



April 2021 Muskoka Lakes Public Library Newsletter



Bits and Bites

As the weather steadily improves watch for the used book trolley outside the Port Carling branch. You can find some awesome deals on it! It's just one of the ways to [support your Muskoka Lakes Public Library!](#)

Both book return slots are open now that the ice has cleared from the back of the building. The upper return remains open all year, as does the one in Bala. We still continue to quarantine returned items for 72 hours so do not worry if you see items on your library record that you know you have returned within the last few days. Any overdue fines accrued during the quarantine time are removed once we check the items in. A welcome bit of news for all of you that borrow children's items: [the board](#) has passed a motion to waive [overdue fines](#) on children's items returned late. Items will still show as overdue in your record though, and we do appreciate promptness in returns, but we felt it may have been an unnecessary burden on families to have fines placed on items that are for children.

Another improvement that you will notice once we open our doors to in-library browsing ([not until our region is in at least the Orange level](#)) is the addition of a water bottle refill station, on the lower level of the Port Carling branch, purchased through the generosity of [The Friends of the Library](#).

Remember to check our [Facebook](#) page, [Instagram](#) account, and [YouTube](#) channel for updates.



Sing!
For children
in grades one through six.

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Get in on the Zoom author
events with other Muskoka
readers.

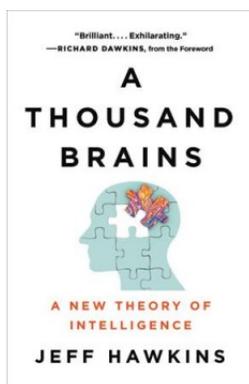
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Take-and-Make
We have crafts and activities
for adults and for kids.

[Tell Me More](#)

New non-fiction



[A thousand brains : a new theory of intelligence](#)

by Jeff Hawkins

A leading neuroscientist presents a new theory of intelligence based on research that he and his team have done into the ways that the brain uses maplike structures to build a model of everything we know. 20,000 first printing.



[Elizabeth & Margaret : the intimate world of the Windsor sisters](#)

by Andrew Morton

A biography of Queen Elizabeth II and her sister Margaret examines their early idyllic youth as the closest of sisters as well as their often fraught relationship after their father's death and Elizabeth's ascension to the throne. 75,000 first printing.

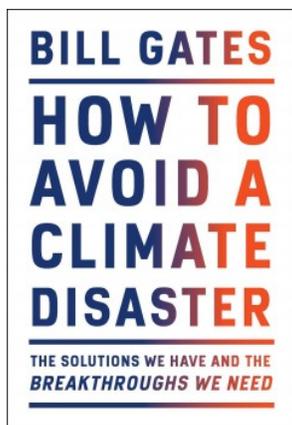
[A honeybee heart has five openings : a year of keeping bees](#)

by Helen Jukes

A new homeowner describes her emotional and rewarding journey over the course of a year, after she was given a colony of honeybees as a gift



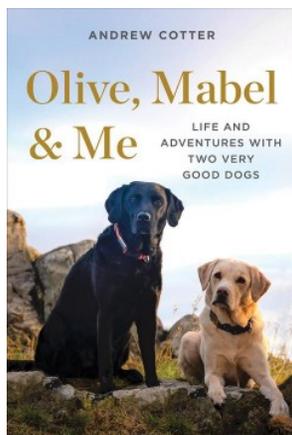
and learned how to care for and live alongside the fascinating creatures. Illustrations.



How to avoid a climate disaster : the solutions we have and the breakthroughs we need

by Bill Gates

The technologist, business leader and philanthropist who founded Microsoft draws on the input of experts in physics, chemistry, biology, engineering, political science and finance to create an accessible, concrete plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and avoid certain environmental disaster. Illustrations.



Olive, Mabel & me : life and adventures with two very good dogs

by Andrew Cotter

Tells the story of Olive and Mabel, Labrador retrievers who rose to internet fame as the subjects of Andrew Cotter's BBC sports parodies.

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