

## BOOK REVIEW

He's a Canadian writer, and one of my favorites. Three books by Charles de Lint are on the library shelves and each one is well worth checking out. If you're not usually a fan of Sci Fi/Fantasy, try one of his books anyway: it may surprise you! His books don't fit perfectly in any genre, but I would describe them as urban reality with a side step into fantasy.

Moonheart may be my favorite de Lint book. Set in a fictional Ottawa, Tamson House is at the heart of the story while Sara, niece of the owner, is a main character. The house is a little quirky as are its occupants, but otherwise everything is

normal until Sara comes into possession of a strange ring and then life really gets strange. It seems that Tamson House is a gateway into another world, possibly pre-settler Canada. Charles de Lint takes a classic struggle between good and evil and mixes it with an amazing mix of characters in a gripping story full of suspense and magic. Think of modern and mythical characters — current day bikers and gangsters, a secret unit of the RCMP, an ancient Welsh bard, an indigenous tribe in the “other world” and a trickster imp who manages to travel between the worlds along with Sara. I found myself holding my breath as I turned the pages, anxious to see what was

happening, yet sad to have the story end.

Check out Moonheart for yourself and see what you think. If you like it, Charles de Lint has written quite a few books, including the three at our library. At the library, both Greenmantle (set in a rural forest area not far from Ottawa) and The Wind in His Heart (de Lint's most recent book, set in a fictional place that seems to be like southwest US desert country) are excellent choices for reading that asks you to suspend your disbelief long enough to fall into his created worlds.

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**Have a great summer!**

## BIBLIOTHÈQUE ALLARD REGIONAL LIBRARY



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### WINNIPEG RIVER ARTS COUNCIL “PADDLE THE RIVER” DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY



The Winnipeg River Arts Council has launched a fundraising art auction, Paddle the River. The pieces will be displayed at Library Allard from **July 24 to August 1st** for viewing!

This paddle exhibit consists of 6 small paddles and 1 large paddle painted by local artists. You don't want to miss out checking these unique pieces out! If you have any questions please contact the administrator from the Winnipeg River Arts Council at 204-340-0889 or email her, [winnipegriverarts@gmail.com](mailto:winnipegriverarts@gmail.com)

#### **Points of interest:**

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- \* Book review



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## TD SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2019!



The theme for this year is **“Unplug and Explore”!** What fires your spirit, excites your mind and influences your choices? Join the Summer Reading Club, and read, read, read all summer long! You can win for your efforts!

We will be counting the minutes that you read, and everyone has the chance of winning a prize! You will receive a “Frequent Reader Card” in your swag bag upon registration. This card will have each week’s number on it. When you hand in your reading log each week, that week’s number will get stamped by a library staff. Once your card is stamped full, you can hand it in to receive your book reward and also qualify for the grand

prize. Keep this card safe with your library package. You will need to hand in a reading log each week. Additional logs may be handed in but one reading log will count for that week’s stamp. There will also be a prize for the child who reads the most minutes throughout the summer. Every week you complete a reading log you will receive an entry slip at a chance of winning a prize, write your name and phone number on it. Prize draws will be at the end of the summer during the windup.

**TD  
Summer  
Reading  
Club  
2019**



If you go on vacation or to camp and cannot submit your reading log every week, you may submit it the following week, just make sure you write the date for the week that the log is for. You will still need to fill out a reading log for your week away to qualify for the grand prize draw.

**A 3 to 6 year olds program** will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. A parent or guardian is required to stay in the library in case a need arises for the younger children. **A 7 to 10 year olds program** will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:15 to 3:15 pm. The program starts **July 9th** and **will run until Tuesday August 27th**. Sign up at the library today!

## TWEEN PAINT NIGHT @ ALLARD! DURING THE FALL FESTIVAL OF COLOURS

Join us on **Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 from 6:00pm—8:00pm** for a Tween Paint Night Fundraiser!

Roberta Laliberté will be facilitating the evening so you’re guaranteed to have a great time! Tickets are \$40.00 and includes all supplies, snacks, and drinks for the kids. This

evening is for young ladies ages 10 to 14. We will be creating a beautiful painting, theme is to be determined! Space is limited, sign up today. Pre-registration & payment is required by September 11th & is non-refundable. Give the library a call at 204-367-8443 or email Jen [asstlib@allardlibrary.com](mailto:asstlib@allardlibrary.com)



This year’s Photo Rally begins **Saturday, September 28th, 2019 at 10:00 am.**

Participants have 100 shooting hours to complete 9 categories. Categories will be available at registration on the 29th. **Registration costs \$15.00.** Photos must be submitted by 2:00 pm on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019.

Winners will be announced by noon on Thursday, October 3rd, and will receive a cash prize! Last year’s winning photos will be on display on the library’s Pinterest and Facebook accounts. Check them out starting 4P weekend. NEW THIS YEAR... A kids challenge... same categories, same fees, same length of time!

If you have any questions please call the library at 204-367-8443 or



email Jen at [asstlib@allardlibrary.com](mailto:asstlib@allardlibrary.com). Good luck!!



## IN HOUSE GAME IN SEPTEMBER “POKÉDEX HUNT”



In September, the Library will have a new game set up for our young patrons. It's a “Podédex Hunt”. The kids will simply ask for a Podédex sheet at the circulation

desk to get started. There are 8 Pokémon running loose in the library! Follow the hints about where they like to hang out, and write the number that's beside it on the line. Return your completed sheet to the front desk. If they're all correct you'll get a prize! Good luck and have fun!!

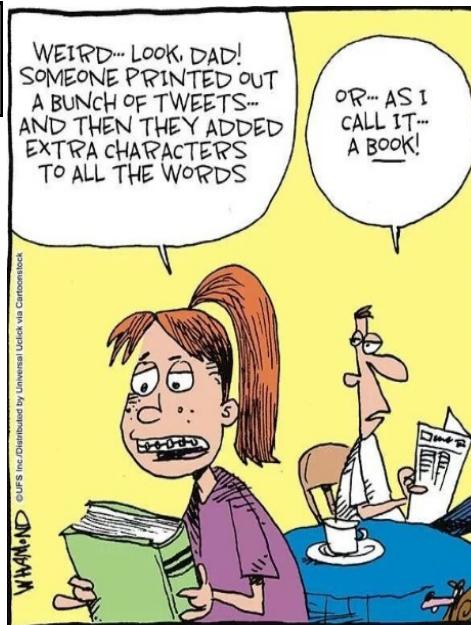


## TECHNOLOGY FOR SENIORS IS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER DURING THE FALL FESTIVAL OF COLOURS

Technology for Seniors is starting up! This program is available to people 55+. Library Allard has developed the program to enable seniors the opportunity to become accustomed to and familiar with smart phones, iPads, tablets, apps, and eReaders. The program will last for approximately 8 to 10 weeks commencing on Thursday, September 12th, 2019 from

**1:00 – 2:00 pm.** Each participant will need to register by August 29th, 2019. Everyone will receive a binder with all of the information that is helpful for them to refer back to as they need.

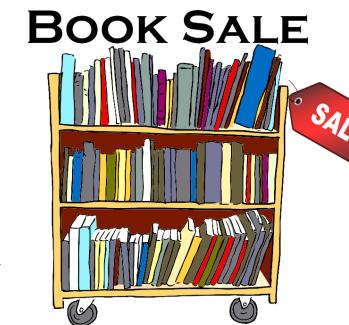
If you have any of these devices we encourage you to bring them with you so you can practice hands on with your own equipment.



## ANNUAL BOOK SALE IN AUGUST

Library Allard will be having a **Book Sale** in August! Simply come down during regular business hours to take advantage of this awesome opportunity. You will be able to fill a grocery bag of books, hardcover or soft cover,

for only \$3.00! There will be a variety of different genres for adults in English and French, and some junior, teen and children's books. You can also purchase magazines at \$.25 each or 5 for \$1.00! Bring a friend!



## SPECIAL BOOK DISPLAYS



The special display theme for July in the adult section is featuring an **As Seen on TV** book display. In August, you'll find our **Book Club Kits** on display.

In the children's section you'll find books about nature, where things came from, how they got there, how they originated, etc in conjunction with this year's Summer Reading program theme...

**Unplug & Explore!**  
We have a large variety, come down and see for yourself.



## BOOK A LIBRARIAN SERVICE!

Do you feel confused with the technology these days? Do you want to keep up with your children & grandchildren but feel like you don't know where to start?! Don't be left in the dark.

Find out how to operate a smart phone or other electronic device at the library. Let us assist you in connecting with your family and friends. Book – A – Librarian for a 30 minute one on one session to assist

you, if you need book us again! We're here for you :)



## VICTORIA BEACH HAPPENINGS

Victoria Beach Branch is excited to be open an additional 3 hours each week! Come down and say hi, staff will welcome you Friday evenings from 5:00pm—8:00pm.

Some new books on our shelves are...

**In a House of Lies** by Ian Rankin - Book 22 in the Inspector Rebus series

**Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng

**Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens

**Cold Sacrifice** by Leigh Russell - The first book in the Ian Peterson Mysteries



### DID YOU KNOW ...

**... School is out for the summer!!** I'm sure the kids are thrilled to be out of school for the summer however sometimes it's hard to keep the kids busy. The library is open all summer long so bring the kids down, cool off and check out some

awesome books! We have puzzles, games, free Wi-Fi and computers to use as well. Library hours are listed above.

**...We have another library in Victoria Beach?**

Located in the basement of the East Beaches Senior

## BIBLIOTHÈQUE ALLARD REGIONAL LIBRARY

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday	10:30 - 5:00
Wednesday	12:00 - 8:00
Thursday	12:00 - 8:00
Friday	12:00 - 5:00
Saturday	10:00 - 3:30

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### HOURS OF OPERATION:

Wednesday	10:00 - 2:00
Friday	10:00 - 2:00
Saturday	10:00 - 2:00

**SUMMER HOURS**  
Friday 5:00—8:00pm

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Victoria Beach, MB  
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Head Librarian: Kelly Murray

## NEW MOVIES FOR RENT AT THE LIBRARY

- Bumblebee
- The House With a Clock in its Walls
- Mary Poppins Returns
- Smallfoot
- Spider-Man. Into the spider-Verse
- Rikki-Tikki-Tavi à la rescousse Jungle Book.
- Toy Story



- Toy Story 2
- Toy Story 3

Movie rentals are \$1.00 for 7 days.  
Movie series are \$3.00 for 14 days.  
Hope to see you soon!

## LEGO SCULPTURE CONTEST 2019! DURING 4P WEEKEND



The theme this year is **"As Seen on TV!"**

Registration is free and is open to builders in 3 categories: 3-5 year olds, 6-8 year olds, and 9 and up.

Original Lego designs only.

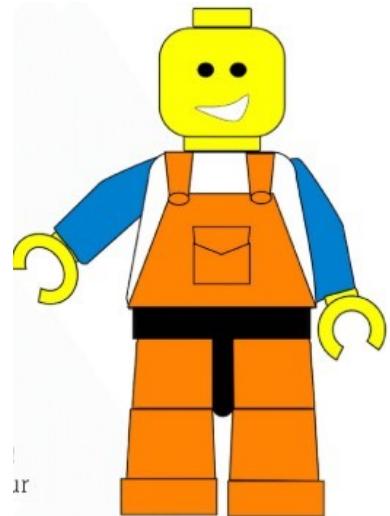
**Sculptures built from kits will not be accepted.**

All Lego sculptures should be brought in to the library no later than Wednesday, August 28th. Judging will take place Saturday August 31st, 2019. You can pick up your sculpture September 3rd.

**All builders will receive a FREE movie rental!**

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for each age category. For more information call the library at 204-367-8443 or email Jen at

[asstlib@allardlibrary.com](mailto:asstlib@allardlibrary.com). This event is held during the 4P Festival weekend!



Come down to the library to view all the awesome creations the kids make :)