

## News from New Brunswick

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Following the release of the Government of New Brunswick's white paper ([\*Working together for vibrant and sustainable communities\*](#)) regarding local governance reform, NBPLS has been asked to align its regional boundaries with Regional Service Commission boundaries.

As a result, three libraries will change library regions in December: Kedgwick Public Library, Nackawic Public-School Library and McAdam Public Library. This change is administrative in nature and is not anticipated to impact service to the public. The Library Managers of the affected libraries will report to a new Regional Office and updates will be made to the NBPLS website and ILS. Some internal procedures will also be modified.

This change will support the government initiative to have various departments align with the 12 Regional Service Commission boundaries, fostering more opportunities for collaboration at a regional level.



The loosening of COVID-19 restrictions has allowed NBPLS's pass lending partnerships to resume in earnest. So far this year, New Brunswick public libraries have loaned passes to the Village historique acadien, the New Brunswick Aquarium and Marine Centre, the New Brunswick Botanical Garden, the Fundy Trail Parkway, and the Hopewell Rocks Provincial Park. Additional campaigns are planned for the summer and fall.

Library staff are preparing to launch Summer Reading Club (SRC) in June. This year's SRC will encourage children to READ, DISCOVER and CREATE while they learn about transportation. The focus on multimodal literacies will help children develop skills through STEM and artistic activities in addition to reading. Weekly themes will introduce kids to topics like "Transportation through History", "Green Transportation" and "Active Transportation" (such as walking, skateboarding, and cycling). It's sure to be a fun-filled summer!