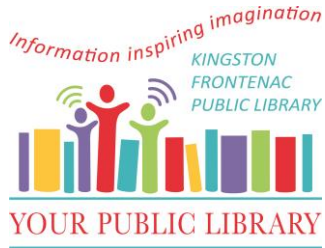

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KFPL Live presents: Spare Parts

The latest installment of **KFPL Live**, Kingston Frontenac Public Library's monthly speakers' series, is entitled **Spare Parts**. We are delighted to host this interactive presentation by Maxime Chouinard, Curator of the **Museum of Health Care**, as he explores the history of medical enhancements through the Museum's collection of dentures, prosthetics and pacemakers.

Paralympic athletes have made us familiar with modern prostheses, and many of us have or know someone with a high-tech pacemaker or extremely lifelike dentures. We probably all have a sense that these are just the latest versions of objects with a long history, perhaps remembering the story of George Washington's wooden teeth. In any century people may have been born without a limb, or risked losing one in battle or in an accident; even if nothing else happened, most could expect to lose teeth as they aged. Human ingenuity led to the development of replacement body parts, at least as far back as the ancient Egyptians. Modern advances, like synthetic materials and myoelectricity, where electrical signals from a patient's muscles are used to move an artificial limb, are built on a long tradition.

The presentation takes place on **Thursday, February 22 at 2 p.m.**, at Isabel Turner branch and will include artefact handling.

This event is open to all adults and teens, but seating is limited. To avoid disappointment, please register in advance. Registration opens online at events.kfpl.ca and by phone at (613) 549-8888 as of 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 10. For more information, visit www.kfpl.ca

Next month's **KFPL Live** will take place on Saturday, March 31, at 2:30 p.m. at Calvin Park Branch, when Joyce Hostyn from the Rideau 1000 Islands Master Gardeners will explain how to design your own edible landscape.

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