

## News from Cumberland Public Libraries

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### Meet the New Elephant in Town!



Author **Sheree Fitch**, along with the students at Cyrus Eaton Elementary School, recently opened our new story walk in Pugwash. The images depicted throughout the walk, based on Fitch's poem the *Eloquent Elephant*, were designed by grade two students at Cyrus Eaton. Kickoff celebrations highlighted the newly installed story walk, the children's art, and the powerful message of poetry.

This story walk was a collaborative effort between the library, the Village of Pugwash, and the Wallace, Wentworth, Pugwash and Area Community Health Board.

*Author Sheree Fitch reading her poem the Eloquent Elephant to students of Cyrus Eaton Elementary School.*

### Pugwash Library Update

Our new Pugwash library is taking shape! The necessary groundwork for the project is now complete. Drywall, mechanical, and electrical work is now taking place as focus has shifted to the library's interior. The building's exterior also continues to take shape, with siding being installed on the building while curbing is being put in place. Construction is expected to wrap up in mid-December, with the library scheduled to open in the New Year.



*A digital rendering of the completed Pugwash library*

## TJ Klune Visits Amherst

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, our Amherst branch welcomed **TJ Klune** for an author reading and signing. Klune is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling, Lambda Literary Award-winning author. His books include *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, *Under the Whispering Door*, *The Extraordinaries*, and more.

Klune was a fantastic speaker, touching on the importance of libraries, his experience as a queer man, and how his writing has provided representation for the LGBTQIA2S+ community.



*Author TJ Klune and Chief Librarian Denise Corey after Klune's reading*