

## Living Libraries are here

**T**hursday, January 13 and Tuesday, January 18 are the two evenings when the Living Libraries events will be taking place at the Foreman Art Gallery at Bishops University. Both evenings are free and everyone is invited.

What is a living library and what can you expect to see and do at these events? If you've visited the Foreman Gallery then you know the room is large with plenty of space to meander. Well, the Living Libraries has transformed the space into an interactive exchange of knowledge, experience and stories. Posted on the living books wall you will see a photo with a description for each of the 30 living books who will be on site waiting to be borrowed. Choose a topic that's interesting to you; check to see if that living book is available to sign out. Then proceed to have your conversation with that living book which, we now know, is a person! Yes, a living book is a person!

Here's a small sample of some living books available to borrow at the events: Aboriginal midwifery, The Artist's Path, A History of Lennoxville, Why is Art a Therapy, Immigration Stories, Experiences in Teaching, How to Sharpen a Chainsaw, Business Improvement Techniques, and Growing up in the North. A complete list of living book topics can be found on the Foreman Art Gallery's website at [www.ubishops.ca/foreman](http://www.ubishops.ca/foreman)

Come, expecting to have fun. Experience a library with talking books.

In conjunction with this project, the Community art Lab of the Foreman Art Gallery is pleased to present a special talk by Michael Ridley, chief Librarian at the University of Guelph, on Wednesday, January 12 at 6 p.m. Mr Ridley, an expert in the field of post-literacy and the use of learning commons in libraries, will discuss the changing shape of cultural and intellectual memory in a post-literacy world.

Neighbour to Neighbour: Living Libraries is a collaboration between the Community Art Lab of the Foreman Art Gallery and Literacy in Action. For information contact: Yael or Sevan at [artlab@ubishops.ca](mailto:artlab@ubishops.ca) or at 819 822-9600 ext 2279. Or contact Kathy at 819 346-7009.