

## News from Cumberland Public Libraries

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### Art Attack! At the Pugwash Library

On June 1, members of the Pugwash Artist Collective, and library supporters, hosted “Art Attack” at the Pugwash Library. The purpose of Art Attack was to raise funds for additional art installation systems in the library.

Community members dressed up as famous fictional characters, reading from several works as local artists sketched, drew, felted, and painted their interpretations of the readers. Attendees who made donations were able to take artwork home to commemorate a lovely day at the library.

The Pugwash Artist Collective was able to raise enough funds to purchase new installation systems, providing the library with more space to display local artwork for all to enjoy.



*The Mad Hatter, Anne of Green Gables, Dracula, and Sherlock Holmes pose for a photo after “Art Attack”; hosted at the Pugwash Library by the Pugwash Artist Collective and local artists*

### The Darkest Dark - Story Walk on the Fundy Geo Community Trail

Our Parrsboro location's story walk went on a field trip!

On Thursday, June 27, the community of Parrsboro was able to visit the Fundy Geo Community Trail to read "The Darkest Dark" by astronaut Chris Hadfield. The story had QR codes on the storyboards providing an audio version of the story.

### Summer Reading Club is Out of this World!

Our Summer Reading Clubs officially kicked off on June 17. Youth Services Library Assistant **Julie**, and Summer Reading Club Coordinator **Isabelle**, planned and implemented programs throughout the County.

Events included our “Amazing Astronomy” program, perler bead aliens, giant games night, and more.

## **NSLA Conference 2024 – Early Bird Registration Now Open!**

On behalf of the 2024 NSLA Conference Planning Committee, Cumberland Public Libraries is so excited to welcome library workers and supporters to Amherst this October. The conference will take place on **October 25-27**, at the Travelodge by Wyndham Amherst. You can find more conference information [here](#).

Libraries are more important than ever before. Our theme, *Make it Happen, Make it Matter!*, symbolizes the positive impacts libraries and library staff have on everyone who passes through our physical or digital doors. We provide exemplary service and fill societal gaps while offering engaging resources and experiences. Now let's come together to celebrate our achievements!

Our roster includes a combination of fun, informative, and interactive sessions presented by our colleagues in both public and academic libraries, ensuring an excellent weekend for all who attend. Registration for the 2024 NSLA Conference officially opened on August 18.

