



For meeting to be held on: <b>September 24, 2013</b>	Submitted by: <b>Julie Gonyou (DeVries), County Librarian</b>	For: <b>Information</b>
Subject: <h2>COUNTY LIBRARIAN UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2013</h2>		

**BACKGROUND**

As directed by the Library Board, every month the County Librarian will pass on to the community and the Library Board an account of accomplishments and highlights of the library over the past month and information about upcoming library events and programs.

**Collections:**

- On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Middlesex County Library launched Zinio – a collection of 60 eMagazines. Digital magazines are a terrific complement alongside eBook offerings. If a library user is already reading books on their tablet, it is likely they will also enjoy reading digital magazines. Zinio provides access to thousands of publications with multi-user access, including some interactive content with video and sound. There are no waiting lists, no due dates, and readers can keep the magazines on their device as long as they choose.
- Use of Freegal – a collection of downloadable music made available to the public in July has continued to grow.

**Staff Update**

- A reception honouring Mary McIntyre and her tenure as Mt. Brydges Supervisor will be held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at the Mt. Brydges Library. Subsequent to this retirement, County Librarian has posted the position of part-time Branch Supervisor for Mount Brydges Library.

**Enhanced eResources**

As part of a monthly electronic resource training program completed by staff, September will view a short training video and answer questions about the CNIB Library Partners Program.

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**Branch Highlights**

**Lucan:** Had a busy summer, with 208 children registered in the Summer Reading Club program (ages 4-14) who read 1223 books this summer. It was also interesting to note that equal numbers of boys and girls registered in this program. Over 70 people were entertained by magician Captain Corbin at our Summer Reading Wrap Up Party this year, and many positive comments about the program were received at this event.

The Hot or Not program (ages 11-14) was very successful with the 25 “twens” registered, writing approximately 105 reviews in order to be entered in the Hot or Not Party in a Box draw.

**Melbourne:** August was a very busy month at the Melbourne library. Summer Reading was a huge success with 30 kids who participated and read 459 books. Most of the children came three times a week and were incredibly keen. One program offered at Melbourne involved a representative from the conservation area. The presentation was informative and interesting.

**Mount Brydges:** Mount Brydges had 125 kids registered. They read over 1000 books. Story times in the summer were extremely popular. The movie offered in August was “Brave” which created a lot of interest for both children and adults. In September, the library looks forward to our new improved hours. The patrons are very excited about the longer days and more consistent hours. To celebrate the consolidated branch hours, Mt Brydges Library will show afternoon movies on two Fridays.

**Glencoe:**

Summer Reading wrapped up with a great event! Captain Corbin entertained 65 kids and 35 adults with his jokes, magic tricks and interactive show. He was fantastic and everyone had fun! Summer story time was very well received with an average of 20 children each week. Commencing in September Glencoe will offer pilot programs of afternoon and Saturday story times.

**Kempfenfelt Residential Training Program for Staff**

County Librarian, Library Services Manager and three staff members attended the Kempfenfelt Conference Centre in early September. Full staff report will be submitted to the Library Board in October. Front-line staff participated in daily training, while library administration met with fellow Administrators of Rural-Urban Public Libraries of Ontario for the ARUPLO annual general meeting as well as a revision of ARUPLO guidelines.