

The Book Nook

by Kate Oland

Whew! What a wonderful, busy summer it's turning out to be. Baddeck Library is welcoming lots of summer residents and tourists, Ingonish Library has been bustling with activities, the bookmobile set a new record for Summer Reading participants and there are programs galore!

Coming up in August at Baddeck Library, it's the "Docs and Talks" Documentary and Discussion series. Join us for a short NFB documentary followed by lively, moderated discussions. On August 2, we're showing "Me and the Mosque" - a look at women in Islam and the debate over equal access for women in Canadian mosques. On August 16, it's "Almost Real" - a film that introduces people using the Internet to connect with others in surprising ways. **Please note that "Almost Real" would not be suitable for viewers under 13 without parental supervision.**

Also on August 2, summer student Alex Hanam will lead a free video editing workshop that will show you how to turn your digital photos and film clips into a movie to share with friends and family. Space is limited for this free workshop, so please register by calling Baddeck Library at 295-2055.

Baddeck Library will be the site of a one-day, used book sidewalk sale on August 6 from 10-5. We'll be selling a huge selection of great-quality second-hand books (many of which have been kindly donated) at bargain basement prices. Proceeds help the library meet its 3% fundraising target - and ultimately puts new books and great programs into your libraries.

Baddeck's Summer Welcome Program Series continues every Thursday night in August, and it's a great chance to come out and learn about Cape Breton's cultural and heritage traditions. On August 4, join Sean Dunlap for a presentation about the building of the Transatlantic Cable. On August 11, Jocelyn Bethune of the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site presents a talk about Mabel Bell. On August 18, Otis Tomas will share the story behind his newly-published book, "The Fiddle Tree." And on August 25, members of the Middle River Historical Society will present tales from days gone by. All programs begin at 6:30 p.m., are free of charge, and include tea and oatcakes. Residents and summer visitors are welcome!

Also in August, children enrolled in the Summer Reading Program can participate in Games Day - a fun program based on our Summer Reading theme, "Splash". Ingonish Library's Games Day is August 10 from 1-2:30 pm, and Baddeck Library's Games

Day is August 12 from 10:30 - 11:30 am. Please call your local branch to register for this free program.

Teens are on the agenda in August, as well. On August 10 from 6-8 pm, Baddeck Library is hosting a Teen Games night with Wii, board games, snacks, and more. And on August 16 and 18 from 10 am-12, high school students and youth headed for university are invited to take advantage of a free University Writing Workshop at the library. Brush up your research, writing, and citation skills before school starts in September!

And finally, all adult library patrons are invited to fill out a ballot in our Adult Summer Reading program, every time you borrow or return a book at any Cape Breton Regional Library branch or bookmobile. If you'd like, you can rate the books you've read or review them for other patrons - or just fill out your ballot for a chance to win a selection of books and other goodies!

As usual, if you have questions or concerns, call your local branch, visit www.cbri.ca, or contact us on Facebook. Happy Summer, everyone!

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Partnerships bring funding



Victoria County Councillor David Donovan stands outside the new public 'comfort station' addition to the New Haven/Neils Harbour Volunteer Fire Department's fire hall. The pilot project is a partnership among Victoria County, New Haven/Neils Harbour Development Association, ECBC and the Cabot Trail Working Association.

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Under the Recreation Facility Development Program, the grants will be used to renovate facilities, develop and maintain walking trails, and build and upgrade various fields and buildings used for sport and recreation.

The Neil's Harbour/New Haven Development Association have also been a partner in building and providing a comfort station in cooperation with

Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation, the County of Victoria and the Cabot Trail Working Association. This project is now complete and offers a laundromat and a shower for travellers through the area.

The Recreation Facility Development Program helps community groups, municipalities and other not-for-profit organizations develop facilities to increase public participation in sport and physical recreation.

FIDDLER'S CORNER by Paul S. Cranford.

If you have a tune you would like to share with other Cape Breton fiddlers or a musical event that could be promoted in this column contact The Victoria Standard or Cranford Publications (www.cranfordpub.com). Email psc@cranfordpub.com

Mr. MacKinnon's Compliments to Dr. Kenneth Murray

Captain Stanley MacKinnon



Fiddler **Stanley MacKinnon** of Dingwall composed this tune last year for Ken Murray, a family doctor who has continuously served the people of northern Victoria County for over 35 years. In his spare time Ken plays the piano and his son Ian plays the fiddle.

Every summer, the MacKinnons run two different whale tours in Northern Cape Breton. Fiddling Whale Tours sails from Pleasant Bay with Stan as the captain while his son Kinnon operates a Zodiac Tour out of North Ingonish. For information and reservations call toll free at 1 866 688 2424.

Next week Stan and I will be fiddling in Ingonish with one of Cape Breton's finest piano players - New Waterford's Doug MacPhee.

• July 30, 8:15 PM - **The Fiddlers on the Hill**, St. John Parish Hall, North Ingonish. Performers include: **Doug MacPhee** (piano), **Stanley MacKinnon** and **Paul Cranford** (fiddles).

Victoria County's Residential Curbside Organics Collection



Residents can now put organic material such as vegetable peelings, table scraps, meat, fish, poultry, dairy, bones and soiled paper in transparent green bags to be collected weekly along with recyclables and garbage. Special transparent green bags for compost are now available in grocery & hardware stores in Victoria County.

For more information on Recycling or Composting Programs, call Cape Breton's **Recycling Hotline at 1-877-567-1337** or see "Recycling" in the Aliant Yellow Pages

