

Agri Venture 4-H announces a new Scholarship

by Rhonda MacDougall, Agricultural and 4-H Leadership Coordinator

Canadian 4-H Council has announced a new 4-H Scholarship. It is the Agri Venture 4-H Scholarship.

Applicants must be between 18 & 30 years of age and have been a 4-H member for at least 2 years.

The award application must be accompanied by a letter from a former 4-H leader confirming participation in the program.

This opportunity permits 4-H alumni to use a scholarship to travel to a placement nation. Applicants must submit an application and references by the December 2, 2012 deadline.

For more information, interested participants can check out www.agriventure.com.

Ship's bell presented to Municipality



H.M.C.S. Corvette Baddeck is shown on active service off the coast of France in June of 1944.

The Book Nook

by Kate Oland

The New Year's Book Nook is the most difficult column to write. That's because it's where I say "thank you" to the generous people who've helped the library over the past year – and that's difficult, because there are so very many people to thank!

First of all, there are our regular library users who enrich our lives with their conversations and visits. Our patrons suggest good books for our shelves, give us feedback that helps us improve our service, and motivate us to make the library a great place to be.

There are all the people who've helped us put new materials on the shelves by "adopting" a book from our wish list, donating funds, or donating books and DVDs in "like new" condition. There are the many folks who've brought us second-hand books to sell in our book room, which is a major help because the library must raise 3% of its operating budget each year.

There are also the "angels" who have come up with creative ways to raise funds for the library. Some of these likely wish to remain anonymous, but they include (among others) a gentleman who donated funds to support our Summer Welcome speaker series, a citizen who collects bottles and cans and donates the refund money, and Sarah Beck of Wildfire Pottery who sold her hand-crafted buttons at the Cabot Trail Writers' Festival as a fundraiser.

We've had people donate plants, a computer monitor, board games – even a treasure trove of craft supplies (thanks, Jessica!). The Friends of the Bell Museum donated some exquisite puppets for our puppet play area, and Baadeck Yarns donated yarn, time, and experience to our annual Knit-a-thon. Area knitters donated over 40 hand-made items for families in need, and raised funds for the library's children's programs, too.

A major donation this year came from the East Coast Credit Union who helped us purchase an AED (automatic defibrillator), which library staff have been trained to operate in case of cardiac emergencies. As the library gets busier

and busier, it gives us peace of mind to have this life-saving equipment at hand.

We must also thank Marian Bell Whitcomb and David Quimby for their wonderful work in landscaping the garden bed prepared for us by Morgans Brook Landscaping. Marian and David transformed a barren patch of ground into a perennial shade garden that we look forward to seeing blossom this spring!

As usual, a big thank you goes out to the Baddeck Library Society for their continued support. The Society's book-buying committee contributes substantially to the collection each year. In addition, the group helps us purchase things that contribute to the library's atmosphere, as well as being a good sounding board.

Victoria County Council supplied new book "spinners" for our Youth Space this year, which allowed us to increase the amount of material on hand for our young adult patrons. I'd also like to thank the teens in our Youth Advisory Group for helping plan youth programs, decorating the library for Christmas, and generally adding a lot of joie de vivre to our operation.

On the bookmobile side, thank you to Jamie Ross for lunches and great conversation, Judith May for mouth-watering home baking, and Alfred and Kathleen MacLeod of Country Haven B&B – the bookmobile crew's "home away from home" in Cape North. Many thanks to the principals and staffs of the schools we serve, and to the countless people on our routes who've shown us kindness as we travel.

Working in the library is like being at the heart of the community, every day. And when you live in a community as big-hearted as this, that's a pretty special place to be. To everyone who has supported the library (especially those my aging brain has forgotten to mention), thank you!

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time was the newly appointed J.A.D. McCurdy who had been installed in that office on 12th August, 1947.

The bell is still proudly on display in Baddeck in the court room of the Victoria County Court House.

My former neighbour in Big Har-

bour, James B. Lamb, was the author of two publications written about the corvettes of World War II. "The Corvette Navy" and "On the Triangle Run" are available through the Cape Breton Regional Library. Mr. Lamb served on a corvette ship during the war.



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