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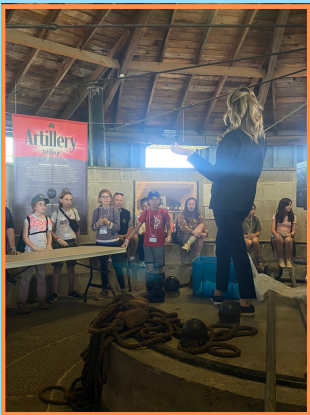
Hello everyone,

The sun is shining, summer is here and Murney Tower Museum is finally open for site visits. What a wonderful month we had! Since our opening on 20 May, the museum welcomed over a thousand visitors and is now seeing approximately one hundred more every single day. Among the many wonderful visitors who made our day this month was the little Tuxedo the Tripod who visited us this month and modelled during his visit. In June, we also welcomed students aged 5-14 from the Kingston Christian School, Glenburnie School, Turnbull School and Amherst Island School who visited the tower to explore its unique history and have shown enthusiasm for the learning about the various exhibits.

Among the many hits of this season is our brand new audio tour, which is frequently being used daily by visitors and has been praised for improving accessibility and providing an extra level of engagement to visits. We are truly proud of this work and can't wait to share it with more visitors in the coming months!

Looking ahead, we are very excited about our July events. Entitled "Curator in Training," the first one will take place on July 7th. In this special collections program, kids will get a chance to explore, handle, and curate different artifacts throughout the museum. The second one, "Murney Fest" will take place on July 29th and include special activities designed to celebrate the museum's 98th birthday!





Heritage Fair Visit



On June 3rd, the Murney Tower Museum had the pleasure of welcoming this year's Ottawa and Heritage Fair winners. The winners had a special day at the museum exploring its unique structure, meeting our assistants and curator, and gaining insights into museum collections and handling artifacts - like a curator!

The program consisted of two parts. First, our museum assistants, Luke and Cassandra, provided English and French tours to the winners. The winners came over from Ottawa and had an abundance of curiosity regarding the history of the Murney Tower and were engaged for the entirety of their visit. In the second part, the winners joined our Curator, Simge on the Gun Platform, where they had the chance to discuss curatorial work and look closely at some of the artifacts. We had a wonderful time meeting with future historians and curators and sharing the history of our unique site with them!



Sunset on the Cruise

On June 2nd, the Murney Tower Museum team was invited to join other K-PASS partners and museums on the 1000 Islands Sunset Cruise. We loved sightseeing the various islands throughout the St. Lawrence River. The team's favourite part was seeing Murney's sibling towers, the Fort Frederick, Shoal, and Cathcart towers. We enthusiastically examined them and discussed their similarities with our dear Murney Tower.

The Murney team also enjoyed a three-course dinner accompanied by live music throughout the three-hour cruise. The experience was made evermore enjoyable with the excellent service provided by the 1000 Island Cruise's staff.

This was a great way to kick off the summer season for our team! We would love to thank to 1.000 Island Tours for hosting us and K-PASS for partnering with us this summer.

