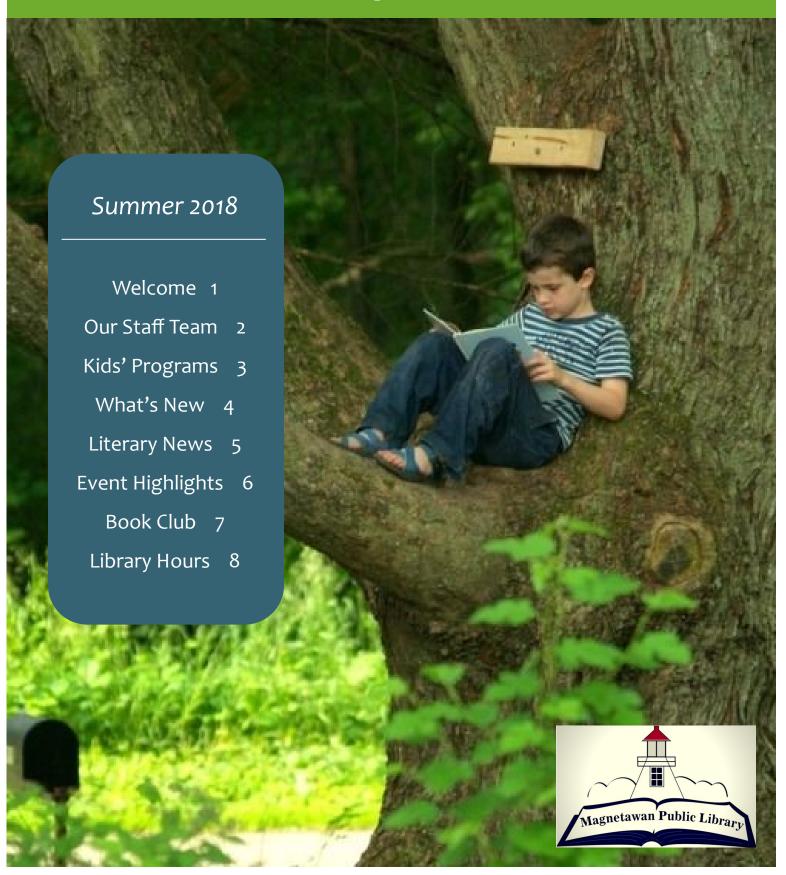
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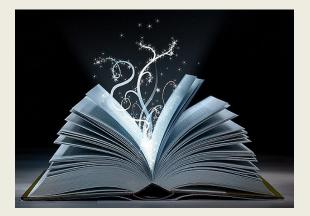


Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Magnetawan Public Library newsletter! We are excited to keep our patrons informed about news and events in our little village hub. The newsletter will be published quarterly in January, April, July and October. If you have any suggestions or an event or story that you would like us to include, we would be delighted to hear from you.

As always, if you have any questions about library doings or need to renew or request a book, please don't hesitate to give us call. We are here to help.

Warmest regards, Lorinda & Karen



Books are a

uniquely portable magic."

— Stephen King



The library has seen some changes over the winter months, and if you haven't been in for a while, you'll see some new faces! Our long-time CEO and Head Librarian, Bonnie Davidson retired last October and we wish her the best.



Huge congratulations to Lorinda Makoviczki on her promotion to CEO and Head Librarian! Lorinda has worked at the library for 15 years, so she certainly brings a wealth of knowledge to the position, as well as some fresh and exciting ideas.



Welcome aboard to Karen Hoffman, our new Assistant Librarian, who moved to the area three years ago from Toronto. Karen has worked in communications for 20+ years, and is also a self-published author with an abiding love for the written word.



We also have a new summer student, Olivia Boht, who will be coordinating the children's programming until the end of August. Be sure to check the calendar on our website to see what Olivia has in store for the kiddiewinks!



Throughout the summer, we offer a variety of kids' programs to fire up those imaginations and get the creativity flowing! Pop into the children's section to see what Olivia has planned for today!

Story & Craft Day

Tuesdays—11:00am Saturdays—11:00am





Build a Story

Tuesdays—6:00pm

Game Day

Wednesdays—11:00am & 2:00pm





Science Day

Fridays—11:00am & 2:00pm

What's New



We've been busy over the winter months reorganizing! Along with tidying up the children's area, our fiction and non-fiction sections have had a bit of an overhaul to reclaim some much-needed shelf space. Be sure to check out our new Classics and Children's Classics shelves!

Most exciting of all is that we have a fancy-dancy new website! The old

website, while serviceable, was in need of updating, so we changed the platform to Wordpress and now have an easy-to-navigate, clean and modern website.

Make sure to have a look at www.magnetawanlibrary.ca and check out our online calendar and blog! Drop a comment to let us know what you think.



66 A book is a dream

you hold in your hands."

— Neil Gaiman

Literary News



In February, several articles were published about the prestigious Laura Ingalls Wilder Award being renamed to the Children's Literature Legacy Award. Wilder, who lived from 1867 to 1957, and wrote the semi-autobiographical stories of the Little House on the Prairie was the first recipient of the award in 1954. The award (administered by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association) recognizes "a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children". The ALSC announced the decision to strip Wilder's name from the award citing racism in her writing.

There is no doubt that some their website a www.alsc.ala.c found in the eight books published between 1932 and 1943 are deeply racist towards black and indigenous people. Given the

time period of the stories set within the context of colonialism, it would be more surprising not to find words and phrases that thinking and compassionate people find offensive in our time. Changing the name of the award will never change the horrors of slavery and genocide, and erasing these prevailing historical attitudes may only doom us to repeat history. Perhaps it's better to leave it as it is so that we can discuss how problematic and downright hurtful that kind of language is, and celebrate how far we have come rather than to pretend it never happened.

The ALSC published their decision and official statement on their website at http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2018/02/board-action-update-laura-ingalls-wilder-award/

Event Highlights

During the off-season, we host a number of workshops at our monthly Tea Time event, held the first Wednesday of the month.

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We had a fantastic turnout for Valentine Chocolate Making, including a few men from the community. And why not? Men like chocolate, too. Special thanks to Cathy Gauthier for documenting the event.

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Trisha Mundell walked the group through the process of making kombucha, a traditional fermented tea. She also explained the many health benefits that come from drinking kombucha, as well as demonstrating various ways of flavouring your tea.

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You may recall that Mother Nature threw a fit during the first week of April (and beyond), so we send out a big thank you to our intrepid patrons who braved the weather to attend our Appetizer Workshop.

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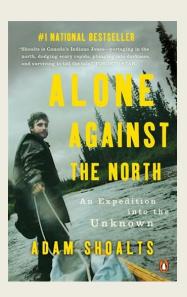


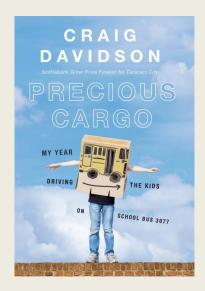


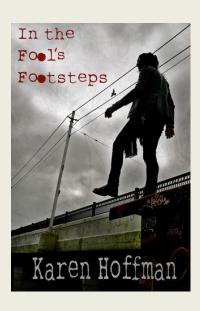
The paper flower workshop, also led by multi-talented Lorinda, was almost stormed out, but we had a couple of brave souls make their way to the library to make these beautiful creations.

Book Club

The Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month for coffee and tea, home-baked treats and rousing discussion. They may not always agree, but it's always a good time. Stay tuned to our blog for reviews of upcoming books!







Library Hours

We have received a number of questions regarding our hours during the summer months. To clarify, the library does NOT have different summer hours. Year-round, the library is open at the following times:

Sunday – CLOSED

Monday – CLOSED

Tuesday – 10:00am-3:00pm; 6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday – 10:00am-4:00pm; 6:00-8:00pm

Thursday – CLOSED

Friday – 10:00am-5:00pm

Saturday – 10:00am-2:00pm

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