

Cramahe readers are hitting the books



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Cramahe residents are using their libraries like never before.

Cramahe Library Board Chief Executive Officer Mary Norton laid out the numbers for Cramahe Council at its first budget meeting of 2011 last Tuesday. Total circulation was up 24% from 41,000 to 51,000 books. Computer usage jumped by 32%, with 4,518 users last year.

The Castleton Library re-opened and figures are up there. Comparisons were given with 2007, the last year it was operating before renovations were completed on the Castleton Town Hall. Readers borrowed 3,952 books last year when the library was open 12 hours a week. In 2007, when the library was open 17 hours, only 2,617 books went home.

As well, the libraries offered numerous programs including art and summer reading classes, and tutorials for elementary students needing academic help. Children's Storytime saw 285 kids on the carpet. Over 350 lessons were taken in the art classes held in both library branches. Fifty-one kids took in the summer reading program offered at both locations.

Ms. Norton appears to be asking council to give her the same amount as she spent last year when the library board budgetted \$132,000. It ultimately spent about \$140,000.

The additional monetary request for 2011 over the budget of 2010 appears to be to cover salary costs for additional staff, programs not funded elsewhere, and for a two-hour increase in the CEO's hours to 12 hours per week.

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Teddy Bears enjoy their picnic

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The teddy bears, and just about everyone else who attended the Castleton United Church annual Teddy bears Picnic had a swell time. The Saturday gathering included a talent show, crafts and jams for sale from local vendors, a bake table, tea and sandwiches, and a silent auction.

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SENATE HONOURS LATE MEMBER NORTHUMBERLAND TODAY Tunney remembered Feb. 22/11

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NORTHUMBERLAND — The late Senator James (Jim) Francis Tunney of Grafton honoured in the Canadian Senate Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The protocol is that members Senate stand in place and make comments about their former member, said User of the Black Rod's office, Jan Potter.

Tunney died in Northumberland Hills Hospital last September.

Local MP Rick Norlock said the Senate custom is that those who worked and travelled with him during his time in the Senate would make be

part of the tribute.

The tribute can be accessed on the internet via www.parl.gc.ca under Today in Parliament, the Senate, order papers and latest debates, Potter said.

Tunney, who was born in 1927, served in the Senate from 2001 to 2002, when he turned 75 and was required to retire.

His passion was farming and he was a supporter of the agriculture industry locally, provincially, nationally and internationally.

He served on the Senate's agriculture advisory committee.

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