

At the Library, for June 2026 (Antigonish & Pictou Counties)

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Summer Reads, at the library.

It's back! Our great Big Summer Book Club, returns June 1 (until August 31, 2026), for library patrons who hold an adult library card (ages 14+). Read, return, share and repeat! Share with us your thoughts on the books you're reading over the summer, and fill out a ballot to win fun monthly prizes from book bags to cool socks... and there will be a grand prize draw for a new adult bike in early September!

The Summer Reading Club for children also launches June 22, 2026! Drop by your local library, and pick up this year's logbook (filled with fun activities, for the whole family) ... and there will be some great programs at the library over the summer too! More details to come. And, if you register before July 1, 2026 - participants will be entered in a draw to win a Nova Scotia Museum Family Pass!

Love used books? The Annual Friends of the Antigonish Library's (FoAL) Used Book Sale Fundraiser is on Saturday, June 13 (10am-3pm) and Sunday, June 14 (1pm-3pm). Gently used books may be donated at the Antigonish Library on Friday, June 12 from 10am until 7pm. For more information, please call the Antigonish Town & County Library at (902) 863-4276, or visit the FoAL facebook page. And on display in June at the Antigonish Library is artwork by Jessica Steinhart, Peggy Dreise, and "Made by a Martha: Artistic Expressions of the Sisters of St. Martha".

When good food doesn't play nice ... do you have food related questions? Drop by and join us for a presentation at the Stellarton Library on Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30pm, by local whole foods and nutrition educator, Annabelle Cameron, as she helps to answer some of those pesky food sensitivities questions. Should I go gluten-free? Does sourdough count? Does organic matter? Questions are welcome. And there will also be a Community Plant & Seed Exchange on Saturday, June 6 from 10am to 1pm. Houseplants, cuttings, and extra veggie and perennial plants are welcome! Bring one, take one. For more information, please call the Stellarton Library at (902) 755-1638.

New at the Pictou Library this month, is the weekly Jitney Jamboree (home of the Jitney Juniors Stroller Club) beginning on Thursday, June 4 at 10am. Parents, caregivers and "Jitney Juniors" (babies/toddlers) are welcome to walk along the waterfront Jitney Trail (part of the TransCanada Trail system), followed by a "Jamboree" at the Pictou Library featuring stories, songs and plenty of playtime for the little ones. We meet at the waterfront patio at the back of the library, and finish in our Rainbow Room.

Discover the stories that shaped Nova Scotia's history and culture in this thought-provoking speaker series to be held at the Pictou Library, Past Forward. All are welcome to drop by and join us. There will be presentations from Hilary Doda (June 16th, 6pm), A.J.B. Johnston (June 23rd, 6pm), Adam Jortner (June 30th, 6pm) and James Lees (July 7th, 11am). This program is funded by the Aberdeen Health Foundation.

Got some great new ideas for gadgets? The Inventors Club will begin meeting at the New Glasgow Library on the first Wednesday of the month, June 6 at 6pm. For ages 10 to 14, this monthly club will go through the process of finding a solution to a problem, then designing and building a prototype. For more information, please call the New Glasgow Library at (902) 752-8233.

Love Bridgerton? The New Glasgow Library is holding a Bridgerton Tea on Saturday, June 20, at 1:30pm, with tea, treats, beverages, and maybe even a little gossip too! Seating is limited, and registration is required – please call

the New Glasgow Library to register, at (902) 752-8233. This program is funded by the Aberdeen Health Foundation.

Need a great card for a great dad? Drop by the River John Library on Saturday, June 20, from 10am to 3pm and make a special card for your favorite dads!

Looking for historical inspiration for your research and writing projects? Join Nico at the Westville Library on Saturday, June 20 at 1pm for a workshop to learn the tips on how to navigate archival resources – from uncovering family histories to retrieving military records, and so much more. For more information, please call the Westville Library at (902) 396-5022.

Interested in graphic novels and cartooning? The Trenton Library is hosting a workshop with Vivian Zhou, a cartoonist and illustrator, from Halifax – on Saturday, June 27 at 11am. Vivian is best known for being the creator of the graphic novels “Atana and the Firebird”, and “Atana and the Jade Mermaid”. In 2025, she received the Emerging Artist Recognition Award from Arts Nova Scotia. *Seating is limited and registration is required – to register, please call the Trenton Library at (902) 752-5181. This workshop is funded by the Aberdeen Health Foundation.

Please note, the Regional Library will be closed on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 for the Canada Day holiday. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience, and invite you to visit the Virtual Library services available online at www.parl.ns.ca. For more information on all our upcoming library programs and services, please call or drop by your local library, follow us on *Bluesky*, *Instagram*, and *Facebook*, or visit us online at www.parl.ns.ca.