

## News from Cumberland Public Libraries

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### Design a Bookmark Contest

In November, we launched our Design a Bookmark contest. Twenty-four children aged 3 to 15+ designed bookmarks for the contest, and library patrons voted on their favourites on our Facebook page. In total, we received 721 votes on the bookmarks, and the public has selected four winners!

The winning bookmarks are in the process of being printed, and they will be given away at our library locations.

### Family Literacy Day with Sheree Fitch and Deb Plestid

To celebrate Family Literacy Day in January, we had a Learn to be Green Together party featuring Sheree Fitch and Deb Plestid! Highlights of the day included an author reading and book signing by Sheree and Deb, a display of Deb's artwork featured in Sheree's Sing in the Spring book, a book swap, environmentally friendly crafts, book bingo, and more.

This event was a collaboration between CPL, Maggie's Place of Cumberland County, YReach, and the Cumberland Adult Network for Upgrading.



*Author Sheree Fitch (left) and artist Deb Plestid (right) conduct an author reading at our Family Literacy Day event.*

### Updated Library Accessibility Plan

CPL, working with five other regional libraries that formed the Interregional Advisory Committee for Library Accessibility (IACLA), are in the process of updating our Library Accessibility Plan. The Committee, composed of six regional library employees and nine community members, have worked together to build on our existing plan; published in 2022. The new IACLA Plan will be published on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and will be used as a roadmap for CPL to become more barrier free and welcoming to all.

### Preparing for March Break

March Break programming prep is well underway! We will host twenty-two programs across our seven library locations. Programs include: Marvelous Magnets, Travel to You Zoo visit, Giant Games Day, and "Some Assembly Required" Puzzle Competition.