



PRESS RELEASE

New Bat Packs Help TNRL Patrons Learn About Nocturnal Neighbours

Kamloops, BC – March 21, 2023 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) is offering a fun new program to get outside and explore the mysterious world of bats, which is free to access with your library card!

Our brand-new Bat Packs are an engaging tool to learn all about bats and their role in nature. Patrons can also download the free Echo Meter app to identify bat species by their calls and to record their sounds!

The Bat Packs are free to borrow with your library card from any TNRL location, and can be signed out for up to six weeks at a time with one renewal per patron.

Each TNRL Bat Pack contains:

- An Echo Meter Touch 2 (for use with Android devices)
- Micro-USB Adaptor
- *Bat Citizens: Defending the Ninjas of the Night* by Rob Laidlaw
- Bat-Friendly Communities Handbook

To celebrate the launch of our new Bat Packs, the TNRL will be hosting a special Storytime & Craft: All About Bats. This event will take place at the North Kamloops Library on March 31, 2023 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Bats have a lot to offer in local ecosystems; bats eat half of their body weight in insects each night, which helps the local agricultural industry. Bats are the only mammal that can fly, they sleep upside down and they see using their ears!

There is so much to learn about bats, so be sure to borrow a TNRL Bat Pack, get outside search for the sounds of bats in your neighbourhood. For more information on the program, and for tips when approaching bat habitats, please visit: tnrl.ca/bat-packs.

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