

News from Prince Edward Island

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SucSeed Grow Garden Starter Kits

Thanks to financial support from Brilliant Labs, the PEI PLS will soon have 3 hydroponic gardens to grow greens, flowers, and other delicious/pretty stuff right in our libraries. The PLS will be getting three Grow Garden starter kits from a social enterprise group in Newfoundland called SucSeed. Brilliant Labs has provided temperature and light sensors for the plants and taught staff how to code them. The program will start in March.

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day was celebrated throughout the province the last week of January with programs representing all types of literacy. For adults—chair yoga, understanding Google calendar, and homemade sushi. Kids were represented through games, family read-ins, dance parties, and ‘feeling the feels’ storytimes. One highlight was a program featuring adult learner Dianne C. Smith who received the Peter Gzowski award for literacy from the PEI Literacy Alliance.

Astro Pi: Mission Zero

The PEI PLS is partnering with Kids Code Jeunesse to offer a program that lets kids ages 9-12 send their code into space. Teams write a simple program that will display a message to the astronauts on the International Space Station. Perhaps the kids can include some tourism messages so we can get some astronauts to visit!

3D printing

The PEI PLS is now offers 3D printing service to the public! A bit late to the party but we are very excited.

Gift of Reading

Libraries across PEI took part in the Gift of Reading campaign for the sixth year. Libraries collect donations of new and gently used children’s and YA books in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The books are donated to food banks across the Island to be included in Christmas hampers. This year, there were enough donations to add the town of Souris’ Lion’s club hampers to the list—so 125 more families

received books this year. Go Souris!!! Best town in PEI!!! Represent!!!! Hometown high five with Andrea Stewart of NSCC!

PEI Collection

The PLS is in the process of re-organizing, re-vamping, and re-purposing the PEI collection. We are shifting from an all-encompassing collection of anything PEI related (by an Islander, about an Islander, or about the Island) to a local history collection. A local author designation has been created for some items that were previously part of the PEI collection.