

Pack books and DVDs for your vacation trip

Ah, the lazy, hazy days of August. For many this is time to escape the work-a-day world and head up to Cottage Country. And while your local public library is not usually the first place you would think of as you start your packing, here are a few books and more that might help you on your way.

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Atlas to find what you are looking for.

Need to keep the kids amused? *Kids Cottage Book* and *The Kids Cottage Games Book* by Jane Drake have some great ideas for cottage-friendly activities. You can even pick

up some DVDs for rainy days or audiobooks for the long drive.

Do you need a book to relax with? Why not read about someone else's Ontario Cottage Country experiences in *The Weekender: a Cottage Journal* by Roy MacGregor?

If you need more borrowing time so that you can take all these books, DVDs and audiobooks with you on your trip, just ask at the library check-out desk.

If you forget your books' return date, don't worry. Our new notification system e-mails you just before your library items are due back. Call 905-873-2681 or 519-853-0301 for more information on how to sign up for this service.

And have a lovely time away from it all! (Is there room for me in your suitcase?)

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Are you looking to purchase a cottage? *The Cottage Ownership Guide* by Douglas Hunter explains "how to buy, sell, rent, share, hand down and even retire to your waterfront gateway". Are you building a boat house, a guest house, or a cottage itself? *Waterfront Homes: 189 home plans for river, lake or sea* could help you explore different design options.

Is your cottage in need of a little maintenance? *The Cottage Bible* by Gerry Mackie and Laura Elise Taylor is packed with good advice. And does your boat need a little help too? Books like *The Essential Boat Maintenance Manual* by Jeff Toghill could help you do a little diagnosing and preventative care.

Okay, so you have arrived at the cottage but don't know where the best fishing spots or local parks are? Try *The Ontario Cottage Country Road and Recreation*



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