

Author of *Anatomy of a Séance* presents lecture on spiritualism at the Consecon library

"All about Spooks", is an upcoming lecture dealing with spiritualism by retired professor and author Stan McMullin.

The timely presentation for this Halloween month is on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 2p.m. and will focus on research that McMullin has collected and presented in Canada and abroad on the subject. He will speak about his adventures with those who commune with the dead, of people's strange encounters with the occult, and of his own experiences with strange happenings.

McMullin became interested in how Canadians used the séance to communicate with the dead following his research on Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King; yes there is a connection.

The author will also touch on how the media received his book, *Anatomy of a Séance: A History of Spirit Communication in Central Canada*.

The afternoon will provide ample opportunity for members of the audience to trade their stories and ask questions.

A professor of Canadian Studies, Stan McMullin spent his teaching years at the University of Waterloo and Carleton University. He has lived in Hillier with his wife Chris for the last 18 years and is presenting this lecture on behalf of the library, specifically as a fundraiser for the Consecon branch restoration project.

This is the first in a series of fundraising events for the project, which aims to address structural issues plaguing this over 150 year old historically significant building.

A major focus is restoring the unique Crown of Thorns style of steeple that graces the more than 150 year old stone church.

"We have already received a significant donation toward the restoration efforts from Mr. Phil Parkin for which we are extremely grateful," says Sweet. "This will be put towards immediate repairs needed so that the steeple structure is not compromised down the road."

The library does, however, still need to raise additional funds to complete the work.

"We will present a number of fundraisers that are in keeping with the library's mandate to inform, educate and provide enjoyment in the community," says library CEO Barbara Sweet. "We also welcome fundraising ideas that will further this project."

The Consecon branch of the library is held in high regard in the community and acts as a hub providing valuable library services, but also offering enriching activities such as class visits, book clubs and the recently formed Beginners Conversational French class now meeting on Tuesday mornings.

"We count this lecture by Stan McMullin as an excellent beginning to our formal fundraising efforts and look forward to what will be, without a doubt, a very entertaining and enlightening afternoon lecture."

Tickets for the lecture are \$10 and available at all branches of the library or can be reserved by e-mail at: [crenaud@peclibrary.org](mailto:crenaud@peclibrary.org) or [bsweet@peclibrary.org](mailto:bsweet@peclibrary.org) or by calling Barbara Sweet at 613-476-5962