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Sun Life Financial musical instrument lending library program

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Library's A.C. Hunter Library is singing a brand new song. On Tuesday, July 31st, we became the 3rd library in Atlantic Canada to receive a very generous donation from Sun Life Financial to fund the *Sun Life Financial Musical Instrument Lending Library program* in St. John's. This program allows anyone with a valid NLPL library card to borrow a variety of musical instruments. Patrons wanting to explore a new musical passion now have a "no commitment" opportunity to test it out.

This fantastic new initiative kicked off with a launch at the A.C. Hunter Library which included a musical number and speech by singer-songwriter and best-selling author Alan Doyle. In addition to his song and the excitement he brought to the event, Alan Doyle also donated the signed guitar that he played that day and a signed bodhran he played when touring with *Great Big Sea*.



Instruments available to borrow include mandolins, acoustic & electric guitars, ukuleles, violins, and digital pianos & keyboards. We also have percussion instruments such as bongos, djembes, cajons, and doumbeks. And because of the importance they play in our musical heritage, accordions are also available for loan. There was demand for all the instruments the minute the program launched.

All the staff at NLPL are extremely grateful to Sun Life Financial for the opportunity to provide this amazing new service to our patrons.

St. John's Market Library

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

-Marcus Tullius Cicero

The St. John's Public Library is pleased to announce its permanent residency at the St. John's Farmer's Market! We are thrilled to set up a regular Saturday booth alongside some wonderful local artists, artisans, chefs, and growers, thanks to the commitment and enthusiasm of our fantastic *Friends of the Library!*

The library booth will be a great place to purchase a variety of materials such as gently used books, our incredible Squid Bags (by local artist Graham Blair), t-shirts and more! The Market Library will also offer free information services about our local branches. Staff will be on hand to present our popular *Saturday Storytime* at 11:00 and 1:00! Please be sure to visit us at the Market Library this year. We cannot wait to expand our library community with you!