

News from Prince Edward Island

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Reopening

During the first two weeks of June, the PEI Public Library Service slowly began to re-open with Curbside Pick-Up, as well as limited indoor service in Charlottetown and Summerside. Patrons were able to request items from the entire collection via the online catalogue, email, or telephone, and have those items ready for pick-up outside the chosen library at an agreed upon time/day. Beginning on July 20th, our 26 branches were re-opened further with the addition of in-house library browsing and public computer access. All locations have health and safety measures in place, including: physical distancing, quarantining of materials, limited capacity, increased cleaning, and available sanitizer. The option of curbside pick-up is still available at participating branches.

Phase 4 Library Service



Starting July 20th



- all libraries will be open for regular hours with browsing available. Curbside pickup will still be available at participating libraries (please call ahead). Social distancing will be in place and a limited number of people will be permitted in the library at a time. Patrons are asked to limit their time in the library.



- all regular collections will be available for borrowing (instruments, library of things, etc.)



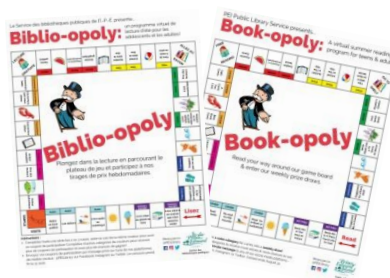
- a limited number of computers will be available for public use (30 minute limit).



- Public seating, room rentals, programs, toys, etc will remain unavailable.

TD Summer Reading Club 2020

The Summer Reading Club became a virtual program nationally this year. The PEI Public Library Service created and shared weekly programs for preschoolers and school-age children in both English and French on our social media platforms. Weekly prizes were also available for participation!



TD Summer Reading Club 2020 Virtual Storytime!

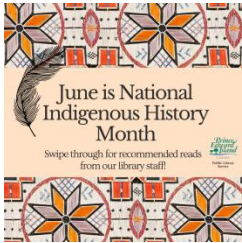
Read alouds & activities for ages 0-5!
Wednesdays (English)
Thursdays (French)

Facebook: @PEILibrary
Twitter: @PEILibrary
Website: www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca



Adult Summer Reading 2020

This summer, adults and teens were offered a chance to win weekly prizes by participating virtually in the Library's Book-opoly program via social media. This program is a 'Monopoly' inspired game board with a variety of reading challenges. We also took the time to highlight many areas of the collection, including our growing 'Library of Things', as well as special celebrations throughout the season.



Early Learning and Child Care Centre Book Delivery Service



Recognizing that groups from Early Learning and Child Care Centers were no longer able to visit their local libraries, the Public Library Service initiated a new delivery program which provides high quality children's books directly to these organizations every six weeks. The response has been very positive! The [CBC even ran an article on daycare deliveries](#)

Back to School Programming

September has seen our first live Storytime - a special Welcome to Kindergarten program - offered in English and French. In addition, the Public Library Service has launched its first 'Craft-to-Go' bags for preschoolers - an initiative that we hope to see expand in the near future.