

# The Book Nook

by Kate Oland

Recently, I had an interesting experience. I discovered that a friend of mine - someone I thought I knew really well - was pursuing a hobby I had no idea she was interested in, something totally different from her other pursuits. Not a big deal, really, but it made me stop and look at her in a whole new light.

I think the library is a bit like that - like a friend you think you know, but who ends up surprising you. Most of us think that libraries equal "books." And of course, books (and reading in its many forms) is a major part of what libraries offer. But here's a list of things you'll find at your library that just might surprise you.

**1. DVDs:** Cape Breton Regional Library has a huge collection of DVDs and videos, for both adults and children. The collection includes major Hollywood films, classic TV, documentaries, how-to's, concerts, travel films, Westerns... you name it. DVDs are free to borrow, and can be kept for a full week.

**2. Energy Meters:** In partnership with Conserve Nova Scotia, public libraries in this province loan out easy-to-use meters that allow you to determine how much energy any electrical appliance is using.

**3. Pedometers:** In partnership with the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Walkabout Program, Nova Scotia libraries loan out pedometers to help you keep track of your steps. Each pedometer comes with a log book and information that are yours to keep - and if you like the pedometer, there's information about where to purchase a low-cost model.

**4. Online Databases:** The Cape Breton Regional Library subscribes to a collection of online databases that can be accessed for free by anyone with a library card. Databases on Health and Wellness, Gardening, Current Events, Popular Culture, and Car-care provide a rich source of

information that's more focused and reliable than searching through Google. The Chilton Online database is a valuable free resource that gives you access to manufacturers' bulletins, recall notices, and repair information on any make, model, or year of car.

**5. Programs:** Many of Cape Breton Regional Library's branches offer free programs for adults, youth, and children. You can visit your library to learn about computers, listen to a storytime, attend a book launch, play Wii games, learn about organic gardening, and much, much more! You can find out about programs

by visiting our web site at [www.cbri.ca](http://www.cbri.ca), by finding us on Facebook, or by contacting your nearest branch.

**6. Activities:** You can visit your library to read, of course. But you can also come to sit and relax, play a board game, or use a computer. Each branch offers its own

in-branch activities. At Baddeck Branch, we have a children's audio station with a great selection of audio books, lots of fun board games, children's toys, a puppet play area, a chalk board, and a magnetic poetry wall. You can even grab some yarn and needles if you care to sit and knit.

**7. Online Ordering:** Cape Breton Regional Library patrons can search our entire collection from their home computers, request materials from other branches, and renew their own books. If there's a book on the shelf in our Sydney branch, you can request it from home and pick it up in Baddeck or Ingonish - usually within a week.

If you haven't visited your library for a while, we invite you to drop by and find out more about what's here for you!

Kate Oland, Baddeck Branch/Victoria County Bookmobile - 295-2055  
Leona Stockley, Victoria North Regional Branch (Ingonish) - 285-2544

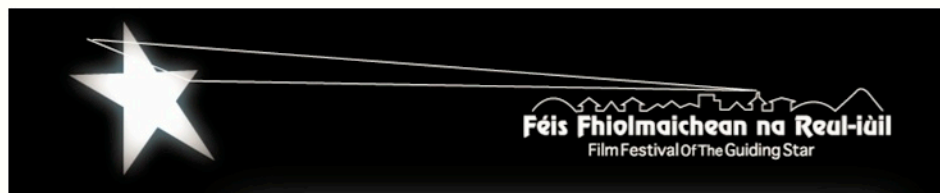


Victoria County Council took a tour of the new Victoria County Bookmobile recently. Pictured are L-R Assistant Librarian Kate Oland, Councillors Merrill MacInnis, Fraser Patterson, Keith MacCuspic and David Donovan. In front of Mr Donovan is Regional Librarian, Faye MacDougall; Erin Phillips, Victoria County Supervisor; and Warden Bruce Morrison.

# Silver Dartbuilder presents centennial photo to museum



Doug Jermyn, President of AEA 2005, the group responsible for building and flying the Centennial Silver Dart Replica that flew off the Baddeck Bay ice on February 22, 2009, recently passed through Baddeck on holidays. While there, Doug presented Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site with a beautifully framed photograph (taken by local photographer Shawn Dunlop) of the Silver Dart during its Centennial flight. Accepting the photograph on behalf of the museum staff are, from the left, Hugh Muller, Doug Jermyn, Aynsley McFarlane, Superintendent and Donnie McAulay. Mr. Jermyn said, "Some time has passed since we flew the Silver Dart. Since that historic day the plane was exhibited at numerous air shows across the country and then returned to Welland to be retrofit to museum configuration. That work has now been completed and the plane is currently sitting on three high pylons at the Canadian Air and Space Museum in Toronto awaiting completion of its final resting home in Baddeck."



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