



Committee Report

To: Councillor Garry Michi, Chair and
Members of the Museum Committee

From: Cathy McGirr
Director, Museum & Cultural Services

Date: March 2, 2023

Re: Programming Report - March 2023

Staff Recommendation:

The Programming report is for information only.

Background:

Black History Month: Erasing Erasure, February 25

For Black History Month, the Museum hosted a presentation by Dorothy Abbott of the Grey County Black Heritage Society, whose family escaped slavery via the underground railroad circa 1850, and local historian Aly Boltman. The duo spoke about their award-winning work that led to the recognition of more than 1,200 people, some from Bruce County, buried in unmarked graves in Owen Sound in what is now called Potter's Field. At the time of writing of this report we have 23 confirmed attendances.



Dorothy Abbott

Grey County Black Heritage Society

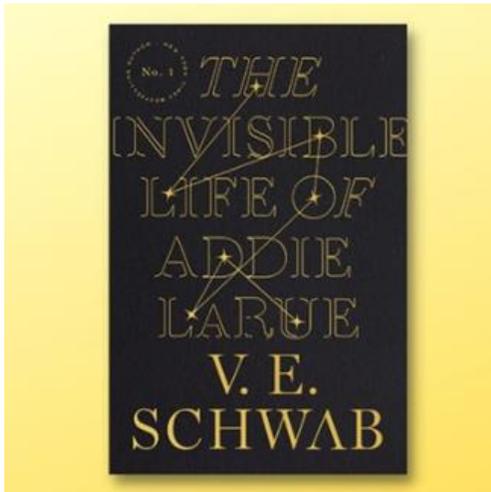


Aly Boltman

Local historian

Break out of the Bruce Book Club, February 8, 15, 22

The Museum hosted a free, three-part book club for anyone over the age of 55. Registration included a complimentary copy of *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by V.E. Schwab, and a volunteer was the book club facilitator. There were 17 participants enrolled and the novel was divided into three sections for discussion. The club was extremely successful with a lot of positive feedback. The program was funded by the Federal government's New Horizons for Seniors program.



Animal Antics Family Day Show, February 20

Family Day 2023 went to the dogs with our successful event, Animal Antics. This event showcased the wonders of the animal kingdom with shows by Speaking of Wildlife and Zoo-to-You! All three of our animal themed shows were sold out at 104 theatre capacity and at the time writing we can expect over 250 people in attendance. The Saugeen Shores Rotary Club provided a lunch BBQ and Rabbit Dash Café was on site, along with the Carrols Animal Sanctuary. Presented by Ontario Power Generation.

Family Day 2023

ANIMAL ANTICS

Program

- 10:00 AM:** Doors Open; Rabbit Dash Café Service, OPG Gallery; Eco-Bird Feeder Craft, Lower Level Café
- 11:00 AM:** Zoo-to-You Show, Bruce Power Theatre
- 11:00 AM:** Saugeen Shore Rotary Club Lunch Service, Lower Level Café
- 12:30 PM:** Zoo-to-You Show, Bruce Power Theatre
- 2:00 PM:** Rabbit Dash Café & Saugeen Shores Rotary Club Lunch Service Closes
- 2:00 PM:** Speaking of Wildlife Show, Bruce Power Theatre
- 3:00 PM:** Family Day Concludes

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March Break Family Fun, March 13-17

Visit the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre for a week's worth of fun for the whole family! This March Break prepare to be awed by magic, get up close and learn things you never knew about wild animals, and explore the science of space! Explore the exhibits where you will see wood turning demonstrations, cannon firings and robot wars!

March 13 - Museum Deep Dive - 11AM

March 14 - Baker Magic - 11AM

March 15 - Speaking of Wildlife - 11AM

March 16 - Space Science - Shows at 11:30AM and 12:30PM

March 17 - Wild Ontario Bird Show - 11AM

<https://www.brucemuseum.ca/event/march-break-family-fun-2023/>

MUSE-TALK Jr., March 18

Get those singing voices warmed up and ready! Our very first MUSE-TALKS JUNIOR event will be hosted by opera singer and vocal coach Erin Milley-Patey who will guide families through some of Disney's greatest hits from the early 90s to now in our Bruce Power Theatre, accompanied by Christina Edwards on piano, while exploring music theory the science of sound. Presented by Georgian College.

<https://www.brucemuseum.ca/event/muse-talks-jr-disney-sing-along/>

Making a Monologue Part Two, April 1

Join us for a free act class: Making a Monologue. Participants will enjoy acting and movement lessons from professional acting coaches Julia Scaringi and Leo Dragonari, and a chance to present a monologue (if they want to). This is the second part of a two-part class that started last fall. Presented by New Horizons for Seniors

<https://www.brucemuseum.ca/event/making-a-monologue-part-two/>

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

Financial considerations for this report are related to the New Horizons for Seniors Grant which provided funding for both the Book Club and the Making a Monologue programs.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

No interdepartmental consultation was needed for this report.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #3 - Find creative new ways to engage our public.

Museum Strategic Plan Alignments:

Strategic Pillar #1 - Expanding BCM&CC's role as a community hub for the entire County.
Objective 1.2: Establish BCM&CC as a centre of cultural activity.

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