

TREASURE TROVE COLLECTION



Kensington Heritage Library

Libraries are essential for improving the quality of life in a community. In 1934, the Andrew Carnegie Corporation gifted the Province \$130,000 enabling Premier Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan to open the Kensington Library. Since then, the library has served as a cultural gathering place, provided important resources, and revitalized the economy.

In 1957 the Kensington library space became limited because of growing resources and members, and the branch was relocated to the Federal building to accommodate those needs.

Even in the digital age the library continued to build and maintain strong community connections, and the branch had to be relocated several times to mirror the demographics of the town.

•In 1993- 1995 the library

moved to town hall

•In 1995- 2002 the library moved to the old train station and it was re-named the "Kensington Heritage Library"

•In 2002- 2012 the library was moved back to town hall.

In 2012, the Rotary Club of Summerside pledged \$35,000 to move the library to 6 Commercial Street. New shelving, furniture, and a circulation desk were purchased and the building was made wheelchair accessible.

Last year, 19,021 books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines were checked out of the library. In January 2016, 1634 items were checked out, which is a 34% increase from last year (January 2015).

In addition, 1771 people have Kensington library cards, and 153 programs are offered and attended by 1, 246 children and adults.

BOOKS AND BEYOND

Rotary supports Literacy projects

Summerside Rotarians lend a hand each year to support literacy programs for youth because books fire the imagination like nothing else can. The Rotary "Read-a-Long" is one such program that provides a supply of new and interesting books each year to fourteen elementary schools. In Spring Rotarians volunteer their time to visit the schools, read stories to the students, and leave behind a package of books for the entire school to enjoy.

In affiliation with the Journal Pioneer, the Summerside Rotary Club hosts an annual "Book Drive for Literacy." This book fair takes place each year for three days in October and raises more than \$10,000. The book sale offers something for everyone. Books sell for \$1, \$2 and \$3 each and due to the large quantity of books sold, this has been a great source of funding for important literacy programs. Summerside Rotarians volunteer their time to collect and sort literally thousands of books. This has been a great partnership with the Journal Pioneer and Rotarians look forward to this event every year.

Rotary also proudly supports a scholarship program for graduating students living with a mental or physical challenge. The Summerside Club provides two, \$500.00 scholarships each year to eligible students who are continuing their studies at an accredited post secondary institution.



IMAGINE THE LIBRARY OF TOMORROW.



Inspire LEARNING CENTRE



If you imagine the sound of
a librarian's dusty *shhh!* —
think again. The library of
tomorrow *hums*.

INSPIRED TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS.

Job seekers attend workshops and readers scan e-books. Teens form study groups at collaborative work stations while civic members gather to plan local cultural events. Children discover a place of playful exploration, librarians facilitate online research and business leaders utilize high-impact communication tools. And yes, people even borrow books.

The library of tomorrow unites, engages and inspires. It connects people to information, opportunity and each other. It enriches life for everyone in the region.

This is the vision for Inspire Learning Centre, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Summerside, in partnership with the East Prince community — a state-of-the-art regional learning centre that replaces the shhh! of yesterday with the ooh and ahh of tomorrow.

The Rotary Club of Summerside have acquired a former government building at 52 Central Street in Summerside, and revitalization of the space is already underway. Inspire Learning Centre will open for business and education, culture, play, community and life-long learning — in the Fall of 2016.

To reach their total goal of \$2 million dollars, they are encouraging everyone to join a collaboration of public, private and corporate partners committed to a shared vision of a vibrant, vital community space.

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