



Library Board Report

To: Members of the Bruce County Library Board

From: Kathryn Hauck, Branch Supervisor, Tobermory and Lion's Head Branches

Date: May 26, 2025

Re: Tobermory Branch Update

Staff Recommendation:

The Tobermory Branch Update is for information.

Background:

The Tobermory Branch has changed to its summer hours as of Tuesday May 20, 2025. With these hours, the branch is now open an additional day during the summer months, Sundays from 12:30 to 4:30. With increased tourism in Tobermory and the library being a space that provides free wifi, use of computers and a safe space to sit and relax, the additional summer hours support this growth.

The Municipality of North Bruce Peninsula has been working on maintenance and repairs at the library. The branch has received a new back door. The front entrance steps, as well as the back ramp and parking lot are to be completed as both areas have erosion and safety issues to address. The MNBP has the work tendered out and a completion date is expected at the time of this meeting.

Tobermory Branch has been very busy over the winter months. I held an adult Spice Making workshop that was very well attended, and Valentines for Seniors was a great success with over 60 cards being given to the Bradley Davis Apartment Complex.

The Friends of the Tobermory Branch continue to support programming at the branch outside of what is already provided. At the beginning of this month, the Friends sponsored David T. Chapman to present his Weird and Wacky Ontario Weather. In July, the Friends will sponsor both the Canadian Raptor Conservancy and Scales Nature Reserve.

I continue to do outreach with the local school. From January 2025-April 2025, I attended St. Edmunds Public School to run the Forest of Reading program for grades JK- Grade 3. Once or twice a month (depending on the weather) I went to the school and read two books from the Blue Spruce reading list, as well as completed a craft based on one of the books

read. At the end of the program, the students voted on their favorite book from the ten I read.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

None.

Link to Strategic Plan:

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