

New display on mining

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The Timmins Public Library provides a plethora of books, but now there's another incentive for people to stop by.

The Porcupine Prospectors and Developers Association is unveiling a new, permanent display near the geology section of the library in hopes of getting book lovers more interested in mining and prospecting.

"It's part of our ongoing effort to enlighten and educate the general public about geology, exploration, mining, and prospecting," association vice-president Bill MacRae said. "We're trying to enlighten people on the uses of rocks and minerals from what they see from a rock state to what they use around the house in everyday sort of things."

Three shelves will house fossils, rocks and minerals like copper, gold and silver from locations around the

world such as Michigan and South Africa.

MacRae credited the late geologist and association member Paul Brown for the project.

"Paul past away and we got the donation of his rocks and minerals he collected over his lifetime," MacRae said. "I also have some and we hope to build the display a little bigger."

Every few months, MacRae hopes to change the contents of the display to keep things fresh. In future he hopes to have a second display case in the library.

Over the past couple of years, the association has worked with the library to enhance their geology section. A significant sample of ore from the Pamour Mine is now at the exterior of the library.

Mayor Tom Laughren and Coun. Michael Doody, library chairman, will help celebrate the association's achievement during the opening of the display at 11:30 a.m. today.



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Porcupine Prospectors and Developers Association vice-president Bill MacRae holds Native copper from the Kenewawin Peninsula in Michigan, just one of many minerals and rocks that will be on permanent display at the Timmins Public Library beside the geology section.