

## News from Nova Scotia

### News from Cumberland Public Libraries

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#### Reading with Royalty

To coincide with June's Pride Week celebrations, we held our first Reading with Royalty program featuring Pugwash-based **Drag Queen Mya**. The event was a phenomenal success, with 67 people in attendance at the Pugwash Library.

We had received some backlash on social media about the program. However, those who had threatened to protest the event were nowhere to be found. Overall, the program was a positive and joyful experience for all who attended.

#### Summer Reading Club

Our Summer Reading Clubs officially kicked off on June 12th. Youth Services Library Assistant **Julie**, and Summer Reading Club Coordinator **Drew**, have been busy organizing programs throughout the County. Programs will include a tech tour, puppet shows, LEGO days, scavenger hunts, and much more!

#### Honouring a Lifelong Library Supporter



*Russel Fisher (pictured above sitting) and members of the community pose for a picture at the Springhill Miners Memorial Library.*



*A photo of Mya chatting with some attendants of our Reading with Royalty program.*

During the month of July, a special presentation took place at the Springhill Miners Memorial Library. The dedication of a plaque to honour long time library supporter, **Russell Fisher**, is both a recognition of one individual's role in the establishment and continuation of the library, and a tangible symbol of the kind of commitment Springhillers continue to make to the well-being of the former mining town.

Mr. Fisher served on the Cumberland Regional Library Board for 31 years and was chairperson for 24. Family and friends, the mayor and two

local councillors, as well as several members of the Isabel Simpson Heritage Group, were present to applaud Russell for his tremendous contributions.

## **Pugwash Grand Opening**

The community of Pugwash has dreamed of having a new library and community space for over 20 years. In 2023 that dream became a reality. We are extremely thankful to the countless volunteer fundraisers, contractors, and passionate community advocates who have made this new community space possible.

Our Pugwash Grand Opening Celebrations happened on Saturday, July 29th to coincide with the Village's Harbourfest celebrations. Throughout the day, community members joined us for the official ribbon cutting ceremony, tours of our new facility, activities for the kids, and more.



*The new purpose-built Pugwash Library.*



*CPL Library Director Denise Corey speaking to attendees at the Pugwash Library Grand Opening ceremony.*