

## News from Prince Edward Island

### News from the Prince Edward Island Public Library Service

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#### Radon Detector Kits

In partnership with the PEI Lung Association, the PEI Public Library Service will be offering radon detector kits for borrowing by the public. The official launch was held on November 15th. The launch featured Health Canada Regional Radiation Specialist, Roshini Kassie, who offered an information session on radon with the help of models and other interactive items.

#### Charlottetown Library Learning Centre

We are very excited to announce that Charlottetown will be getting a new library!! And it will have program rooms, pastries, and a plethora of space! In August, it was announced that the library in Charlottetown, the Confederation Centre Public Library will be moving to a new location. The library will be re-located to the Dominion Building on Queen street (kitty-corner from its current location). As well as acquiring a new name (see above) the move will allow the library to double its size and offer a cafe and program rooms for library and community use. As well, the new library will be on a single floor and all spaces will be fully accessible. The new location is made possible due to funding from all three levels of government, and fund-raising by the non-profit group: Charlottetown Library Learning Centre Inc.

#### Paws to Read and See Spot Read

The PEI PLS is partnering with St. John Ambulance Service (See Spot Read) and Therapeutic Paws of Canada (Paws to Read) to offer a variety of programs where kids get to read to dogs. More kids reading and therapy dogs in the library means we're winning on all fronts!

#### Ancestry.ca

The PEI PLS offers Ancestry.ca free to the public in all its library locations. In the past few months, we have been promoting and providing training to ensure that folks know about the service and how to use it. Our promotion includes staff training, promotional signage, and handouts. Recent public training

sessions included “Who’s yer Fadder?: Learn About Ancestry.ca” and upcoming events include “Uncover Your Family’s Military Roots” in honour of Remembrance Day.

## Provincial Archives

The Provincial Archives (previously located in the historic George Coles building) is also moving to a new location. The Archives are currently closed for several weeks as they shift the collection to the Atlantic Technology Centre at 176 Great George Street, Charlottetown.