

## News from Prince Edward Island

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#### Fine Free!

In October The PEI Public Library Service went fine free, following the example of many library systems across Canada! There has been a notable increase in 'lost' materials being returned as well as patrons coming back through the doors after an absence.

**READ MORE. WORRY LESS.**  
WE'RE SAYING GOODBYE TO LIBRARY FINES!  
Starting October 2, 2020, we will follow a fine-free model.  
All existing overdue fines have been forgiven, and blocked cards have been reset.  
**WELCOME BACK!**

**LIRE PLUS, SANS SOUCIS.**  
AU REVOIR AUX FRAIS DE RETARD!  
Dès le 2 octobre, 2020 le Service des bibliothèques publiques de l'ÎPÉ suivra un modèle pour abolir les frais de retard.  
Tous les frais de retard ont été annulés et les cartes bloquées ont été réinitialisées.  
**BON RETOUR!**

#### Programming

- **Crafts to Go**

The PEI Public Library Service was able to procure a grant through Reading Street from PEI Writer's Guild and TD. The grant was used to create 2 Craft to Go bags for preschoolers (250 of each!), one was 'Rhythm Shakers' and the second was 'Fun with Numbers.'



On top of that, we launched our first 'Craft to Go' for teens, a 'Kawaii Sun Catcher' and one for adults, a 'Macramé Key chain'. These have proven to be very popular and we plan to continue with kits for different age groups into the New Year.



- **Storywalk**

The PEI Public Library Service was also granted funding through Reading Street, from PEI Writers Guild and TD to create 2 Storywalks (one in English, one in French). These were set up in multiple locations across the island throughout the fall and have also been quite popular!



- **Fall Photo Scavenger Hunt**

We facilitated a Fall Photo Scavenger Hunt across the Island, using the free app: Goosechase. Many families joined in the fun and over 200 photos were submitted!

- **Zoom Programming**

The PEI Public Library Service has received permission to use Zoom for online library programming as well as library staff meetings. So far, there have been two programs aimed towards adults and seniors that were put on by Community Legal Information: Health Care Decisions and Wills and Estates.



In the coming months there will be preschool Storytimes offered weekly as well as a monthly Hackmatack Book Club for ages 9-12. New programs for all ages will also be offered in the New Year.

## Light Therapy Lamps

20 light therapy lamps have been added to the collection and have proven to be very popular. You can read more about the program here: [CBC Article: Light Therapy Lamps](#)

## Initiatives

- **Study Spaces**

Many branches are now able to offer study spaces for those in need, these are sanitized before and after use.

- **Stack Attack Podcast**

The first episode of the PEI Public Library Services' new podcast, 'Stack Attack,' focused on local ghost stories, was released in October and was a great success! The next edition is coming in December and it is another great way to connect with patrons when in person programming is not yet available.



- **Hydroponics Program**

During Science Literacy Week the Summerside Rotary Library, Confederation Center Public Library, and the Montague Rotary Library took part in the initial growing cycle of the Hydroponics Program, made possible by SucSeed and Brilliant Labs. The initial lettuce crops were donated to local food banks and these systems will be heading to other branches in the future. Find more information about this program here: [CBC Article: Hydroponics Program](#)