

Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour

Collection of breast cancer materials now available (09/05/08)

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FREDERICTON (CNB) – A new collection of breast cancer materials available through New Brunswick public libraries and bookmobiles was unveiled today by Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour Minister Donald Arseneault.

“As minister responsible for public libraries and bookmobiles in the province, I am delighted to see that government and not-for-profit organizations have worked together to develop this progressive partnership,” said Arseneault. “With our government’s goal to be self-sufficient by 2026, this partnership is an example of the positive outcome that can result when New Brunswickers work together.”

The goal of securing funding for the collection was to provide new materials for individuals of all ages who have been touched by breast cancer, or who want to learn more about all facets of breast cancer. The resources, in both English and French, include autobiographies, reference books, CDs, healthy eating guides, and books explaining breast cancer to children.

“These resources will enable breast cancer patients to make more informed decisions about their treatment, and for their families to better understand the disease and the importance of their support in the recovery process,” said Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation representative Angie McAuley. “We are proud to have partnered with the Friends of the New Brunswick Public Library Foundation to make this happen.”

The collection was purchased through a funding collaboration between the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation – Atlantic Region, the Friends of the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation, the New Brunswick Public Library Service, and the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

“I am delighted to be a part of this partnership between the Friends of the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation – Atlantic Region,” said Charles Ramsey, chair of the Friends of the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation. “My son-in-law is an oncologist, and I’ve watched with great admiration as the research he and his colleagues are able to engage in, with help from the cancer foundations, brings the day closer when cancer will be only a bad memory.”

The funding also enabled the Friends of the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation to produce an information brochure that will be distributed throughout the provincial library system and to doctors’ offices, breast-screening clinics, breast cancer support groups and other locations so that New Brunswickers will know where to get access to these new resources.

“Libraries and bookmobiles are a very important component of our province,” said Arseneault. “Our 65 public libraries and bookmobiles are the place of choice where New Brunswickers go to get the information they need to expand their knowledge and improve their lives. Access to these resources is absolutely free – all you need is a library card.”

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