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**The 18th Great
Okanagan Book Sale
organized by Kelowna Friends
was a great success due to
more than 250 volunteer hours
THANK YOU!!!**

Our **Annual General Meeting** took place on **Saturday 18th November 2006** at the Kelowna Library, Ellis St.

After a delicious breakfast catered by The Bohemian Cafe, new Directors were elected for the next term. Guest speaker was local author & well-travelled Friend, Jim Couper, talking about the history of Highway 97, from his latest book: "The Long and Winding Road – discovering the pleasures and treasures of Highway 97". Using slides of places historical, architectural & comical, his guided tour of North America's longest North-South road connecting Weed, California, the Okanagan and the Yukon border was very enjoyable and informative. Thank you Jim!

In a happy coincidence, the **Kelowna Library's** celebration of its **10th Anniversary** was also held on **November 18**. Local authors and other celebrities read to children. The scavenger hunt and birthday cake, were great treats for all.

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FOL Directors for 2006-2007:

Michelle Ward	President
Lian Couper	Vice President
Shelley Barrow	Treasurer
Ursula Wedemeyer	Secretary & Membership

Other Directors:

Helen Beale	Beth Greenwood
Lee Hollins	Susan Morrison
Kendra Skubiak	Rosemary Stiell
Sue Zackodnik	Marina Zeipper

Many thanks to Joan Fry (secretary) & Bob Devlin (president) who retired from the executive and over several terms guided the success of FOL activities and meetings. Since the AGM, one of FOL's longer serving directors and active sales workers, (our very own author-in-residence), Molly Glass has regrettably resigned. We wish her better health very soon. Thanks for the many ways you have been a true Friend!



By the time this Newsletter reaches you, there will have been a **BLOWOUT BOOK SALE** on **Saturday 13th January 2007**, 9am to 3 pm at First United Church on Bernard at Richter –

In spite of the snow & chill, there was a good attendance ... no wonder! 4 books or 4 CDs for \$1 & 10 records for \$1!!

And

Yes!! We have a date...

19th Great Okanagan Book Sale
November 8th, 9th and 10th, 2007
Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

Other **FOL EVENTS** in 2007 include:

SPRING BOOK SALE:
Saturday April 21st 2007
Downtown at the Kelowna
Library, Ellis Street
9:30am to 3:00pm
Adult & children's books

Spread the word! If you can pin up & down our Sales Posters reliably at a noticeboard near you, or handout Sales Mini-fliers amongst friends, neighbours or colleagues, please email fol4k@hotmail.com or call Lee at 763-3357.



What else are FOL working on:

Sending books to Canadian forces in Afghanistan.

Thanks to a suggestion from FOL member, John Gough at our AGM, and help from Kelowna Library staff, a box of books is on its way. A timely donation of popular fiction means our troops can enjoy some reading relaxation and escape from the harsh realities of active duty far from home.



Kelowna Friends receive wish lists annually from the three library branches we support - Kelowna, Mission & Rutland. Some items which are now appreciated by library users and staff & which FOL funded from our 2006 book sales include: summer reading programs; floor pillows; carpet for teens area; bug pillows; baby time quilt; microphone; portable stereo; chair for magazine area and wall murals. Storytimes for babes to teens are packed out, with even more joy & creativity!

*** NEW ***

Get to Know your Directors !

Each issue we'll introduce you to our directors, their FOL interests & passions!

Michelle Ward - President - is a reference librarian with Okanagan College at its Kelowna & Penticton campuses. Her journey as a librarian from downunder (that Aussie accent!) has taken her to Singapore & Finland. Having settled in Kelowna a year ago, she was amazed by her first AGM. "Friends" she says "are quietly active in so many ways in supporting libraries, literacy & the joy of reading, with school kids to seniors to the down-and-out, locally and overseas. That's inspiring!"

Ursula Wedemeyer - Secretary & Membership Director - cajoles members, new and old, keeps track of us all in her database & delights in welcoming donors and adding names to our Mission Quilt. In our year of need, she graciously has taken on an extra role as Secretary. Yet she still finds time, 2 days a week to help with literacy programs at Okanagan College.

Lee Hollins - Director. Book Sales would never open their doors, if not for Lee. Sale after sale, every meeting, every Friday at Barlee, at the frontline sorting & collecting item donations. She's the keen eye behind Premium Books and the mastermind of our sales floorplans. And it's a family affair! Husband Tom & son James are much appreciated regular helping hands. What keeps her going? "All those members who are active in sorting, participating in sales and of course, bringing in donations!"

It's time to RENEW memberships!

At only \$5 pa, you help FOL continue with fundraising for our Libraries. Please get in touch with Ursula soon!

New F.O.L. members are always welcome. It only costs \$5 per year and is a great way to show support for your Libraries.

Please fill in the form below and mail it with your cheque to our mailing address c/o Membership Director Ursula Wedemeyer; or drop it off at any of three Library branches – Kelowna, Mission or Rutland.

BE A FRIEND! JOIN OR RENEW:

Kelowna Friends of the Library

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Annual Membership: \$5.00

- New Membership
- Membership Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

I am willing to help with:

- Book sale activities
- Organization of events
- Fund raising
- Being a director
- Special Events
- Other _____
- I prefer to be a silent supporter of the Friends of the Library

* Detach this portion & either drop it to the Library or mail your application to the above address.

Got questions??

Want to receive FOL Newsletters & other timely information about upcoming sales and events faster. Register your email with us.

Conserving funds spent on printing & postage, means more funds towards supporting your Libraries!

Let us know:

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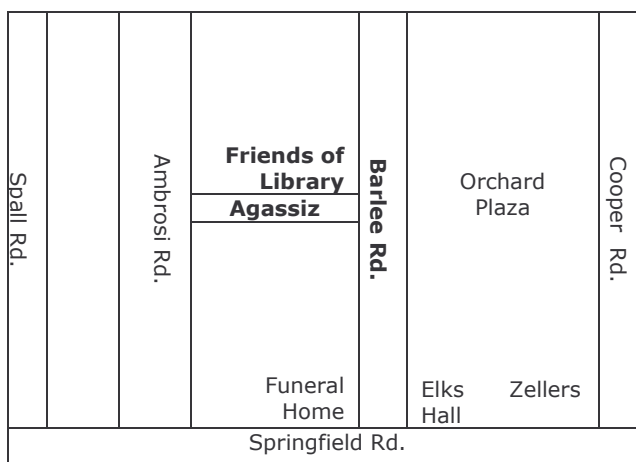
BOOK DONATIONS

Kelowna Friends of the Library, gratefully accept donations of books CD's, DVD's, videos, cassettes, puzzles & games. You can donate all year-round to help with the many book sales that we hold during the year. Our book-sorting house is open to accept your donations every Friday morning from 9 to 12 (except April 6, Good Friday). There is also a book drop box in the driveway for small amounts.

Address: **1898 Barlee Road.**

For more info, call Lee at 763-3357.

Harvey Ave -Highway 97



The latest edition of **Friends of the Library book bags** are still available at all Kelowna area Library branches for \$10 each. Useful & very popular!