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"A Library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life"

- Henry Ward Beecher



Allard Advantage

Sept/Oct 2023

2023 PHOTO RALLY

Help us capture our beautiful slice of the world by participating in this year's Photo Rally that begins **Saturday, September 22nd at 10:00 am**. Participants have 100 shooting hours to complete 9 categories. Categories will be available and sent to paid registrants on the 22nd. **Registration is \$15.00. There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes!**

Photos must be submitted by 2:00 pm on Tuesday, September 26th via email. Winners will be announced by noon on September 28th.

Registration will be open August 15th. To register visit our website at www.allardlibrary.com and fill out the form!

If you have any questions please call Jen at 204-367-8443 or email

asstlib@allardlibrary.com. Good luck.

All photos will be displayed on our social media platforms. Stay tuned.



BOOK CHARACTER PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

The library is hosting it's 5th annual **Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest**. All you need is a pumpkin. We want you to use your imagination and paint/color/create a book character on a pumpkin.

The entry fee is \$10.00.

Pumpkins must be delivered by 8 pm on Wednesday October 12th.

The pumpkins will be displayed for a week

long period to allow patrons to come in and vote for their favorite pumpkin.

The entries will be tallied up and the winner will be announced on October 20th.

HINT: use the shape of the pumpkin to determine what you are going to make. If you want to use accessories, feel free. We're excited to see what you come up with and the variety of characters that will be entered.

Prizes will be cash, based on the amount of entries received.

To register please visit our website at www.allardlibrary.com.



HALLOWEEN STORYTIME & COOKIE DECORATING



The library hosts a **Halloween Story Time & Cookie Decorating** annually.

Attendance is great. The kids are thrilled to come to the library, hang out in the kids corner, look at some books, and decorate & eat Halloween cookies. We end our evening with a few Halloween stories!\.

This year the event is on **Thursday, October 26th, from 6:00 – 7:00pm**

Cost is FREE. We will have a gratuity jar set up if parents or caregivers want to make a small donation to cover the cost of the supplies.

Last year, Angel-lynn baked our yummy cookies and brought in the supplies. I'm excited to share she will be assisting us again this year!

There is a maximum of 15 kids able to attend due to space so sign up now to avoid disappointment.

Again this year, we invite the kids to wear their Halloween Costumes.

To register please visit our website at www.allardlibrary.com and click on events.

**In Imagination,
there's no limitation**

SUGGESTION BOX RESPONSES

We love receiving book purchase suggestions! Did you know that we purchase most books suggested by our patrons? If there is a book (or books) you think we should have, let us know. Email your suggestions to info@allardlibrary.com, ask library staff to add your suggestion (s) to our patron book request list (each branch

has one) or add a note to the suggestion box at our St. Georges location. We also have a book suggestion link on our website under "Using the Library" tab. It is a fillable online book suggestion form.



BOOK DISPLAYS AT THE LIBRARY

The special display theme for **September** in the adult section is **Don't Judge a Book by it's Color.**

In **October**, you'll find a **Killer Thriller** book display.

The children's book display is featuring **Wheelie Good Books** in **September!**

In **October**, we'll have a **Halloween** display along with spooky, scary, & exciting Halloween decorations set up throughout the library.

We have books in both English and French. See you soon!



READ2WIN CHALLENGE

Our year-long reading challenge continues at both branches! The prompt for September is to read a book by an Indigenous author and we have lots of excellent choices. We'll share a list of suggested titles at the beginning of September on our social media sites, or ask library staff for suggestions.

October is Canadian Library Month, which gives us the chance to talk about libraries and the role we play in our communities. One

of the roles is to support intellectual freedom by making a wide range of materials available to everyone. In doing this, libraries have sometimes faced censorship challenges, and in some cases, this has resulted in the banning of books. To encourage open dialogue about the role of libraries and book censorship challenges, our October prompt is to read a book from a banned/burned book list. Once again, we have lots of titles to choose from and we'll share a list at the beginning of October.

Once you have completed the reading challenge for each month, remember to fill out a ballot at either of our branches to enter a draw for one of three \$50 gift certificates. We'll do the draw at the end of December. More information about our reading challenge is available at <https://allardlibrary.com/read2win-challenge/>

WOOD N' KNOTS WORKSHOP

Library Allard is excited to be hosting a Sign Making Workshop at the library along with Mark & Kaitlyn from **Wood-n-Knots** on **Nov 9th** from **6:30pm - 9:00pm**.

Cost is \$60.00/ sign and includes all supplies! There are 6 sign options to choose from. Visit our website to view your options and to register.

You customize your sign by



picking your sign option, your stain for your sign and your font color!

What a great piece to decorate your indoor & outdoor space or make a gift for someone else.

Maximum 10 participants due to space.

The fee is non-refundable if you cancel within 2 weeks of the event.

For information and to register, visit www.allardlibrary.com and click on events.

LIBRARY ALLARD HOURS OF OPERATION:

SUNDAY, MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	10:30am - 5:00pm
WEDNESDAY	12:00 pm - 8:00pm
THURSDAY	12:00 pm - 8:00pm
FRIDAY	12:00pm - 5:00pm
SATURDAY	11:00am - 4:30pm

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VIC BEACH BRANCH HOURS OF OPERATION:

WEDNESDAY	10:00am - 2:00pm
FRIDAY	10:00am - 2:00pm
SATURDAY	10:00am - 2:00pm
SATURDAY (May - Sept)	10:00am - 4:00pm

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