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# **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**



# **Library Update**

As we near the end of 2024 I'd like to thank all of our wonderful patrons, local service clubs, community partners, volunteers, donors, staff and friends for an incredible year. Traffic in the library, use of the computers, circulation stats, resource downloads and program participation continue to climb and it's apparent that the library is viewed as a valued hub in our municipality. We can feel the forward momentum and it gives us great pleasure to see how active we have become.

We will begin the process of updating our Strategic Plan in 2025 and to do that we rely on feedback from our users and residents of Stirling-Rawdon. We want to focus our efforts over the next four years toward a plan that is important to those who use the library while also improving our services to encourage non-users to take advantage of all that we have to offer. Please watch our website, social media pages and future newsletters for ways you can express your thoughts and help us with our Strategic Plan in the new year.

Thank you once again and Happy Holidays!

Jaye Bannon, CEO

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### **MILL HOURS**

Tuesdays: 3-6:30 Saturdays: 10-2:30

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## **ADVENT STARS Adult Craft Night**

#### **Tuesday. December 10th at 6pm**

Create a magical paper advent star for the holidays! All supplies will be provided. Space is limited so register online today!

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# **ADULT PROGRAMS**

#### **AUTHOR ROUND TABLE**

Thursday, December 12th at 2pm

For inspiring and published authors alike, we meet to support each other's writing journey.

## STIRLING MILL UKULELE GROUP Fridays at 10am

Join us weekly to play and sing together. Bring your own ukulele or just come and sing along! Ukuleles will also be available to play. No experience necessary. No registration required.

### LIBRARY BOOK CLUB **Tuesday, December 17th**

Participants read anything within a particular genre or topic then come prepared to discuss. New members always welcome. No registration required.

# Art Journaling Wednesdays at 10am

If you love art and making art. If you love to be creative and make things. If you love learning new things and exploring new techniques then join us! This group is all about creating for the sake of creating. Try new mediums, techniques and just have fun with art. No experience or artistic ability necessary.

Each week will have a different prompt or try out a new art medium. All supplies will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own too! No registration required.

# **Knitting Group**

Friday, December 13th at 1pm

Whether you've been knitting for decades or looking to learn, everyone welcome! No experience necessary

Bring your own project and join us for knitting and great conversation. No registration required.

### **Library Board Meeting**

Wednesday, December 18th at 6pm

The Library Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise noted).



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### STORYTIME - THURSDAYS AT 10:30AM



Join us Thursday mornings for a half hour of stories, rhymes and songs in the children's department.

Recommended for children under the age of 4 and their caregivers. No registration required.

#### **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**

#### Wednesdays at 4:30pm

Except the last Wednesday of the month. For ages 12-15. Registration required.

Register online!

#### AFTER SCHOOL HANGOUT - WEDNESDAYS AT 4PM

#### December 4th

#### Felt Puppets

This week we're making cute felt puppets. Join us to learn how! Make it for yourself or as a gift.



#### December 11th

#### Cookie Decorating

Join us for something yummy! We're decorating some Christmas cookies to take home and enjoy!



#### December 18th

#### Ornaments

Make a fun and festive ornament to decorate your tree with or give it to someone as a gift!



#### TAKE & MAKE KITS

#### Cork Creatures

Available December 14th

Drop in to the children's department and pick up a kit to make a couple of adorable cork creatures. All you need are scissors and glue! While supplies last.

#### SUBSCRIBE

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# AND MORE...





# **Road Salt Workshop**

Tuesday, December 17th at 6pm

Join us for a workshop highlighting the effects of road salt in the winter to the environment and to safe drinking water. We will discuss best practices for keeping your home clear of snow and ice while reducing the use of salt. Learn about alternatives to salt and their benefits, this includes making a jar of sand/ salt mix to take home and get you started!

Please bring a mug you could use as a salt scoop. We will be making a label and decorate to help turn the mug into a measurement scoop to make using the appropriate amount of salt easy.

No registration required. Everyone welcome.

# **Food for Fines**

Have you incurred a late fee from an overdue item? Clear your outstanding fines and help your community by dropping off non-perishable food items and fines will be forgiven!



## **Brain Health**

Alzheimer Society

Friday, December 6th at 1pm

It's never too late to make changes for a healthier brain! Join Melissa from the Alzheimer's Society to learn about the 12 modifiable risk factors for dementia.

Everyone welcome. No registration required.

## Bee's Nest Quilt & Sew on Display!

Meet Bee (Terri McBride) the creative behind Bee's Nest Quilt & Sew home sewing studio and the Create Yourself sewing program for youth. Up-cycling and creating "new to you" fashion since she was gifted her first sewing machine at age 14; sustainable sewing methods continue to be an integral component of her teaching and making practices. For the last 10 years she has created custom sewn and quilted pieces for clients.

In 2023, Terri returned to her true passion of teaching sewing and quilting to others from her home studio in the community of Stirling-Rawdon, Ontario.

> While she offers private lessons, Terri continues to create custom memorial keepsakes such as pillows, lap quilts and ornaments. To inquire about lessons and custom orders visit beesnestquiltandsew.com.











Deadline for Good Food and Good Baby Box orders for December is earlier than usual due to the holidays. Please have cash orders in before 4pm on Tuesday, December 10th. Orders will be delivered on Tuesday, December 17th.