. Another Canadian site that is very helpful is the Canadian Genealogy Centre at <http://www.genealogy.gc.ca> and records for the Home children can be found here. It is important to always backup your computer files and you can do this free of charge on the web by going to www.mozy.com, a site that is password protected.

For a list of new books and other materials available at our library, pick up your copy of our May newsletter or read it online at www.brockvillelibrary.ca. For all your information needs visit the Brockville Public Library, 23 Buell Street, located opposite the post office. Phone us at 613-342-3936.

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