



True Patriot Love: the Winter Olympic Games@ Brockville Public Library

You can't make the trip to Vancouver for the Winter Olympic Games? Show your "true patriot love" and cheer on our Canadian athletes from a front row seat in the meeting room at the Brockville Public Library. Thanks to a partnership with TV COGECO and CompuSilv Computers, you will be able to enjoy large screen, Olympic coverage from the opening ceremonies on February 13 to the closing ceremonies on February 28. And it's FREE!

We are also planning a number of special Olympic activities. We will be displaying children's artwork on the Olympic theme and will hold a contest to guess the colour and number of Canada's winning medals with a prize for the correct number or closest guess. For BPL staff, this unique project is an appreciation gift to our customers and at the same time, it's an occasion to celebrate BPL's central place in our community. We need volunteers for this special project. If you can contribute some hours to help us, please contact Chrissy Barker, Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, at 613-342-3936, ext. 27 or by email, chrissy@brockvillelibrary.ca. For more details, visit our website, www.brockvillelibrary.ca.

In February we are also celebrating First Nations Public Library Week in Ontario from February 15th to 20th. During this special week we remember and celebrate the many contributions to Canada, past and present, by our native peoples. This year's colourful poster depicts the traditional and modern pursuits of native Canadians and highlights this year's theme: *Celebrating Our Culture and Language*. To become better informed about the history and culture of our native Canadians and to learn about current issues and concerns we recommend the following books. In our children's department read *Great women from our First Nations* by Kelly Fournel; *Before Canada: First Nations and first contacts, prehistory - 1523* by Sheila Nelson; and *Canada's modern-day First Nations: Nunavut and evolving relationships* Elyn Sanna. Titles in the adult collections include *Aboriginal timeline* edited by Rupert and Linda Taylor; *Honouring tradition: reframing native art* by Beth Carter and the Glenbow Institute, a book based on consultations with Aboriginal elders, leaders and artists; *Big Bear*, Rudy Wiebe's story of the great warrior Mistahi-maskwa who was involved in the Northwest Rebellion; and *Flint & feather: the life and times of E. Pauline Johnson, Tekahionwake*, a biography of a great Canadian poet by Charlotte Gray.

February is *Heart Month*, an opportunity to learn about heart disease and its prevention and treatment. The Library has some helpful titles. Acclaimed Canadian novelist Wayson Choy writes about dealing with heart disease in his book *Not yet: a memoir of living and almost dying*. Dr. Christopher Steidle, a urologist, tackles an important topic in his book *Sex and the heart: how a healthier heart helps overcome erectile dysfunction*. *From the heart : a woman's guide to living well with heart disease* is Kathy Kastan's account of surviving emergency bypass surgery at age forty-two and coming to terms, physically and emotionally, with the resulting changes in her life. Dr. Raymond R. Townsend discusses high blood pressure in his book *100 Q & A about high blood pressure (Hypertension)*. You can also visit the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario website at <http://www.heartandstroke.on.ca> for information about diet and exercise, and the latest research.

February also means Valentine's Day and the celebration of love in all its forms. Woo that special someone with a poem from Robert Alden Rubin's collection, *Love poetry out loud*. Do you love your library? February is a perfect time to leave a lasting legacy by remembering the Brockville Public Library with a financial donation or as part of your estate planning. Our Library is a registered charity and can issue a tax receipt for income tax purposes.

A library card is free. So it is always surprising that everyone does not have one. Your library card offers access to Internet and word processing computers; thousands of books, hundreds of DVDs and videos, as well as magazines and newspapers; and many free on-line databases. If you cannot find the book or talking-book you want in our Library, you can borrow these items using our interlibrary loan (ILL) service. From the Library website, check online to see what other libraries in Ontario have. You can also initiate your own ILL requests. Ask staff to set up an account for you with your personal PIN. The Library adds new items every week. So there is always something new for users of every age. Your library card is the smartest card in your wallet! Why not get one today?

For more information go to www.brockvillelibrary.ca, email us at info@brockvillelibrary.ca, phone 613-342-3936, or visit us at 23 Buell Street opposite the Post Office. Your Library is open 7 days a week! We look forward to welcoming you.

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