

October Newsletter

Portage la Prairie Regional Library

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Welcome to October everyone! While the leaves continue to drop, so too does our monthly newsletter!

October is officially designated as the Canadian Library Month by the Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA). This is done for libraries across Canada to promote their value to their communities, especially this year given the amount of chaos that we all have to navigate through.

As one of the few true public spaces left in many communities, public libraries are often tasked with taking on duties that librarians of 20 years ago could never have imagined. However, while there are many challenges public libraries face to overcome to serve their evolving community, public libraries have proven themselves to be remarkably resilient organizations capable of supporting as many people as possible. With dedicated staff and strong community support, public libraries can become a robust pillar of the community society needs them to be.

Take care,

Richard Bee, MLIS

Head Librarian

Books for Sale!

We still have books for sale! .25 cents for books on the tables!

Changes at the Library:

- Masks are encouraged
- Please follow the signs for physical distancing
- Computers are available by appointment
- MPR is now available to rent

Did You Know?

- RB Digital's collection of eMagazines and Audiobooks is accessible to all library members
- We have monthly challenges/contests with a prize!
- Check out our Facebook, Instagram and website for updated information!



User ID: **plappublic**
Password: **prairie20!**

Library Hours

Our new library hours as of September 8 are as follows:

Tuesday: 10:00 – 5:00

Wednesday: 1:00 – 8:00

Thursday: 1:00 – 8:00

Friday: 10:00 – 5:00

Saturday: 10:00 – 5:00

More News

Coffee House

Coffee House will be happening once again, only this time it will be at the Herman Prior Centre. The library does not have sufficient space to accommodate everyone with safety measures in place, therefore Hermon Prior has kindly offered to partner with us this year for Coffee House.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE REGIONAL LIBRARY'S
COFFEE HOUSE
In partnership with the Herman Prior Centre
music poetry comedy magic etc.
ACOUSTIC ONLY!
ALL AGES!
If you have a talent that you would like to share - now's the time to shine!
*PHYSICAL DISTANCING
*MANDATORY MASKS
*PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PERFORMERS AND ATTENDEES
Portage la Prairie Regional Library
***Temporary location: Herman Prior Centre**
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 SATURDAY, JANUARY 23
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 SATURDAY, MARCH 27
SATURDAY, APRIL 24
*Program subject to change
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As many of you know, Tom Howe ran the Coffee House at the library for years. He was the heart of the program, and he will be missed by many. This year, at Tom's request, Mickey Dumont will be taking over.

Things will look a little different this time. Everyone (even performers) will have to register ahead of time, physical distancing will be

in place and masks will be mandatory. We are looking forward to spreading some joy at this time! Thank you for your patience and understanding.

You can register for Coffee House by emailing programming@portagelibrary.com, mickeyadumont@gmail.com, phoning the library at 204-857-4271 or signing up at the library in person. Register soon, as limited spots are available!

Have a great October!

\$0.25 BOOKS & MAGAZINES



Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday

- Virtual Storytime
10:00 am

October 8

- Family Craft Night
6:30 – 7:30 pm

October 10

- Walking Storytime @ FLR Museum
2:00 pm
- Thanksgiving Craft & Story 10:00 – 11:00 am

October 22

- Nerdy Girl's Night
6:30 – 7:30 pm

October 24

- Coffee House @ Herman Prior Centre
1:00 – 3:00 pm

October 31

- Safe Halloween @ HPC
2:00 – 6:00 pm