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The GLC will be taking a break this summer, from the middle of June until the beginning of August.

We would like to thank all of our readers for subscribing. We wish all of you a happy and safe summer, and we can't wait to reconnect with you when we return in the fall. Until then, have a summer full of adventures through reading!

The GLC Team

Avoiding The Summer Slide

The summer slide is the knowledge that learners lose during the summer months when not attending school, and it applies to both school-aged children and adults. Teachers, on average, spend up to *four weeks* reteaching materials from the previous year after the summer holidays to get students back to their pre-summer vacation level.



How can families avoid this slide when it comes to reading? For both adults and children, the key is to engage in reading. Here are a few tips to help curb the reading slide during the summer break:

- Make books available everywhere; at home, in the beach bag, in the car, and anywhere you might be able to grab a few moments to read!
- Visit your local library or small, independent book stores in your area.
- Join a community book club, or create one! This might be an especially fun activity for children.
- Put aside 20 minutes in your daily routine for reading time, either for yourself or by reading to others.
- Read different kinds of things to stay engaged: comic books, blogs, newspapers, magazines, and so on.
- Listen to audiobooks or podcasts while you do physical activities.
- Prioritize social or family activities that incorporate reading, such as cooking (reading recipes) or have a family/friends game night with Scrabble or Boggle.
- Explore new things – did you know that many local attractions require reading? Some ideas for the GLC area: the Dorbel-Roberts House in Parc Forillon, the Bioparc in Bonaventure, the Kempffer Cultural Interpretation Centre in New Carlisle, the Micmac Interpretation Site in Gaspé, and the Garden of Glaciers in Baie-Comeau to name a few!

Activities



Rob Lutes Finale

Through a partnership with Wakeham Adult Vocational Education Center (WAVEC), the GLC offered virtual song writing workshops with well-known musician Rob Lutes.

Participants will be able to showcase their songs in a grand finale hosted through The Gaspesian Way. Thank you to Rob Lutes, Dave Felker, and all the talented artists!

Pottery Workshops

In partnership with WAVEC, the GLC hosted two pottery workshops led by Sarah Ternoir of Ternoir Céramique. One session was geared towards families, while the second was exclusive to adults. Participants were introduced to working with clay, and were able to create their own ornaments and cups to take home. A special thanks to Sara Ternoir for these wonderful workshops!



Painting Sessions Winner

To cap off our painting workshops with Linda Drody, one lucky participant won a painting created by Linda herself! Congratulations to Mrs. Flora Grant and thank you to Linda Drody and WAVEC for partnering with us.

Activities

Love Of Literacy Kits

In partnership with Vision Gaspé-Percé Now, GLC offered seniors (60+) Literacy Kits including puzzles, books and some tasty treats! Thanks to everyone who registered, and enjoy your kits this summer!



WORDS AND ART!
A fun online Zoom session combining art and writing activities around the theme of self-care.

A close-up photo of a person with long brown hair and glasses, wearing a white shirt, is sitting at a desk and drawing on a piece of paper with a red pencil. There are several colored pencils (blue, green, orange, red) lying on the desk next to the paper.

Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 3rd from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Max 8 participants

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To reserve your spot contact Chelsea Flowers at chelsea@gclcliteracy.ca OR leave a message on our Facebook page

Art Journaling

Kate Strickland offered a second workshop this spring, which discussed expressing oneself through art journaling. Using words and photos, the session focused on self-care and well-being. Thank you to Kate and WAVEC for making this activity possible.

Canada Book Week

The GLC participated in Canada Book Week this year by offering a virtual session where Charlene and Wilson Bearhead spoke to New Richmond High School students. A special thanks to the authors, Charlene and Wilson Bearhead, Kim Fessenden, the CLC at NRHS, and the teachers and students who participated. Thank you to The Canadian's Children Book Center for making this possible.



Graduating through Covid-19

Preparing for this year's graduation was a little wild. For the past two years, many things have been less special, or cancelled completely, especially leading up to big life changes. For example, getting a grad dress is usually a big event for girls, but I just ordered mine online and hoped it would fit, which made the experience a little underwhelming. And if your dress doesn't fit, your choices are to get it adjusted or order a whole new one and hope it arrives in time. With restrictions constantly changing, planning for grad is so difficult, because it's impossible to know what the restrictions will be on the final day.

Fundraising has also been a huge challenge. Normally, we have several events to get enough to pay for the grad, but since we weren't allowed direct contact with others this year, we couldn't fundraise in the same way. We had to make do with the two activities we were allowed to hold and hope we could make enough money. Thankfully, we met our goal, but it has been stressful! Overall though, I'm so happy that we'll get a grad this year, and I think I'll enjoy how it turns out.

- Courtney Touzel, grade 11 student at GPS

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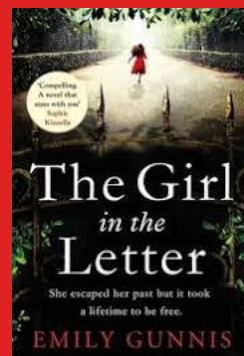
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Book Spotlight

The Girl In The Letter By Emily Gunnis



The Hate U Give By Angie Thomas

