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**ELAINE IONE SPRAUVE LIBRARY REOPENS OCTOBER 31 WITH
HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION FOR ST. JOHN FAMILIES**

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), through its Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums (DLAM), is pleased to announce the reopening of the Elaine Ione Sprauve Library on Saturday, October 31, 2026, with a special Halloween celebration for children and families on St. John.

To mark the occasion, the library will welcome the community back with a festive Halloween atmosphere, including decorations throughout the facility and library staff dressed as fun, family-friendly characters. Children are encouraged to join the celebration by dressing as their favorite character.

The reopening celebration will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will feature a variety of activities for children and families, along with light snacks, refreshments and Halloween candy for young visitors.

Schedule of Activities

- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Storytime
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Balloon Animals
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Face Painting
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Scavenger Hunt

The celebration provides an opportunity for families to reconnect with the Elaine Ione Sprauve Library while introducing young residents to the library in a fun, welcoming and engaging environment.

“We are excited to welcome the St. John community back to the Elaine Ione Sprauve Library and to celebrate this special occasion with our children and families,” said Commissioner Oriol. “Libraries are important gathering places where our young people can discover books, explore their creativity and develop a lifelong love of learning.”

Halloween gives us a wonderful opportunity to make the library's reopening an especially memorable experience for the community."

Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their children dressed as their favorite characters and join library staff for an enjoyable day of stories, creative activities, treats and Halloween fun.

DPNR and the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums look forward to welcoming residents back to the Elaine Ione Sprauve Library and continuing to provide the St. John community with access to library services, educational resources and community programming.