

Book exchange event

Overview

This event would invite community members to bring gently used books to exchange for other books brought by attendees. Participants without a book to exchange may purchase one by donation (suggested amount of \$2), with proceeds going towards offsetting the cost of the event.

Objective

The event aims to strengthen community connections and promote knowledge sharing by creating a welcoming space for reading, book exchange, and informal socializing over coffee and refreshments. It also serves to raise awareness of the upcoming Hunt Club Library opening in 2027.

Location

Hunt Club Community Centre (10 AM-2 PM)

Proposed Dates

November 21 (backup date Nov 28)

Logistics

- Book a room at the Hunt Club Community Centre (preferably with natural light)
- Set up designated areas for:
 - Book exchange tables
 - Seating for reading and conversation
 - Welcome/check-in table
 - Refreshments table

Supplies & Refreshments

- Coffee (community café partnership, e.g., Second Cup, or Keurig with K-cups for approx. 6–10 servings per pack, ~\$20)
- Assorted baked goods (Costco purchase, community donations, or local bakery contributions)
- Cold beverages
- Hot water for tea

Budget Estimate

\$150 (coffee, beverages, baked goods)

\$50 (room rental)

Considerations & Partnerships

- Baked goods could be sourced through a mix of bulk retail, community donations, or local bakeries
- Local cafés and businesses may be approached for in-kind contributions in exchange for promotional recognition at the event
- Collaboration with Ottawa Public Library could be explored, including donated books and potential staff attendance to provide updates on the Hunt Club Library project and collect direct feedback from the community.
- A puzzle exchange can also be run at the event
- To reduce waste, people will be encouraged to bring their own mugs and cups. Some cups will be available on site.
- OSEAN has large percolators, coffee, grinder, coffee maker and beans that could be set up at the Community Centre kitchen.