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New Initiatives at Mount Pearl Public Library

The Mount Pearl Public Library has been collaborating with Admiralty House Communications Museum for several months to support their upcoming local Punk Rock exhibit. As part of our partnership, staff member **Krista Hart** has assembled a variety of Take and Make kits for some at-home DIY fun. This is part of a scheduled suite of programs focusing on creative and artistic self-expression to bring 'punk' to a new generation – or back into the lives of those who loved it and never stopped! Kits include materials for a variety of at-home crafts including photo holders, friendship bracelets, washer necklaces, and even make your own lip balm.

With the decision to continue with online-only programs until this spring, Take and Make Kits are an excellent example of how we are pivoting to reflect the ongoing changing health restrictions here in Newfoundland and Labrador. Our staff are working hard to ensure we are still connecting with patrons and highlighting our existing community partnerships, which we hope will continue to promote the programs we have planned in support of this partnership in the coming months.

Also exciting is **Cindy Hall's** Community Care Kit initiative, which garnered lots of interest on social media in late January. Inspired by an initiative from Dartmouth, NS, Cindy put out a call for donated goods to be given to those in need. Individuals, community members, businesses, and even Mount Pearl city council were quick to get involved. What had started as a one-time call for donations became a community initiative with many partners. Cindy's initiative has been running out of the Mount Pearl branch as a separate community project and has received monetary and in-kind donations. To date she has given out over 40 kits for children and adults which include personal care items, hats, socks and gloves, snacks, and sanitizer. We're glad to see community coming together in these times to support one another!





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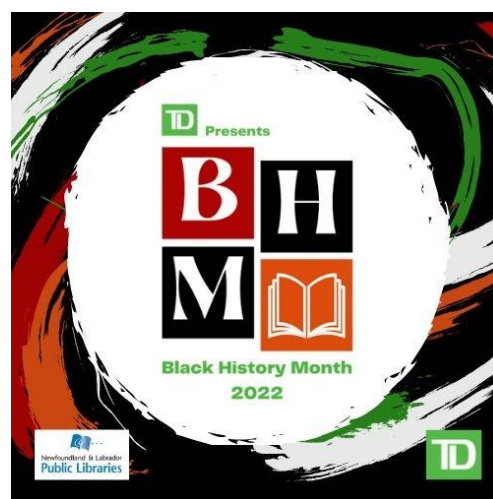
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Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries Launches 2022 Black History Month Programming

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) are happy to announce their Black History Month program for February 2022. In February 2021, the organization conducted its inaugural annual celebration of the diverse Black community living within Newfoundland & Labrador.

This year's program is once again supported through a TD Ready Commitment grant from TD Bank.

Black History Month 2022 programs will be held across the province, both online and in-person, during February. There will be video content on the NLPL's YouTube channel. On February 21st, there will be a movie screening of the 2016 film "Loving" at the Rotary Arts Centre in Corner Brook.



On February 22nd, NLPL partners with the Association for New Canadians (ANC) to present their Black in Newfoundland Panel, inviting members of the Black community to speak on their experiences.

TD Ready Commitment funds have been put towards acquiring new titles by Black authors, available for borrowing throughout the province. We are inviting patrons to participate in our BHM eBook Club, featuring Desmond Cole's "The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power." This eBook will be available with unlimited access for all of February. The Black History Month celebrations will end on February 28th with the BHM eBook Club Wrap-Up Event, when patrons are invited to join in the discussion of the book online.

For more information about Black History Month programs happening in February, click [here](#). Also, be sure to stay tuned to the NLPL Facebook, Twitter and YouTube accounts!

NLPL newly appointed regional librarian for Western Division: Alexander Taylor

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries is happy to announce the appointment of their newest regional librarian for our Western Division, **Alexander Taylor**. He joins the team of our three other permanent Regional Librarians across the province.

Alex completed his MLIS degree from Western University in 2017, and has a bachelor's degree in History and minor in Geography from Sir Wilfrid Laurier University. He has worked and volunteered in public libraries across the country and has focused on programing for all ages. In 2019 he was a participating lecturer at the first annual County of Simcoe Library Co-operative conference, discussing the need for libraries to improve their promotion of online services. Working out of Corner Brook Public Library, his position at NLPL will consist of promoting and coordinating library services for public libraries in the West NL Division.

Alex is a welcome addition to our organization, and we look forward to the new perspective he will bring to the position.