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News from Cape Breton Regional Library
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Food for Fines
The Reimagine Strategic plan is moving into its implementation phase as we begin year one of five. For more information on our strategic plan, visit here.

The Valentine’s Food for Fines campaign ran from February 1st to February 14th at each of the library’s 12 branches and our bookmobile. For each food item donated, existing library overdue fines will be lowered by $2.00 to a maximum of $20.00 per library card.

Donations will be distributed to several local food banks in Cape Breton and Victoria counties, including:

- Glace Bay Food Bank
- Loaves and Fishes, Sydney North of Smokey Food Bank Association, Ingonish
- North Sydney Community Food Bank
- Helping Hands South of Smokey Society, Baddeck
- Sydney Mines & Area Food Bank

Overdue fines are an important part of the library’s operating budget, but fines can sometimes discourage people from coming into the library and using our services. Food for Fines is a great way for patrons to reduce or eliminate their fines, so they can make use of the services the library offers while helping food banks restock their shelves after a busy holiday season. It’s a win-win situation for the library, our patrons, and our local food banks.

Picture Book Vote

The Cape Breton Regional Library organized a ‘Picture Book Vote’ in branches and on-line for families and young readers. The vote ran from Nov. 1, 2018 to Jan. 20, 2019 with the winning picture book being
officially announced at the McConnell Library’s Family Literacy Day Celebration on Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2019. The books that were selected for the first ‘Picture Book Vote’ in our region, included:

**A GIANT MAN FROM A TINY TOWN**: a story of Angus MacAskill, by Tom Ryan with illustrations by Christopher Hoyt;

**EVERYBODY’S DIFFERENT ON EVERYBODY STREET**, by Sheree Fitch with illustrations by Emma Fitzgerald;

**I LOVE MY PURSE**, by Belle DeMont with illustrations by Sonja Wimmer;

**JAMAIS JE NE T’OUBLIERAI / THE LIGHTHOUSE**, by Robert Munsch with illustrations by Janet Wilson;

**KAQTUKOWATEKETEW/ THE THUNDERMAKER**, written and illustrated by Alan Syliboy;

**KING BABY**, written and illustrated by Kate Beaton; **MUSIC IS FOR EVERYONE** by Jill Barber with illustrations by Sydney Smith;

**TOWN IS BY THE SEA** by Joanne Schwartz with illustrations by Sydney Smith.

The winning book for of this Picture Book Vote was, **A GIANT MAN FROM A TINY TOWN**: a story of Angus MacAskill, by Tom Ryan.

**New Location for Glace Bay Public Library**

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality has approved a lease for a new location for the Glace Bay Public Library. The library is expected to move spring 2019.