

Festival Schedule 2023



**WORDPLAY, the literary festival for the young and young at heart:
Thursday, July 6, 2023 1 pm outside at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108 Garden**

Featured authors are Lana Button, reading to you from **The Cow Said BOO!** And Olga Manzoni, reading to you from **Mondays with Nonna.**

Bring your grownups! Bring your friends! No admission fee. Meet the authors **IN PERSON**, ask them questions, take selfies with them, take part in activities. Books for sale on site – buy them and get them autographed!
MC: Maryann Skinner

**ONWORDS, books and authors for pre-teen to young adult readers.
Thursday, July 6, 2023, 2:15 pm outside at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108 Garden**

Hear Lynette Richards read from **Call Me Bill** and explain the intricate artwork involved; and hear Andre Fenton read from **The Summer Between Us, Worthy of Love, and Annaka.**

Meet the authors, ask them questions, buy their books, get their autographs, take selfies with them.... MC – Internet sensation “Wild Willie”

Rain Venue for these two events is **INSIDE the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108

**Family Storytelling Campfire
Thursday, July 6, 2023. 6:30- 8:30 pm at Caldera Distilleries Patio**

No admission fee. Bring your tall tales, your ghost stories, your (family-appropriate) jokes to entertain each other; your lawn chairs, sweaters, and your friends to enjoy a down-home gabfest around the fire.

**Write Words, a workshop all about writing for children
Friday, July 7, 10 am- noon at the Anglican Hall, 1917 Highway 6, River John.**

Led by Tatamagouche-UK author Michelle Robinson. There is no fee, but registration is necessary: please email contact@readbythesea.ca, through the website. Bring paper and pencil.

Heritage Story Walk

Friday, July 7, 10am at the River John Heritage Society Museum

Tour historic and storied village sites with the Heritage Society members. Dress for the weather and for walking. No admission fee.

Noon break

Places to eat in River John: Overstreet Café, Yaps Place, and What's for Dinner Food Truck

Open Mic, hosted by the Pictou County Writers' Group.

Friday, July 7, 1pm - 3pm at the Anglican Hall, 1917 Highway 6, River John

Bring a portion of your "work-in-progress," a sample from the morning's workshop or another piece of writing to share with a congenial audience – or join the audience.

Pitch the Publisher

Saturday, July 8, 9am – 10:30 am at Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 2506 River John Station Rd

Sponsored by Read by the Sea and the Atlantic Publishers Marketing Association, this event sees authors pitch their manuscripts to a panel of publishers – a literary dragon's den! Audience welcome. See www.readbythesea.ca for details. Moderator John Ashton.

Main Stage

**Saturday, July 8, 11am - 3:30 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108 Garden
(Rain venue is the River John Fire Hall)**

MC – Rebecca Silver Slayter

Interviewers – Joan Baxter, Lana MacEachern

11:00 am – Bruce Bishop

11:45 am – Angela Bowden

Lunch break with music by Carol Campbell-Smith and Jim White, books for sale, meet the authors, raffle tickets for sale

1:45 pm Whit Fraser

2:30 pm Nancy Regan

3:15 All author panel

Raffle Draw and – That's a wrap!

