

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

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Love Our Local Authors Month at Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

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This February, Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries is celebrating local books, writers, and readers with Love Our Local Authors (LOLA) month! This celebration supported by CBC Newfoundland and Labrador and WritersNL.

Throughout the month, libraries across the province are hosting LOLA events and programs to celebrate the province's literary scene. Daily Author Spotlights are being shared on NLPL's social media to highlight local authors.

The LOLA celebrations will culminate with the selection of NL's "must-read" book at the end of the month. The ten books in the running for this title are the top circulating NL books from 2023. The winner will be selected based on patron demand, as well as library staff feedback from around the province. The ten books being considered are:

- *The Adversary* by Michael Crummey
- *All That Glitters: A Sgt. Windflower Mystery* by Mike Martin
- *Closer by Sea* by Perry Chafe
- *Five for Forteau* by Kevin Majori
- *Hollow Bamboo* by William Ping
- *Hunting Helena* by Natalie Carter-Giles
- *Rage the Night* by Donna Morriseey
- *Revenge Finds a Home* by Bill Coultas
- *This is How We Love* by Lisa Moore

Look out for the announcement of NL's "must-read" book on Friday, March 1st.



Embrace the New Year with Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries' Online Learning Resources

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Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) is excited to showcase the continued success of its online learning resources. Rocket Languages, LinkedIn Learning, and Brainfuse's HelpNow and JobNow have seamlessly become integral parts of NLPL's digital offerings for both children and adults, marking a significant milestone in the library's dedication to continuous education and professional development.



This initiative, made possible through an investment by the Provincial Government's Adult Literacy Action Plan, reaffirms NLPL's commitment to providing diverse tools for continuous learning. The collaboration with Rocket Languages, LinkedIn Learning, and Brainfuse's HelpNow and JobNow aims to offer free, accessible, and high-quality educational and professional assistance to patrons across the province.

Patrons can take advantage of the latest in language learning, career advancement, and educational support from the comfort of their homes. Rocket Languages opens the door to 14 language courses, including French, English, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Sign Language (ASL), and much more!

LinkedIn Learning has a vast collection of expert-led courses covering business, technology, creative tools, leadership, and more. Meanwhile, Brainfuse's HelpNow provides live tutoring, expert writing assistance, and study resources, and Brainfuse's JobNow guides patrons through every step of their career journey.

To explore NLPL's online learning resources and unlock a world of possibilities, visit the NLPL's Digital Library or download the LinkedIn Learning, Rocket Languages, and Brainfuse's HelpNow and JobNow apps on Android or Apple iOS devices. For first-time patrons, access requires signing in through the Digital Library using their library card barcode number and four-digit library PIN. Following this, patrons must register their account with their library card information.

To access LinkedIn Learning, users should enter the Library ID "NLPL" and then use their library card barcode number and four-digit library PIN. Residents of Newfoundland and Labrador can easily obtain a free library card online or in person at their local library.