

## News from Prince Edward Island

**Grace Dawson, Regional Librarian, PEI Public Library Service**

### PEI Public Library Service

#### Staff News

- Jayne Ings has been appointed Branch Technician at Georgetown Genevieve Soloman Memorial Library.
- Tina Niemi has been appointed Branch Technician at Kinkora Public Library.
- Jessica Doucette has been appointed Branch Technician at Tignish Public Library.
- Katie Clinton has been appointed Branch Technician at Morell, Souris, and Mt. Stewart Public Libraries.

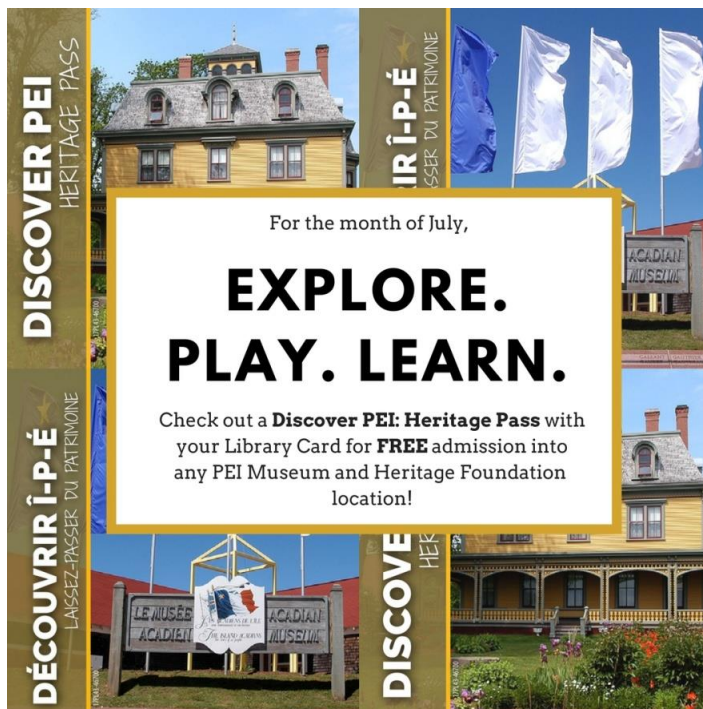
#### Elimination of Children's Fines

As of June 1st, the PEI Public Library Service will no longer be charging overdue fines on children's materials. As stated by Doug Currie – Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture - "We want to encourage more families to use our 26 public libraries, especially during the summer months. Overdue fines should not be a barrier to the incredible opportunities that libraries offer children who are learning to read and developing a love of reading."



## Discover PEI: Heritage Pass

For the month of July, the PEI Public Library Service and the PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation are offering **Discover PEI: Heritage Passes** to library cardholders. Available at selected branches of the Public Library Service, the one week pass provides free family admission to any of the seven provincial museum sites.



## Born to Read

Public health and the PEI Public Library Service are partnering to provide two new programs - **Born to Read** and **Little Ones Read**.

The Born to Read program is available to parents of newborns two-months of age. As part of the wellness visit to Public Health Nursing, families will receive a copy of *Baby Look*, an accordion-style tummy-time book published in Atlantic Canada, and *Baby's First Library Card*, a brochure encouraging families to take advantage of the resources and programs for babies offered via the PEI Public Library Service.

As part of the Little Ones Read program, families will receive a copy of *Look at Me Now!* when they visit Public Health Nursing for their toddler's 18-month wellness check-up.

Books are available in English, French and Mi'kmaq.



## Kids Learning Code – Celebrating Canada Learning Code Week

During Canada Learning Code Week (June 1-8), the PEI Public Library Service partnered with Ladies Learning Code – PEI Chapter and the PEI Business Women’s Association in offering coding sessions to children. Sessions were hosted at three of the library’s branches and were geared for children ages 8-12.

