

Library Report

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Board profile

Nolan Young

Coun. Nolan Young brings a well-traveled view to Western Counties Regional Library board as a representative of the Town of Shelburne.

A transplanted Cape Bretoner and trades instructor at Shelburne Campus, NSCC, Coun. Young has a background in construction that led him to Western Canada and back to Nova Scotia.

"I was born and raised in a coal mining town in Cape Breton. I left the province in search of work after high school and have spent a large part of my life living and working in Western Canada, mainly on large scale construction projects."

Coun. Young wanted to join the board because he believes libraries are an important asset to the community, and he wanted to get involved. He hopes to bring energy to the board.

"I believe I bring ideas, passion, enthusiasm, and a willingness to explore new and existing opportunities to the board," he says.

He says libraries have to be integrated into the community at many levels to continue to succeed.

"Without question libraries will have to innovate, partner and collaborate with other agencies to continue to be sustainable," he says. "Libraries serve as the local custodians for our community."

He believes the further integration of libraries and technology will provide greater services to area residents, and new partnerships with the tourism sector, archives and area entrepreneurs can help develop more creative work spaces and services.

Renovation Celebration



From left, Bob Legere of the Shelburne Library Building Association and Mark Townsend of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency enjoy a lighter moment during the celebration of the renovated and expanded McKay Memorial Library on Tuesday, May 29. The expansion cost \$155,487, adding valuable community space and new technology. It was completed last fall.

Regional library hosting provincial library conference

Board members and staff from libraries across Nova Scotia will be descending on Yarmouth for the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Library Association annual conference, Friday, Sept. 28 to Sunday, Sept. 30.

Hosted by Western Counties Regional Library at the Rodd Grand Hotel and Conference Centre in Yarmouth, the conference carries the theme **Be Bold!** and will attract more than 100 delegates.

"We're excited about the conference," says Regional Library Director Erin Comeau.

She says the committee believes this overarching theme addresses many of the challenges that libraries face when implementing change and that it will resonate with many as libraries continue to evolve.

Comeau says the program has a lot to offer

delegates, covering a wide range of subjects.

"We are designing our program to consist of workshops and presentations that will encourage library employees and board members to think outside the box and work through their fears or reservations as they move towards a better and stronger future for libraries."

The conference keynote speaker is Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard. Sessions range from how governance boards must understand the risks and resulting strategies needed to navigate these risks to ways to develop and pitch ideas to potential partners and sponsors.

There will be sessions on Mi'kmaw legends, serving the LGBT+ community, board diversity, and managing difficult conversations. Saturday night features the banquet and library awards ceremony.

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Mobile printing available at all branches

All 10 branches of Western Counties Regional Library now offer mobile printing as part of its services to the public.

"Because more and more people are using mobile devices, the library saw an opportunity to offer mobile printing," says library systems administrator Ryan McKenzie.

Through a library mobile printing e-mail address, people can print from their laptops, tablets or smartphones to printers at any of the library branches. The e-mail address is available at the branch circulation desks.

"Users send the print job attached to an e-mail," McKenzie says.

The attachment is automatically printed on a letter-size page. If the attachment is legal size, it is resized to fit on letter paper. Images are sized to fit as well. All printing is in black and white. Regular printing charges apply.

Library branches are located in Westport, Digby, Weymouth, and Meteghan in Digby County; Yarmouth and Pubnico in Yarmouth County; and Barrington, Clark's Harbour, Shelburne and Lockeport in Shelburne County.

Adopt-A-Book campaign closing in on goal

The 2018 Adopt-A-Book campaign has almost met its goal of 1,000 books adopted valued at approximately \$30,000 as of June 11, 2018. The campaign runs from April 3 to June 30. As of June 11, 967 books had been adopted valued at \$27,701.

There were still some sizeable donations to come in, including the proceeds from the Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library silent auction in Digby, the Senator Ambroise H. Comeau Memorial Library Adopt-A-Book gift basket raffle in Clare, the Weymouth Waterfront Library Dutch auction, the *Gone with the Wind* quilt raffle at all branches, and a \$1,000 Team RBC Grant from RBC Royal Bank of Canada Weymouth Branch.



Printing from mobile devices is available at all 10 branches of Western Counties Regional Library.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

Clark's Harbour

Clark's Harbour library clerk Shelley Smith retired, after 33 years of service, on May 17. Congratulations and happy retirement, Shelley.

Julissa Smith is the new Library Clerk III at the Clark's Harbour Library. She started in this position on May 22.

Cindy Ross will be retiring as reserve library clerk on June 16, 2018. Happy retirement, Cindy.

Digby

Story Time for Tots continues to grow in popularity at Tideview Terrace, a home for special care in Digby. The residents thoroughly enjoy seeing all the young children and interacting with them. The children didn't take long to warm up to the residence and a fun time has been had by all.

Shelburne

Shelburne library clerk Suzanne Gear will be retiring after 34 years of service on July 3. Her last day at work was on Friday, May 18, and the Friends of the Shelburne Library had a *Farewell to Suzanne* event on May 17 at McKay Memorial Library. Congratulations and happy retirement, Suzanne.

Debbie Perry accepted the position of Library Clerk IV effective July 3.

Loreley Himmelman is the new Library Clerk III effective July 3.



Shelburne library clerk Suzanne Gear is fêted during a staff inservice on Monday, April 16. Upper left, Suzanne holds her certificate marking 34 years of service as Deputy Director Joanne Head, right, prepares to give her a card. Upper right, Suzanne opens her presents. Bottom left, Suzanne's retirement cake that was enjoyed by all.

Westport

Patricia Outhouse is retiring after 20 years of service as reserve library clerk on June 30. Happy retirement, Patricia.

Patricia Outhouse and Jacqueline Journeay received the Certificate of Recognition from the Municipality of the District of Digby for outstanding dedication and service to Westport Branch Library.