

## News from Prince Edward Island

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## News from PEI Libraries

### APEIL (Association for Prince Edward Island Libraries)

APEIL – PEI's new Library Association – continues to grow and develop. The Association hosted its inaugural meeting in November where a new constitution was voted upon and passed. APEIL Membership is now available and open to any person or organization interested in libraries. A holiday social was also held during December. More information on the Association can be found online at <https://apeilibraries.wordpress.com/> or through the Association's Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/peilibraries>)

### Staff News – PEI Public Library Service

- Jennie Thompson has been appointed to the Library Assistant position at the Summerside Rotary Library.
- Melanie Barlow has been appointed as Administrative Assistant at PEI Public Library Headquarters.
- Jayne Ings has been appointed to the temporary Branch Technician position at Georgetown Genevieve Soloman Memorial Library.
- Jennifer Hickmott has been appointed to the temporary Branch Technician position at St. Peters Public Library.

### Updates to the Summerside Rotary Library – PEI Public Library Service

The Inspire Learning Centre, home of the new Summerside Rotary Library, officially opened in December 2016. The new library is more than 8,000 sq ft with access to four program/meeting rooms. The Rotary Club of Summerside raised 2.5 million dollars for the project through municipal, provincial, and federal governments and with the generosity of local businesses and individuals.



## The Gift of Reading – PEI Public Library Service

For the second year, the PEI Public Library Service and the PEI Literacy Alliance partnered to provide children’s books to local families during the Holiday season. Books were collected at all public libraries throughout the month of December and given to local food banks to be included in Christmas hampers distributed throughout the Province.



### Valentines for Vets – PEI Public Library Service

The PEI Public Library Service and the PEI Military Family Resource Centre are partnering this winter to participate in Veterans Affairs 2017's Valentines for Vets program. Libraries across the Province will be making hand-made valentines which will be distributed to veterans during the month of February.

