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Dear Alexa,

Happy Labour Day Weekend! With August coming to an end, we're getting ready to say goodbye to our visitors as our 100th operating season officially comes to a close. Our summer has been full of fun events, Centennial celebrations, and community engagement. We'd like to thank everyone who visited us this summer as we celebrated our Centennial year. We have a few more things planned for 2025, so it's not too late to show your support!

On **September 7th**, we'll be at the **Great Lakes Museum** to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. From **11-3 PM**, you can find us at the Great Lakes Museum with some fun Murney-themed arts and crafts activities.

On **September 13th**, you can find us at the KFPL Central Branch for a special storytime event from **2-4 PM**. Join us for a reading of *The Time-Travelling Adventures of Mr. Murney*, crafts, and snacks!

Keep reading for more information on these events and the other exciting things going on at the museum. Thanks for an amazing 100th operating season - see you next May!



Upcoming Events



Library Story Time at the KFPL Central Branch

Join us for a special Mr. Murney storytime event! On **Saturday, September 13th from 2-4 PM**, we'll be at the Kingston Frontenac Public Library Central Branch (130 Johnson Street) for a reading of *The Time-Travelling Adventures of Mr. Murney*.

Enjoy refreshments, arts and crafts, and fun activities while you listen to our history through Mr. Murney's eyes!

Registration is required for this free event. Make sure you grab your spot before they fill up!

[Get Tickets Here](#)



Phantoms of Yore Paranormal Investigations

Fall is here and it's time to get spooky! Phantoms of Yore and the Haunted Walk are back at Murney Tower Museum for another year of historical haunts and ghost investigations. If you've ever wanted to see a ghost, this may be your chance!

Phantoms of Yore will hold family-friendly sessions in the afternoon along with their late-night paranormal investigations on **October 10th, 11th, and 12th** at Murney Tower Museum.

To learn more and to get your tickets, click the link below!

[Get Tickets Here!](#)

Looking Back on August

August was a month full of Centennial celebrations! We held two events this month to celebrate our official 100th Anniversary, which was on August 1st. We had to throw at least one birthday party before the end of our summer operating season! The events held throughout this month were a chance to celebrate with our local community and our visitors from around the world. Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us and made our 100th operating season the best one yet!



Murney Tower Museum's 100th Birthday

Happy Birthday, Murney Tower Museum! On August 1st, we celebrated our official 100th Anniversary. The museum opened to the public for the first time on August 1st, 1925. The day was filled with cake, tea, and band music. We celebrated the same way this year at Murney Fest!



Storytime at the Visitor Information Centre

On August 1st, we were at the Kingston Visitor Information Centre for a special drop-in reading event. We read our children's storybook, *The Time-Travelling Adventures of Mr. Murney* to children and their families. We brought along special crafts, bubbles, and refreshments to make the day extra special!



Murney Fest 2025

Murney Fest was back for another year and it was bigger than ever! We celebrated the museum's 100th birthday with the community, including museum booths, live painting, re-enactors, live music, special refreshments, and you! It was a fun-filled day and a perfect way to celebrate the museum and our community.

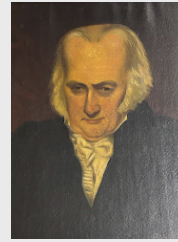
Staff Highlights

There's always something to be done at the museum! When we're not giving tours or hosting events, we're hard at work on various special projects. Here's a sneak peek of what Mackenzie, our Chief Museum Assistant, has been working on!



Hey Murney Friends! At the beginning of our operating season, I began exploring the vast number of artifacts in the Murney Tower Museum collection when I stumbled upon two interesting paintings. These mysterious and richly coloured portraits had me wondering who these figures were and what their connection to Kingston and Murney Tower Museum was. All I knew were their names, Naomi Grant Macpherson and David Macpherson. Intense research and investigation into our archives revealed that while this couple lived their entire lives in Scotland, their children made quite the careers for themselves in Kingston. They became deeply entwined in merchantry, business, and politics, and married well too! Now their parents are immortalized in the city that brought them success, honouring and continuing the Macpherson family legacy.

To learn more about these interesting figures and their connection to the history of Kingston, keep an eye out for my article!



CLOSED FOR THE SEASON!

Murney Tower Museum is closing for the season on **September 1st, 2025.**

Please [contact us](#) for special tours, field trips, classroom visits, or event information. See you next year!



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Murney Tower Museum acknowledges it is situated on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe. We recognize that this is shared land through the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Covenant with Anishinaabe, Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee nations hundreds of years ago. We are grateful to continue to share this land to teach, learn, celebrate, and live.



Murney Tower Museum acknowledges with thanks the continued support of the City of Kingston and the Kingston and Area Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites.

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