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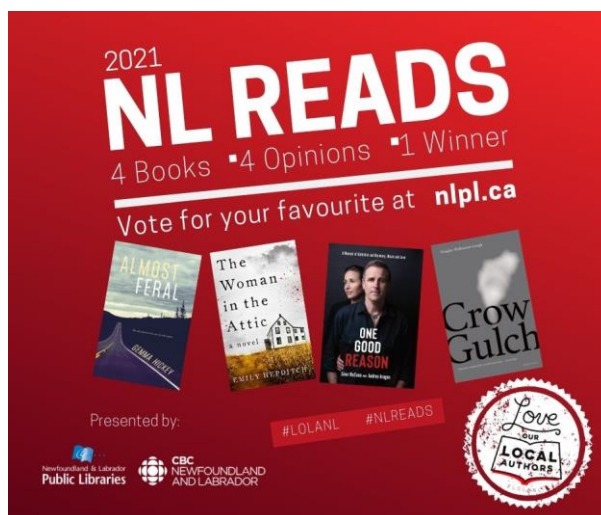
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#### Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries Launches NL Reads 2021

NL Reads is back for another year celebrating Newfoundland and Labrador authors, books and readers. Done as a partnership between NL Public Libraries and CBC NL, readers will check out the new local titles chosen for this year's competition and cast their votes to determine which one will be declared NL's "must-read" book of the year.

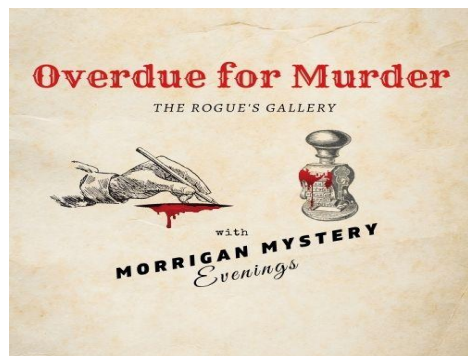
This year's featured books are:

- *Crow Gulch* by Douglas Walbourne-Gough (Goose Lane Editions, 2019)
- *The Woman in the Attic* by Emily Hepditch (Flanker Press, 2020)
- *Almost Feral* by Gemma Hickey (Breakwater Books, 2019)
- *One Good Reason: A Memoir of Addiction and Recovery, Music and Love* by Séan McCann with Andrea Aragon (Nimbus Publishing, 2020)



All of the shortlisted titles are available at NL Public Library branches and in the Digital Library. Due to public health concerns, NL Reads program content will all be offered online. Visit the NLREADS 2021 feature at [www.npl.ca](http://www.npl.ca) or the NL Reads Libguide at [guides.npl.ca/nlreads](http://guides.npl.ca/nlreads) for more information.

## A.C. Hunter Public Library's "Overdue for Murder: Murder Mystery"



On November 12<sup>th</sup>, A.C. Hunter Public Library in St. John's hosted an online murder mystery party for their patrons. This program was done in partnership with Morrigan Mystery Evenings and the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl. A total of 24 participants attended the evening of mystery, where they worked together to gather clues in order to solve a library-themed murder. Performers from Morrigan Mystery Evenings played the various suspicious characters, as well as other participants.

Congratulations to the A.C. Hunter staff for delivering a fun party, and thanks to Morrigan Mystery Evening and the Association for the Arts in Mount Pearl for partnering with us!

## Marjorie Mews Public Library Outdoor Storytime

One of the programs that is most missed at our public libraries is Storytime, as young patrons miss hearing stories, rhymes and songs from their favourite staff members. However, due to Covid procedures at our branches, in-person programming in the library has been limited. The staff at Marjorie Mews Public Library in St. John's found a way to work around this by offering their inaugural Outdoor Storytime on a sunny morning in November!

Two bubbles registered for the program, making social distancing manageable. Due to the weather, the ground was very damp, but participants came with snow suits and rain gear to the program in anticipation of it and chairs were provided. According to staff, everyone had a great time and loved being back in Storytime!

Congratulations to the Marjorie Mews staff for delivering an excellent program and their willingness to try a new Storytime set-up!


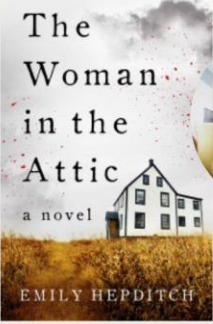
## Michael Donovan Emily Hepditch Author Reading

Michael Donovan Public Library in St. John's welcomed Newfoundland author Emily Hepditch for a reading from her debut novel, *The Woman in the Attic*. The event was held online and had great attendance due to the fact that Hepditch is a local author. It featured a reading from her novel, with time for questions at the end where Hepditch talked about her writing process and gave advice for aspiring authors.

Michael Donovan Library presents:

## Author Reading and Q&A

Wed. Nov. 18  
6:30pm to  
7:30pm



Meet Emily Hepditch, author of the bestselling book "The Woman in the Attic" for a reading and chat.

This event is online only, please register by calling 737-2621 or emailing [michaeldonovan@nlpl.ca](mailto:michaeldonovan@nlpl.ca)

*The Woman in the Attic* is among the four shortlisted titles for NL Reads 2021, and is available at all NL Public Library branches and in the Digital Library. Congratulations to the Michael Donovan staff for a successful event, and thank you to Hepditch for attending!