



Adopt-A-Library Literacy Program

Fighting crime one book at a time

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Thousands of Books on Their Way to Nova Scotia Children

The Adopt-a-Library Literacy Program will be delivering over 80,000 books to the nine Nova Scotian regional public libraries over the next week.

“These are brand new books that publishers have left in their warehouses.” explains Cst. John Kennedy, Provincial Coordinator of Adopt-a-Library. “The public libraries in the province work with local police, schools, and community groups to ensure these go directly into the hands of children. It’s all part of a long term strategy to have kids reading regularly. We know that reading plays an important role in helping children feel they have more options later in life, which in turn keeps them out of trouble with the law”.

The books are obtained from a number of national publishers for a nominal fee with the agreement they cannot be added to library collections. Instead, libraries, schools, police, and other groups use them as part of their programming, such as the annual Wow! Reading Challenge. This is the biggest delivery yet with over 80,000 books and a retail value of over \$700,000.

Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian of Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library is keen to receive this shipment. “For some it may seem strange for public libraries to be giving books away, but for me it’s all about children having books in their hands and in their homes. If they don’t have books around them, the chances of them reading are nil, as simple as that. I see every day the power that reading has to transform lives and we all need to do as much as we can to help that happen.”

For more information about the Program, visit www.fightingcrime.ca.

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For more information regarding the Adopt a Library Literacy Program, and a list of delivery dates and times, please contact the Provincial Coordinator,

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