



# MURNEY NEWS

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Hello everyone,

It feels like just yesterday when we opened our doors to the public on May 18th for the 99th operating season of the museum. Every summer season, I experience the same excitement, eagerly awaiting the first group of visitors to pass through the metal doors of the tower, see our wonderful site, and be amazed by all the history it holds. They say time flies when you're having fun – and it's true. The past four months have flown by as we welcomed approximately 10,000 visitors from across Canada and around the world, organized six field trips, offered six special tours, hosted two special events, and participated in four community activities, all while creating wonderful and memorable experiences. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all 11,000 visitors who shared laughs and stories, told us about their homes and interests, and visited our one and only Murney Tower, making the 2024 operating season truly special. I also want to express my deepest gratitude to our 2024 dream team — George, Jago, Emma, and Alexa — for their enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work, and to the Kingston Historical Society for their ongoing support. We couldn't have done this without you! Thanks for supporting our little museum. We look forward to many more seasons together.

*Dr. Singe Erdogan-O'Connor, Director*







### Alexa's Summer Highlights

**Your favourite event this summer?** The Kids Take Over the Museum event which took place on July 17th. The event was organized in collaboration with the Museum of Health Care and filled the museum with joy and enthusiasm.

**Your favourite guided tour?** I loved giving guided tours to students and kids groups, they always had the best questions!

**Your favourite exhibit?** This year we hosted a pop-up exhibit by the Museum of Health Care called "Prepped for Surgery." It was a great way to tie our histories together.

**Your most memorable moment?** The numerous bats we had to catch.

**What made Murney special for you?** Working with a great group of people!

### George's Summer Highlights

**Your favourite event this summer?** I really enjoyed running activities with all the different community booths at Murney Fest which took place on August 3rd and had over 250 participants.

**Your favourite guided tour?** I enjoyed interacting with history buffs and learning more about the history of Kingston and the British military

**Your favourite exhibit?** The Hugh Connolly display, which is our only display dedicated to the soldiers of the Royal Rifle Canadian Regiment.

**Your most memorable moment?** Catching bats was always a highlight.

**What made Murney special for you?** Working at a site with such rich history.



### Emma's Summer Highlights

**Your favourite event this summer?** Kids Take Over the Museum Day. It was wonderful to open our doors to kids and hold activities in our space all day.

**Your favourite guided tour?** Giving French guided tours to some very grateful visitors.

**Your favourite exhibit?** I really enjoyed planning and setting up this season's "Vision & Visuality in the 19th Century" exhibit.

**Your most memorable moment?** We had a special staff Karaoke Night at Murney. It was a wonderful way to end and celebrate the success of the season.

**What made Murney special for you?** Seeing people come in for the first time and get excited about the space.

