



Welcome to the 2026 Season of The Net Shed



The Net Shed officially opened May 16th, 2026 for the 1st long weekend of the year.

Hours:

Victoria Day through to Thanksgiving
Saturday & Sunday 10-4
Friday in July & August 1-4
Holiday Mondays May to Sept. 10-4

Our Team also stock a mini library at the harbour, and Memorial Park. In addition, they supply the Long Term Care facility and a book cart at the Hospital.

The Net Shed Used Book Store

Since 1994, the Friends of Meaford Library have operated the volunteer-run used book store in the century-old Net Shed, generously loaned to us by the McKay family. The lovely old wooden building, with its sizeable lawn, is located at the corner of Bayfield & Collingwood Streets opposite the Museum.

Every Christmas we have a **BOOK TABLE** at the Library which in 2025 brought in \$451 of generous donations! A big Thank You to Chris and Robert Richardson and their volunteers who carried, sorted, replenished, and after all was said and done, made sure the unsold books returned to the Net Shed.





94 Bayfield Street, Meaford, Ontario N4L 1N4, Canada



100 Years!



In 1854 St. Vincent Council (which included Meaford) decided to found a library. Sixty British pounds were spent to buy books and distribute them to five locations throughout the township: Meaford, Griersville, Scotch Mountain, Cape Rich and Leaven's Corner.

The original Meaford Library location was D. L. Layton's store and was open two hours per week. In 1869 the township was persuaded by the local newspaper editor to amalgamate the five libraries into one central location at the printing office of The Monitor newspaper in Meaford.

The first public organization to help in funding the library was The Mechanics Institute. It was a group formed by public-minded citizens who added books to the collection, gave lectures and held music concerts. In 1887, the fees for The Mechanics Institute were one dollar per year, or fifty cents for single ladies.

In 1887, the library of about 1,000 volumes was located in Mr. and Mrs. MacKinnon's book and stationery store. Through 1891-1900 the library was located in various places in town until it settled above W. W. Stephen's drug store. In the early 1900's the town attempted to take over the library and make it a public facility funded by tax dollars. The town lost in the decision by one vote. When the new town hall was built in 1908 the library moved to the north east corner of the town hall. It was to remain there until 1967, when the town acquired the vacated post office building at 15 Trowbridge Street. In 1972 the children's library was opened in an area separate from the adult library and in 1982 a multi purpose room was opened in the basement. In 2018, after careful consideration of the broadening diversity of people and interests in the community, the Municipality agreed to renovate the site of the former grocery store. With the help of The Friends and the generous people of the community, a new library was born!





2026 Summer Sunday Concert Line-UP

Russ Bumstead Rotary Harbour Pavilion

🎵 Sunday, 28 June	Bayview Country
🎵 Sunday, 05 July	Beaker Granger
🎵 Sunday, 12 July	My Old Man (Lloyd Mohr)
🎵 Sunday, 19 July	The Brown's Classics
🎵 Sunday, 26 July	The Mill Pond Project
🎵 Sunday, 02 August	Allan Johnson
🎵 Sunday, 09 August	Bill Monahan
🎵 Sunday, 16 August	Amanda Dorey
🎵 Sunday, 23 August	William Henry
🎵 Sunday, 30 August	Grey & Blue (The Ebbs)
🎵 Sunday, 06 September	Bored of Education

Concerts Open to All

Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. at the Pavilion (weather permitting)
Admission - by a free-will donation to the Friends of Meaford Library

Please bring your own chair

Dress appropriately ... it is an outdoor venue



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Sunday, June 28



Beaker Granger
Sunday, July 5



My Old Man (Lloyd Mohr)
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The Brown's Classics
Sunday, July 19



The Mill Pond Project
Sunday, July 26



Allan Johnson
Sunday, August 02



Bill Monahan
Sunday, August 9



Amanda Dorey
Sunday, August 16



Will & Lynda Henry
Sunday, August 23



Grey & Blue (The Ebbs)
Sunday, August 30



For a full Bio
of your favourite group
check out our website



Bored of Education
Sunday, Sept 6





Volunteers !

Volunteers are the heart of any organization, and we certainly have the best of the bunch.

Sheila Carmichael's 90th Birthday !



Mayor Kentner helped to celebrate by presenting her with certificates from the Municipality of Meaford and pinning her with the Municipal Coat of Arms.

Paul Vickers, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound gave her a trio of pins from the Provincial Government.



Cake for all !



Join our group of dedicated and fun volunteers !
Open a new page in your life.
Some are 90 years young !

