

## News from Prince Edward Island

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#### Sun Life Musical Instrument Lending Library

On June 6, the PEI Public Library Service launched the new Sun Life Musical Instrument Lending Library. Thanks to a donation from Sun Life, Islanders are now be able to borrow musical instruments from 4 PEI libraries including the Summerside Rotary Library, Confederation Centre Public Library in Charlottetown, Bibliothèque publique Dr.-J.-Edmond-Arsenault (Charlottetown), and the Montague Rotary Library. Library members are able to borrow instruments and music learning resources for free with a PEI library card. The collection includes guitars, banjos, mandolins, violins, ukuleles, keyboards, bells, bongos, cajons, dumbeks, and djembes.

#### Partnership with Literacy Alliance

The PEI Public Library Service is pleased to once again partner with the PEI Literacy Alliance to offer the Ready Set Learn Summer Tutoring Program. The program, which began in 1998, offers free one-on-one tutoring in French and English for children in grades K to 6. School resource teachers refer students to the program and the tutoring takes place in public libraries across PEI. The PEI Literacy Alliance hires and trains tutors, with more than 11,500 children participating since 2001.

Tutors create a customized lesson plan for each child, focusing on fun child-led activities. Participating families are encouraged to register for library cards, to allow participants to continue reading after the program ends. The Ready Set Learn Summer Tutoring Program has proven very successful with 98% of participants maintaining or improving their skills and 76% of participants improving their attitude towards learning. This year the PEI Literacy Alliance has introduced a pilot project in four libraries to include school year tutoring and are hoping to further expand it to include more communities in the future.

## 3-D Printers

3-D printers continue to spread across the Island. They will soon be available in Hunter River and Tignish libraries. Currently, the printers are used for programming and demonstration, but we will be offering printing to the public in the near future.

## OUTspoken Pride Poetry Slam

On July 23, the Confederation Centre Public Library in Charlottetown hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual OUTspoken Pride Poetry Slam. The event is organized by PEERS Alliance and is part of PEI's Pride Week. Six poets performed and an open mic program was on offer as well. Over 130 people attended the program.



## Books and Breakfast

The Confederation Centre Public Library in Charlottetown is offering a breakfast program this summer. Thanks to a grant from the PEI Department of Agriculture and Land, the library has been offering breakfast items such as yogurt, toast, fruit bars, apples, and juice 5 days a week. The library will also be offering educational opportunities for learning about local and healthy foods such as visits from a local farmer and handouts on the new Canada Food guide.

## Heritage Passes

The PEI Public Library Service is once again partnering with Island museums to offer Discover PEI Heritage passes. The passes give free family admission to 7 museums and heritage sites. Locals and summer residents alike have been enjoying the chance to visit some of these interesting sites that basically cover PEI from tip-to-tip.