

PAMA @ Home

Virtual Family Fun Activity

Archives Awareness Week

Morse Code Messages

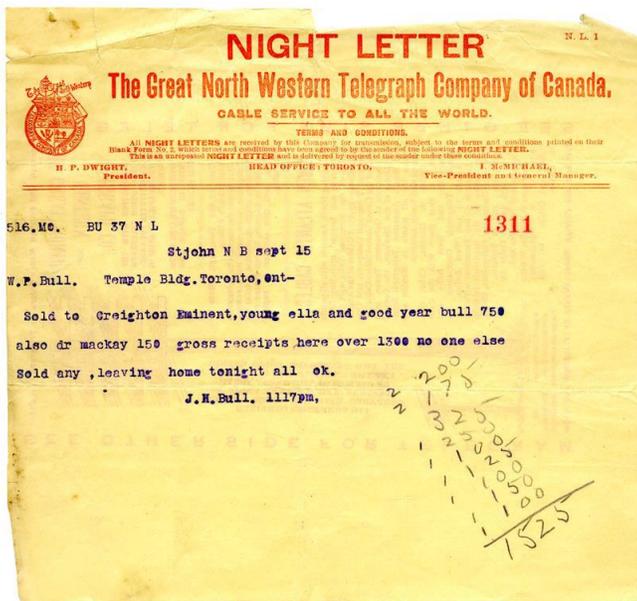
Bring art, culture and historical exploration home with a variety of easy fun filled activities for all ages. Using simple materials, PAMA is happy to provide easy step-by-step instructions for art activities, games or fun things to do while at home.

Share your creations with us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and tag us @visitPAMA. All tagged submissions will be entered in a draw to win some PAMA swag.

Spotlight on History

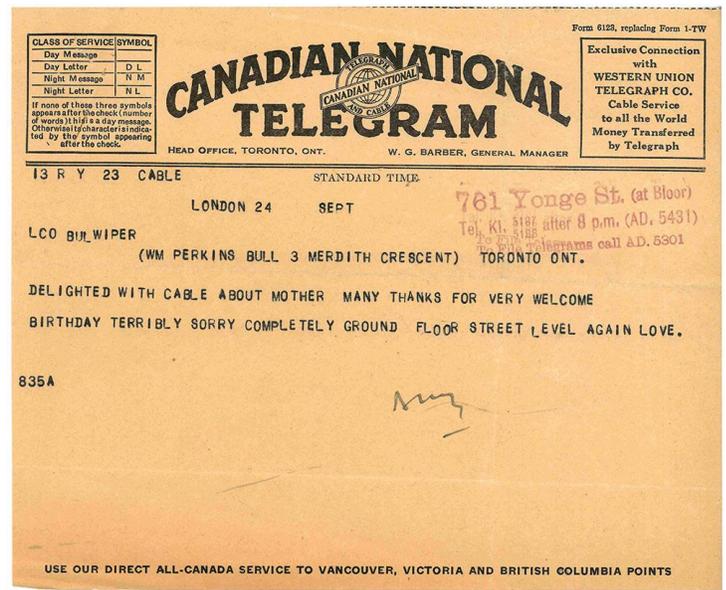
Celebrate Archives Awareness Week with a snapshot from history!
Learn about today's resource then explore history in a different way through the connecting activity.

Telegram to Wm. Perkins Bull from J.H. Bull, [ca. 1925], Wm. Perkins Bull fonds



Region of Peel Archives, Wm. Perkins Bull fonds

Telegram to Wm. Perkins Bull from one of his children, [ca. Sept. 1930], Wm. Perkins Bull fonds



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- A telegram, a message sent by telegraph, is a message sent over metal wires using Morse code (patterns of long and short pulses). Telegraph operators translated the message text into the code and sent the signal over electric cables strung between distant locations.
- Before the telegraph, messages could travel only as fast as the person carrying them, whereas telegraph messages could be received almost instantly.
- The first telegraph cable in Canada passed through Peel between Toronto and Hamilton in 1846.
- By the late 19th century, Peel was connected to the world by a telegraph network spanning continents. Underwater cables even crossed the oceans.
- Telegrams were charged by the word. Most people used telegrams only for urgent or time-sensitive messages. Telegrams were short and used abbreviations for common phrases.
- The telegraph is the ancestor of the fax machine, the internet, and email. When email became popular in the mid-1990s, it was transmitted by the same basic technology as the telegraph: copper wire cables.

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Morse Code Messages

Make a special scavenger hunt leaving clues for someone using Morse Code. Come up with your clues then use the Alphabet Reference sheet to encode them for a someone to decipher.



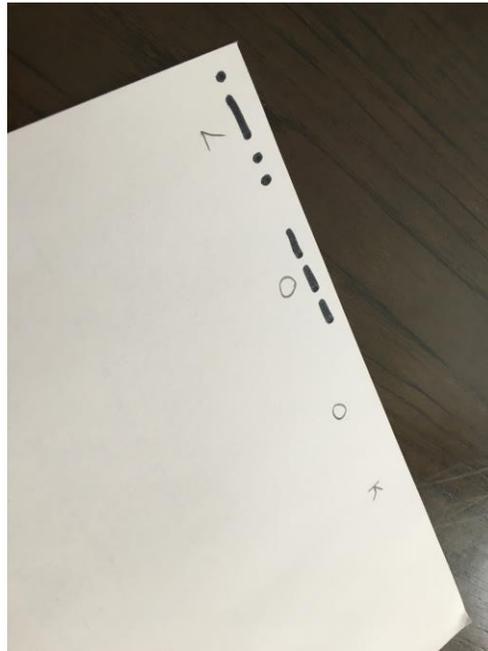
Materials:

- Paper
- Markers
- Morse Code Alphabet Reference

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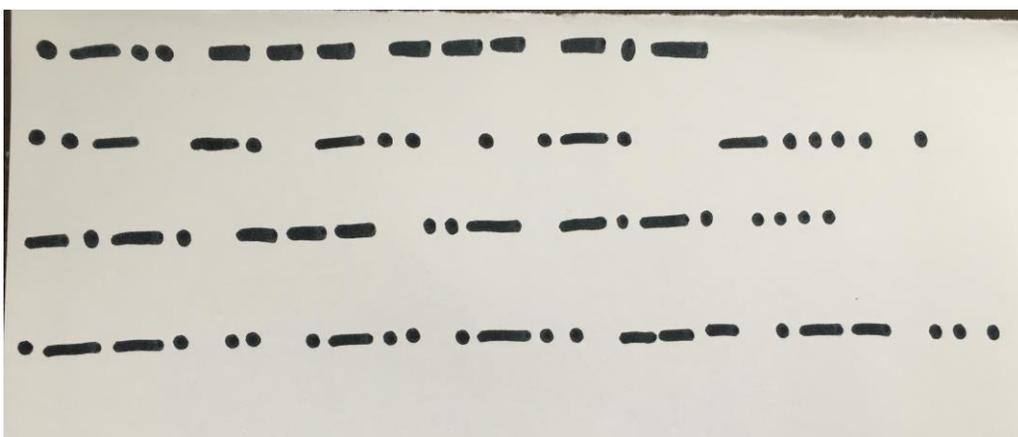
Step 1:

Hide something special somewhere in your house. Figure out what you want your clues to say to lead someone to it's hiding place. It might help to write it all out first so you can follow along with the letters more easily.



Step 2:

Use the Morse Code Alphabet Reference to translate your message and print it out on your piece of paper using the proper combination of dots and dashes.



Step 3:

Hide all of your clues in the spots you chose and give all your messages to someone in your family for them to decode and find your hidden item.

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Morse Code Alphabet

A ● ■
B ■ ● ● ●
C ■ ● ■ ●
D ■ ● ●
E ●
F ● ● ■ ●
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