



**GREY HIGHLANDS
PUBLIC LIBRARY**



APRIL 2026 CEO Report

Adult Services

Author Talk – Jeffrey R. Thomas

An author talk with Jeffrey R. Thomas was held on April 9 in Chatsworth, featuring his book *The Broken Furrow: The Tale of a Welsh Farmer in Canada*. Ten engaged attendees listened to selected excerpts followed by a discussion and Q&A period.



Gardening with Kanopy

On April 10 in Flesherton, participants were introduced to the Library's Kanopy streaming service, with a focus on accessing *The Great Courses*. The session highlighted the value of these resources, which are typically available only through paid subscriptions outside the library.

Let's Make Earth Balls

Let's Make Earth Balls was held on April 22 in Flesherton and made use of the first sunny day of the season, with program tables set up outdoors. The session welcomed one GHSS teen and seven adult participants, who worked together to create seed-based Earth Balls. Several members of the Flesherton Beautification Committee also stopped by during the program. Native seeds for the activity were generously donated by Fiddlehead Nursery, supporting local ecological planting and community beautification efforts..



Perennial Food Plants

The Library hosted a presentation by the Grey County Master Gardeners, Perennial Food Plants, on April 24 in Flesherton. Twelve participants were registered for the program.

Closet Writers

A new program, Closet Writers, is scheduled to take place on April 29 in Flesherton in partnership with the Owen Sound Poet Laureate. Based on interest, the program may continue on a monthly basis.

Upcoming Event: The Spring Café

The Library will host The Spring Café on Thursday, May 7, at the Flesherton Kinplex, featuring award-winning Canadian author Terry Fallis. The evening will include an author talk, discussion of Fallis's latest novel *The Marionette*, and an audience Q&A. Doors will open at 6:30 PM, with the event beginning at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available at all GHPL branches for \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door.

GREY HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS


The Spring Café!

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST TERRY FALLIS

Join us for an exciting evening with award-winning Canadian author Terry Fallis as he shares stories from his writing career, discusses his latest release, *The Marionette*, and answers audience questions.

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A portrait of Terry Fallis, a middle-aged man with glasses and a blue patterned shirt, sitting in front of a bookshelf. The background of the entire graphic is a dark green with light green bokeh circles.

Teen Services

Teen Drop-In – Marbled Easter Eggs

A special Easter-themed Teen Drop-In was held on April 2 in Markdale, featuring marbled Easter egg decorating. The session welcomed ten teens, including several returning participants from Grey Highlands Secondary School. This program was offered as a make-up drop-in in response to sessions missed earlier in the year due to winter weather and snow days, and provided teens with an opportunity to reconnect in a creative and social setting.



Children's Programming

Storytime

April Storytime themes included Easter, Colours, Chicks, and Plants. During the Chicks theme, children sang new songs, listened to stories, and talked about baby animals and spring. An Easter egg hunt was also included as part of Storytime activities.

School Visits

The Library welcomed two class visits from Beavercrest Community School. We also hosted a visit from the Grade 2 to 3 French Immersion class from MacPhail Memorial School, where children enjoyed a story and borrowed Simple Machines STEAM kits.

PA Day Programming

The April 24 PA Day program featured a visit from Carolyn Morris and included a chick-themed experience. Children were able to see chicks up close and ask questions during the program, which tied in with spring and farm themes already familiar from Storytime.



Mother's Day Mug Making

A Mother's Day mug-making program is scheduled for Saturday, May 9. Children will decorate mugs during the session to create a gift to take home for Mother's Day.



Homeschool Program

The homeschool group participated in a visit to the Flesherton Fire Station that was enjoyed by all. Twelve children and their parents took part in this educational experience with the Flesherton firefighters, including a tour of the station and an opportunity to climb aboard the fire truck. A second homeschool program, Paint a Pot and Plant a Seed, was held on April 23. During the session, children examined pea seeds that had been sprouted on different days and used magnifying glasses to closely observe roots and leaves at various stages of growth. The next homeschool program is scheduled for May 28.

Staff Development

Becky Hill completed the Canadian Literature and Multimedia courses as part of the LIT program, strengthening subject knowledge and professional expertise in readers' advisory and collection awareness.

Jeff Rosenberg completed the APMG Change Management Foundation course and successfully passed the certification exam, supporting continued professional development in organizational change and leadership.