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STIRLING-RAWDON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Library Update

Since the proof of COVID-19 vaccination system took effect in Ontario, we've had many patrons inquire about whether or not they are required to present their vaccination certificate in order to enter the library.

At this time, Ontario libraries are *NOT* one of the locations where proof of vaccination is required.

We **do** ask that you continue to remember to use the hand sanitizer in our front lobby upon entering the library or wash your hands in our washrooms upstairs. Please wear your mask at all times, even if you've been fully vaccinated and practice physical distancing from others. If you are unable to wear a mask, we are more than happy to provide curbside service...just give us a call and let us know how we can help.

As per the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy adopted by the Township of Stirling-Rawdon, all municipal staff will be required to provide proof of being fully vaccinated on or before December 15th, 2021 or provide proof of a negative COVID-19 rapid antigen test at a minimum of twice per week.

We sincerely appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation over the last 18 months and look forward to gradually getting back to the lively, active, community hub we've worked so hard to become!

HOURS:

- Sunday, Monday CLOSED
- Tuesday - Thursday 10-7
- Friday, Saturday 10-3

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Upcoming Programs & Events

Please note we will be **CLOSED** for Remembrance Day on Thursday, November 11th. Normal hours resume on Friday, November 12th.

Play our **Giant Scrabble** game in the library lobby! It's just for fun, but keep score for bragging rights!

Fun Stuff in the Kid's Department ANYTIME

We've brought back the **Weekly Riddle** and the **Monthly Colouring Contest!**

Think outside the box at our **Creation Station Drawing Station**. We've started a picture and you have to finish it, but it's not what you think! Drop into the children's department to learn more!

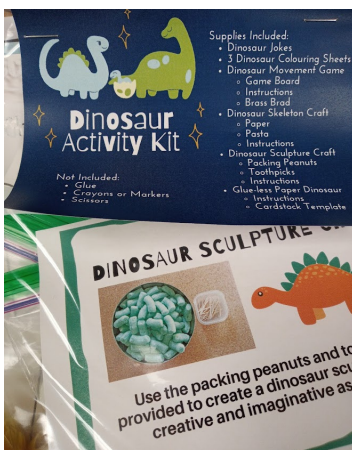
Veteran's Week Activity Kits: Available November 2nd



Dinosaur Excavation Kits: Available November 12th



Dinosaur Activity Kits: Available November 16th



Santa Letter Writing Kits Available November 19th



Miniature Art Show Take & Make Kits: Available November 26th

Create a miniature piece of art using the supplies provided then return it to the library to display in our display cabinet in the library lobby in January and February.

Upcoming Programs & Events in December:

Watch for new Take & Make Kits in December!

Gnome Ornaments Take & Make Kit: Available December 7th

Paper Quilled Snowflakes Take & Make Kit: Available December 14th

DON'T FORGET!

If you'd like to display your miniature art creations return your completed Take & Make Kits by December 17th.

Upcoming Holiday Closures:
Friday, Dec. 24th: closed @ 1pm
Saturday, Dec. 25th: closed
Tues. Dec. 28th: closed for Boxing Day
Friday, Dec. 31st: closed @1pm
Saturday, Jan. 1st: closed

Mittens for Kittens Mitten Drive



Accepting new or handmade mitten, scarves and hat donations throughout November! All donations will be presented to the Community Cupboard Christmas Sharing Program. Donations will be gratefully received at the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library until December 3rd.

Stirling Reads 2021

Inspired by Canada Reads on CBC Radio. This year each staff member has picked a book based on the theme "The Great Escape."



**Five books.
Five champions.
One winner.**

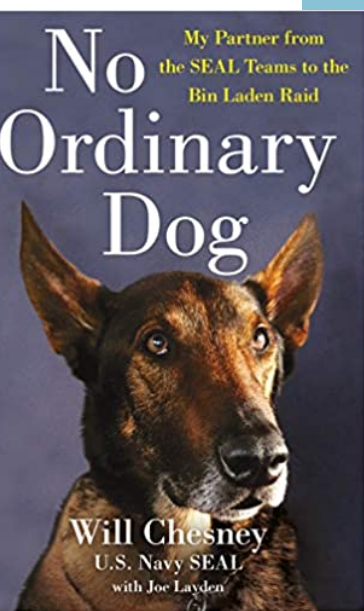


Each week a staff member will be defending their choice on social media.

Books can be found in the library or on Libby. Try to read all 5 books and then vote on which one you think should win.

Drop into the library and pick up a book today! Vote by November 30th

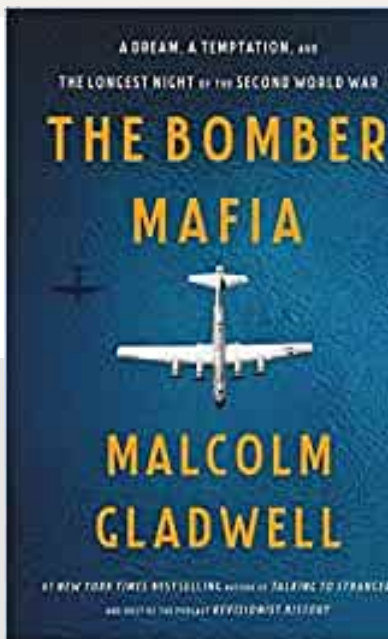
2021 New Books to Remind Us 'Lest We Forget'



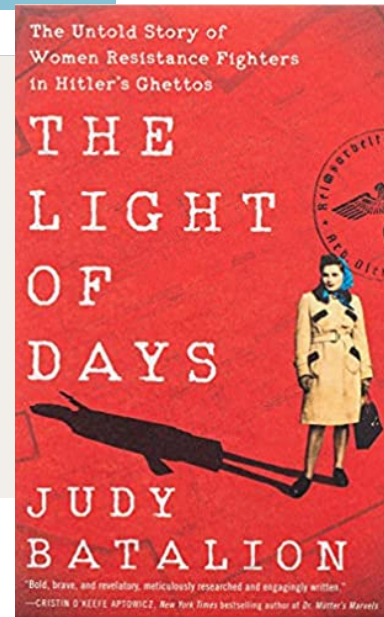
Donated by Stirling Legion in memory of Leslie "Les" Hunter.

No Ordinary Dog is the powerful true story of a SEAL Team Operator and military dog handler, and the dog that saved his life.

The Bomber Mafia weaves together the stories of a Dutch genius and his homemade computer, a band of brothers in central Alabama, a British psychopath, and pyromaniacal chemists at Harvard to examine one of the greatest moral challenges in modern American history.



The Light of Days is an unforgettable true tale of war, the fight for freedom, exceptional bravery, female friendship, and survival in the face of staggering odds.



ORNAMENTS FOR SALE!

The Stirling-Rawdon Public Library is having a fundraiser!

Handmade fused glass ornaments made by Nancy Snowden available for \$5 each. Bookmarks also available for \$5. Proceeds go to the library to help us purchase items on our wish list!

They make a great gift or purchase one for yourself!

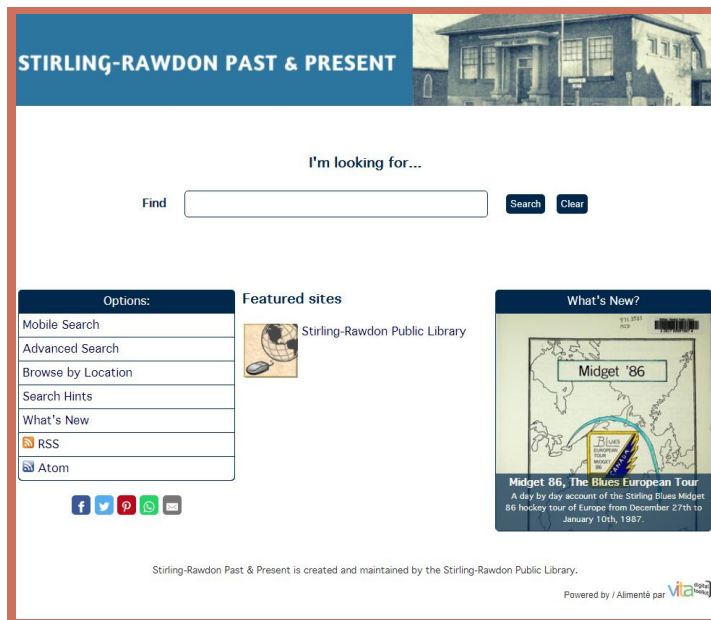
Did you know... Stirling Past & Present

Did you know that here at the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library we have been digitizing our local history resources? The goal is to make this collection accessible to anyone regardless of location!

A secondary goal for this project is to make this collection easier to search. We've been busy scanning our local history materials and uploading them to our local history database. We've nearly completed the scanning part of this project but still have quite a bit to do when it comes to uploading these files to the online database!

If you have any photos of people, events, building etc. throughout the Village of Stirling and surrounding area of Stirling-Rawdon Township that you would allow us to **digitize and then return to you**, please contact us for more information. We would love to add them to our collection!

Additionally, if you have any other items relating to the history of Stirling-Rawdon Township that could be added to this collection please contact us. This could include books, newspaper articles, scrapbooks, family histories, memorabilia etc.



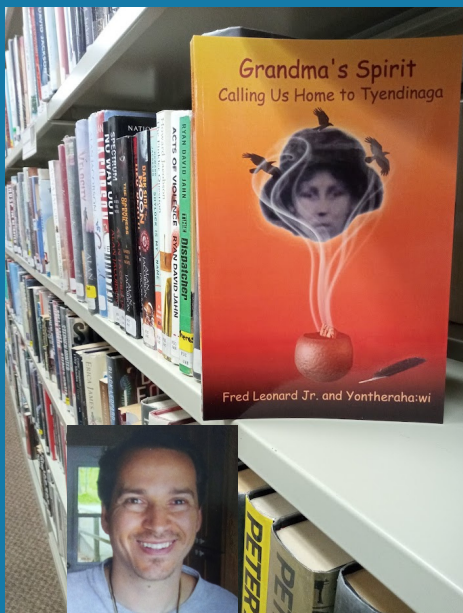
How can I access this database?

It's simple! Here's 3 different ways to get to 'Stirling Past & Present'

1. Type in your address bar: <https://vitacollections.ca/stirling-rawdon/search>
2. Google 'Stirling Past & Present', it should be the first result.
3. Go to www.stirlinglibrary.com the link can be found by hovering on the About menu at the top of the page, then Local History, then click on Stirling-Rawdon Past & Present.

To search the site: Type keywords in the box beside 'Find' and search or go to 'What's New' to see what has recently been added or explore the advanced search options or browse by location.

As always if you need any help, give us a call or email or drop into the library and we're happy to assist you!



LOCAL AUTHOR

Fred Leonard

Purchase "Grandma's Spirit: Calling Us Home to Tyendinaga" in the library. \$20 a book. \$5 from every book sold generously goes to the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library.

Local author, Fred Leonard, Jr., has undergone years of research to write this passionate book about history - his family, his ancestors and his ancestral land, Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. Discover with Fred, his physical and emotional travels as he searches for his family's roots.

Born in Belleville, Fred moved to Toronto at the age of 3 before returning to this area as a young adult. He has travelled across North America to meet elders and learn their traditional knowledge, spirituality and history. He is a social activist for Indigenous rights and environmental issues and has owned and operated his own business for the last nine years.