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EPIC BOOKMARK FUNDRAISER continues

We are thrilled that our bookmark fundraiser with River Ramblings Custom Design will continue in 2024. We have 4 bookmark options for purchase at both locations. They are made of metal and adorable designs. We have them displayed at our the circulation desks to

view in person.

Bookmarks are \$12.00 each OR 2 for \$20.00.

It's a great gift idea for the reader's in your life or a nice treat for yourself.

Order yours today!



Option 1
"Puppy"



Option 2
"Owls"



Option 3
"Calf"



Option 4
"Kitten"

READ 2 WIN CHALLENGE IN 2024!

Let's have some fun reading! Participate in our 2024 reading challenge and read to win one of three \$50 book gift certificates. Each month we'll ask you to read a different kind of book and you'll receive an entry into the draw for each monthly challenge you complete. If you complete two monthly challenges, you'll receive two entries into the draw; if you complete all 12 challenges, you'll receive 12 entries. You can complete as many

challenges as you like. Reading prompts will be posted at both branches in January and we'll share the prompts on our website and social media sites too. At the end of December 2024 we'll draw the winners.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the reading challenge in 2023. The 3 winners are: Helmut Hesse, Bayan Ijaz and Linda Kemball.

CONGRATULATIONS

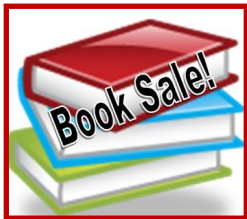


**READ
2 WIN**

**Thank you to everyone who supported the library by purchasing Purdy's Chocolates in November!
We appreciate you!!**

LOVE TO READ MONTH

Library Allard will be celebrating Love to Read month this February in a few fun ways...



1) Book Sale at both branches!

Simply come down during regular

business hours to take advantage of this amazing opportunity. You will be able to fill a grocery bag of books, hardcover & soft cover, for only \$3.00! There are many to choose from in ALL genres.

Please bring your own bag!

Magazines and movies are available as well...Magazines are .25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00 and DVD's are \$1.00 each.

2) Book Draw at the circulation desk EVERY WEEK.

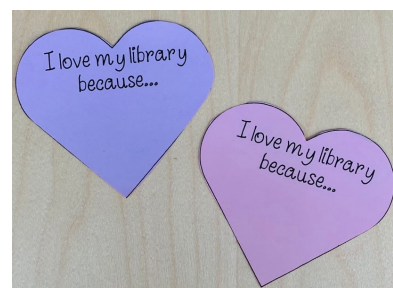
Simply enter your name and phone number when you visit both branches to be eligible for the draw!

Names will be removed after each weekly draw. Come in each week to ensure you are entered. Draws will be on Fridays @ 1:00pm and winners will be notified.

3) In house game during the

month at Allard!

Simply chose your favorite colored heart, and share with us why you love your library, then add it to the other's on our library window. Once you do, there may be a small treat for you!



BOOK DISPLAYS AT THE LIBRARY

The special display for Jan/Feb in the adult section is featuring books highlighting **Black History month**. Come down and help us celebrate Love to Read month.

Do you have a book display idea? Share it with us!



In January/February the children's book display is featuring a **Get Your Mitts on a Good Book** display.

As always, we have titles in English and French.

LARGE PRINT AND DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY BOOKS

We recently added a number of titles to our large print book collection at our Allard branch and we hope to continue expanding this collection over the next couple of years. Large print books are printed with a larger font size to make them easier to read. The content of large print and regular print books are the same, but there are usually more pages in large print books because larger fonts take up more space.

If you prefer to read e-books from eLibraries Manitoba using the Libby app on your mobile device, you can scale the text to make it larger. If you select "include accessibility sizes," you will have even more text options to choose from. You can also adjust the lighting to make the page easier on your eyes.

We also recently added some new children's books with dyslexia font to our collection. Dyslexia font has thicker lines in parts of letters, which some people with dyslexia find easier to read. If you have dyslexia and prefer to read e-books, you can select the "OpenDyslexic" font option in Libby, which may increase readability for some people.

NON-PRINT BOOKS FROM CELA



newspapers from the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA)? That's amazing!

Any library member with a print disability has access to reading materials in a variety of formats through CELA. Print disabilities include blindness or visual impair-

Did you know that in 2023, Allard Library members borrowed over 400 audio books and e-

ment, physical disabilities that make it hard to hold a book, or severe learning disabilities that makes it difficult to process written text. A print disability could also be temporary, for example, someone undergoing stroke rehabilitation or waiting for cataract surgery.

CELA maintains a growing collection of over one million items in English and French for all ages and interests. CELA items are available in multiple formats, including audio, braille, print-

braille (accessible picture books) and accessible text.

Signing up for CELA services is easy if you have a library membership. You can self-register by completing the online CELA self-registration form at <https://celalibrary.ca/register> or library staff can complete the registration process on your behalf. Please ask us if you have questions or need help.

RADON DETECTORS AT BOTH BRANCHES

Winter is here, and now's the time to test for radon. The Manitoba Lung Association recommends testing when all windows can remain shut for the 3 week period.

Radon is a soil gas that can be found in elevated levels in certain homes. Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer, surpassed only by smoking. It's important that everyone test

their homes for radon, and take action to reduce their radon level if required.

Our library has five radon kits that members can borrow – three kits are at Allard and two are at Victoria Beach. Each kit comes with a digital radon detector and a booklet about radon. The detectors are easy to set up, so don't hesitate to borrow one – you can keep it for

three weeks.

This program was made possible with support from the Manitoba Lung Association. More information about our program and how to set up the radon detector in your home is at

<https://allardlibrary.com/radon-detector-loan-program/>

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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