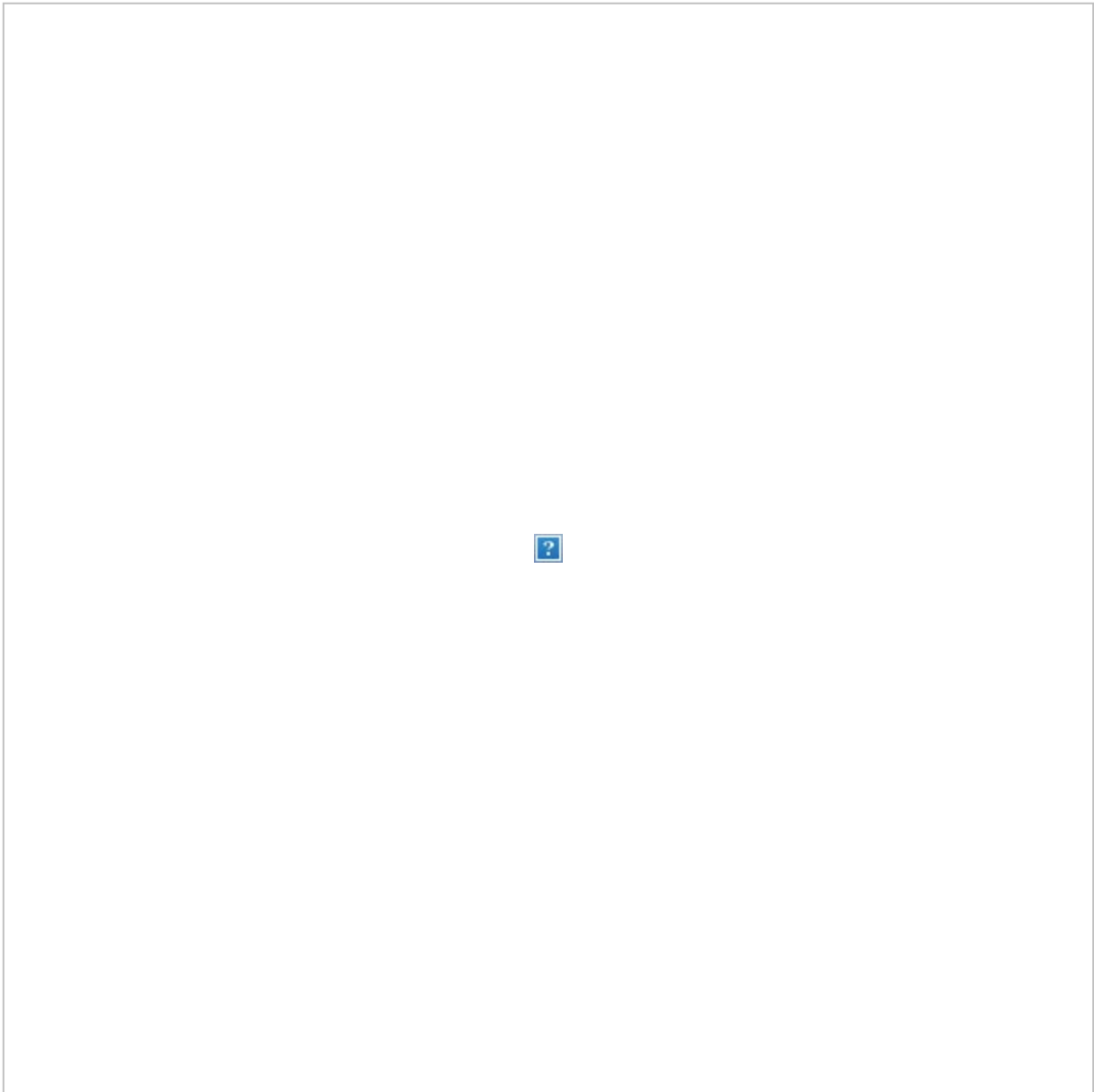


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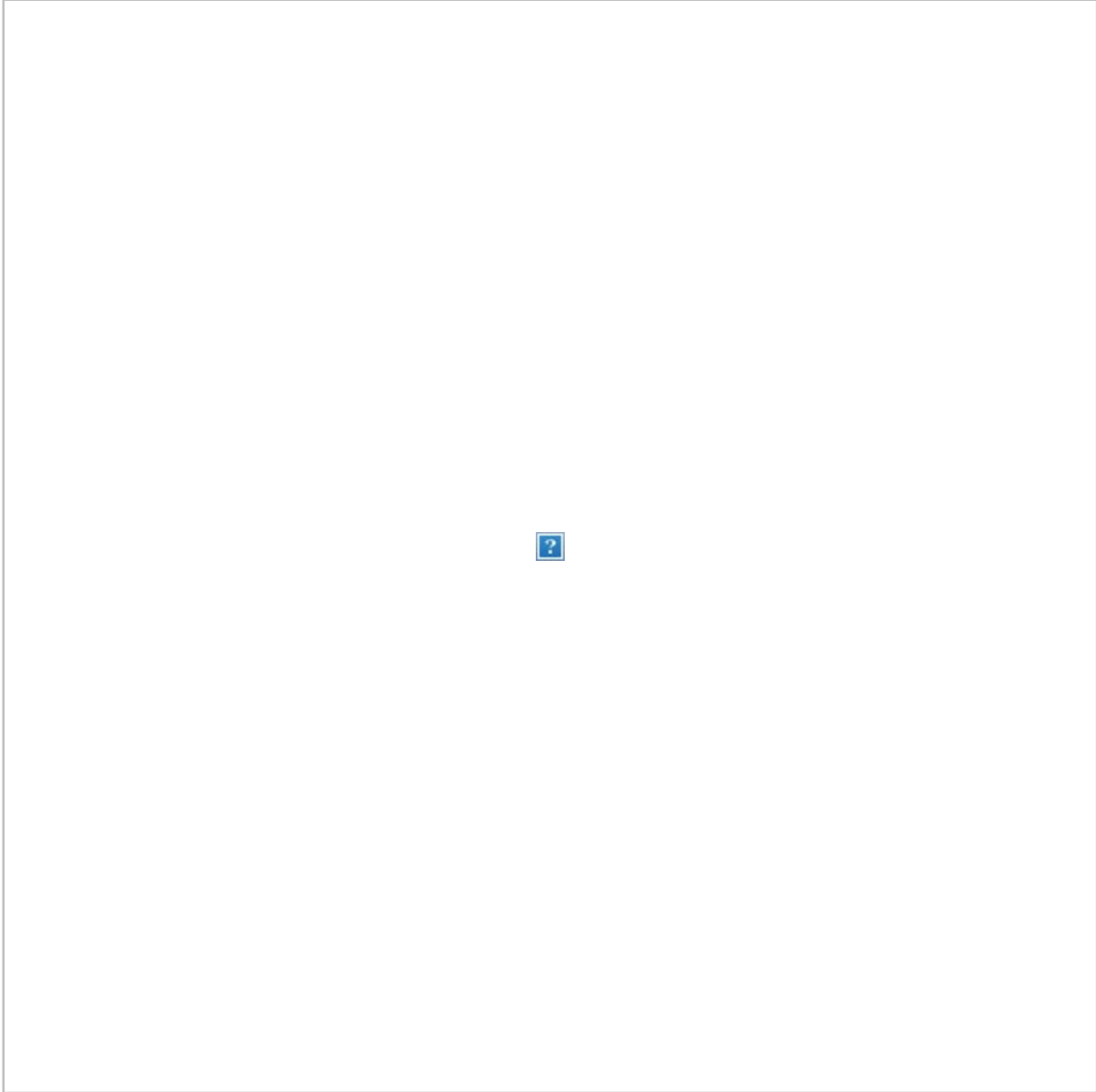


The calendar says it's officially spring and while we wait for Mother Nature to catch

up, rest assured the library is working on all sorts of fresh and new ideas!

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We had an active March Break which included leprechauns, yoga, tie-dye pillowcases, LEGO, a professional storyteller, stories, games, visits from our friendly therapy dogs and even a kids' feature on the radio!

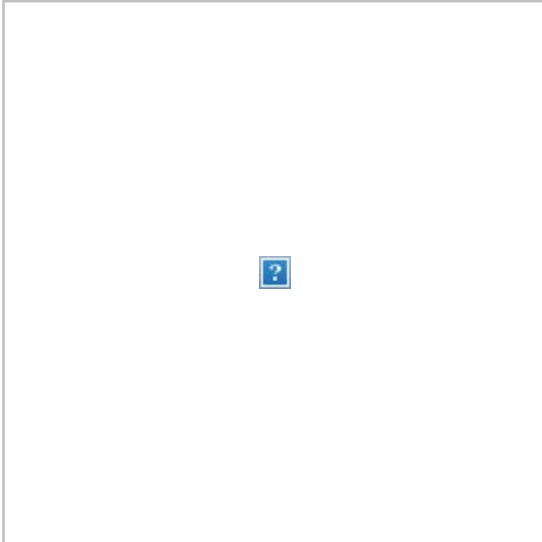


Our regular lineup of drop-in youth programming is back on track and features a great after school lineup: Monday Moments Yoga with Alex Leslie, Wednesday LEGO Lounge and visits from our canine friends from St. John Ambulance Dog Therapy program throughout the week. All the details are on our [calendar](#).

Toddler and Preschool programs is scheduled for Fridays and registration for the next session of Baby Rhyme Time starts March 31.

Here's something for all ages...and creative types!

We've teamed up with the libraries in Renfrew and Greater Madawaska to encourage local talent. Tell us a story as a short film and you could see your work on the big screen in May!



We're looking for submissions up to 5 minutes in length under several categories:

- Live action (actors following a script)
- Animation / Stop Motion (story telling)
- Documentary (e.g. Day in the life, biography etc.)

Check out the [details on our website](#).

Submissions open on May 9th for jury consideration. Arnprior's O'Brien Theatre will show the eligible entries on May 23. Additional screenings will be held in the library following the initial event.

We've got other partnerships underway as well, in particular with the fine folks from White Pine Books. **April 15th** the library is hosting their Truth and Reconciliation Book Club and we will be screening the NFB film Kanehsatake: 270 years of resistance. This is a free event, but we ask you [register](#) to assist with set up.

On **April 18th** the library is proud to be hosting Arnprior Reads: Cookbook Edition in partnership with White Pine Books and the Longer Table. Tickets for this amazing event are available now through [White Pine Books](#).

On **May 3rd**, come to spend an afternoon with Vice Regal Consort of Canada Whit Fraser as he brings his gift of story telling to the library in celebration of the release of his new memoir. Whit Fraser is a journalist, broadcaster, author and spouse of Canada's Governor General, Mary Simon.

This is a timely and topical memoir offering essential context from someone who has witnessed first-hand the shifts of Arctic

sovereignty, climate change and Indigenous rights. Join us for the conversation and the chance to ask your own question. White Pine will be on hand with books to purchase and you'll have the opportunity to meet with the author and get your copy signed.

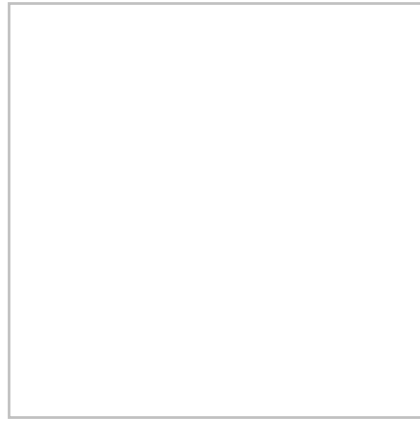
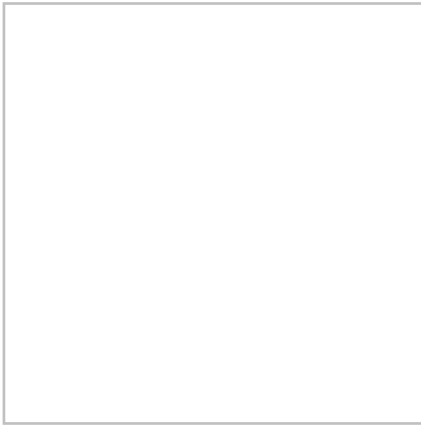
**Registration is required** for this free event.

Another timely event will be happening on **May 14th** as we host Richard Khan and his presentation on Artificial Intelligence. He is an author, guest lecturer and technology leader in Ontario.

Whether you're brand-new to AI or you've experimented with tools like ChatGPT, this session will help you get practical value fast. Richard will show simple ways to use AI for everyday tasks - writing, planning, brainstorming and problem-solving - using clear "prompt recipes" you can reuse. Expect quick live demos and an interactive Q&A. We'll finish with essential tips for verifying results and protecting your privacy when using AI. Bring your device and learn!

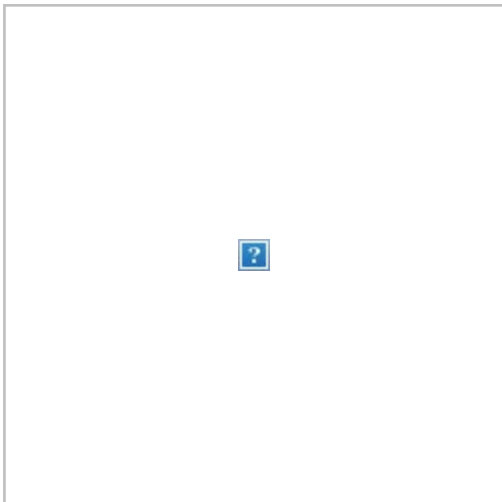
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Just in time for some spring joy, we're hosting two 2-day workshops on the art of paper quilling. Interest has been keen and the first session filled up within days. There are only a few spots left for the April 20 and 27 [workshop](#). Feel free to add your name to the **waiting list**. If numbers warrant, we will ask our expert to return at a later date for another 2-day session.

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The library is realigning some jobs and responsibilities and we're looking to fill two permanent full time positions to broaden the scope of the programming and services we provide to our community. More than 6000 area residents are active members and last year signed out nearly 148,500 materials from the Arnprior Public Library. We are proud to be such a vibrant community hub.

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We've added more than 1,000 new members to our library and many of them are being welcomed digitally through their first eNewsletter today. To that end, we'd like to keep you in the loop of everything we offer outside of traditional library service (books, magazines, virtual resources, streaming services, HomeBound service, Interlibrary Loans, museum and other access passes, device loans such as radon detectors, thermal imaging equipment, WiFi hotspots and more)

If you're a participant in the municipal FoodCycler program, did you know that you can drop off the by-product at the



library? There's a drop-off in the outer foyer. It is then picked up by a local farmer who uses the by-product in his operation!

We also participate in the [Terracycle program](#) for all brands of snack pouches and caps. We're also collecting used pens and markers for recycling.

You can drop off your spent batteries for recycling. Please remember to put the batteries into plastic bags before you add them to the cardboard collection box.

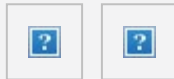
There's always room to join some of our drop-in programs for adults.

- Mondays at 10 there's the **Whatknots Knitting group**. Bring your current projects and feel the creative vibes! Intermediate ESL learners meet at 5pm in our downstairs board room while in the Scharf Hall you can join the **French Conversation** group that gets underway at 5:45pm
- The **Scrabble Meet-up** happens every Tuesday noon - 2pm in the downstairs Art Corridor. We provide the boards, you provide the enthusiasm. Garden Club - Seed Library volunteers - meet on the last Tuesday of the month.
- The **Chess Club** meets in the lower level Art Corridor every Wednesday (noon - 5pm).
- Thursdays the library hosts **Mahjong** (1 - 3pm) in the upstairs Scharf Hall. All skill levels welcome.
- We're also expanding our **English as a Second Language** supports with weekly meet-ups for newcomers on Thursdays throughout April, May and June (10:30am - 2:30pm). All levels are welcome to join this group facilitated by the Renfrew County District School Board.
- Fridays at 12:30 it's **Bridge Club** in the afternoon and we ask for a small donation to help our partnership with the High School to help students in need. ESL Training also happens on Fridays. These beginner English learners meet in the downstairs board room at 10am
- The last Sunday afternoon of the month the the Busker's Cafe brings live music to the main community hall with a different performer each month September through June
- Our **Puzzle Swap Station** in the downstairs Cafe area gets lots of traffic. It is set up as a

bring one / take one free swap.

- Don't forget the ongoing **book sale** (\$1, \$2 or \$5 options). We also have a great little coffee station at \$2 per cup
- You'll also want to check our [calendar](#) regularly to find out when we schedule the next drop-in visit from OnTrac Arnprior and the Outreach Health Nurse from the Renfrew County District Health Unit. Both organizations come with loads of information about their resources and services. We're also a partner with Hospice Renfrew as they host their Grief Support Group at the library on the first Thursday evening of each month.
- AND don't forget about our **SEED LIBRARY** - filled with native pollinator seeds and free for the taking thanks to our fantastic Garden Club.

*See you at the library!*



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