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**19 ... going on 20 !**

**Friends 19<sup>th</sup> Great Okanagan Book Sale November 8-10, 2007** was a great success due to the hard work of our dedicated volunteers & the many months spent in sorting and preparing by our Barlee team and sale co-ordinators. Loyal members and new, encouraged family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to be eager shoppers. Some tinkled the ivories of the hall piano to entertain. Thanks to yet again another mighty effort from the crew of *2 Small Men with Big Hearts Moving Co*, who cleared more than 1500 boxes from our Barlee house. Leftover children's books went to local schools and as faraway as a First Nations school on Vancouver Island. Other remaining books were purchased by *Discover Books* (Abbotsford) who specialize in recycling & redistributing containers of books, mostly to needy schools overseas.

**THANK YOU ALL** as the total funds raised amounted to close to \$29,000!



Our **Annual General Meeting** took place on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007** at the Kelowna Library, Ellis St.

After a Volunteers Appreciation breakfast, about 35 members heard of Friends many achievements over the year. Pam Medland, ORL Public Services Manager presented the ORL Executive's update on regional and provincial library developments that impact on our 3 libraries (see page 2 for highlights of Pam's report). New Directors were elected for the 2007-2008 term (see page 4 for details of the 20th Executive team). Guest Speaker Dan St Yves, author and *eVent magazine* columnist now based in Calgary, happily made the trip back home to his Kelowna library haunts. He left us laughing, in time for the holiday silly season, about the inspirations and trials of becoming a humor writer.

## NEWSLETTER

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### Celebrating 20 years of Kelowna Friends

This Fall will mark the 20th year of Friends supporting Kelowna area libraries. We will celebrate the dedication, achievements, gifting and fun that Friends have shared. "**Committee20**" has been struck to gather ideas and begin the planning of special events and initiatives. Committee members are Rendina Hamilton, Allan Hustad, Donna Medved and Rosemary Stiehl of the Friends and Dawn Silver, Kelowna Branch Head Librarian. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact Donna Medved at [dmedved@shaw.ca](mailto:dmedved@shaw.ca) or write to her at Friends mailing address, or contact any committee member.

**Committee20** has met and enthusiastically discussed a number of initial possibilities including a Friends Appreciation Day with special guest, games and prizes and more; special events for children and the public at each of the three branches, and Friends participation in local events. Our annual fall Book Sale would also mark 20 years of greatly successful fundraising sales.



#### Celebration20 Contest



**Join the Celebration! Tell us your favourite quote of books or reading! Win a prize!**

As part of the celebration of 20 years of Friends, a bookmark will be designed to promote the 20<sup>th</sup> Great Okanagan Book Sale & feature a memorable quote of books or reading.

You could provide that quote and win a prize!

Submit your favourite quote, or be original.

As space is limited, maximum ten words is a guideline & please cite any source.

Submit to **Committee20** by **April 20, 2008** by email to [fol4k@hotmail.com](mailto:fol4k@hotmail.com) or to Friends mailing address

Share a reflection on the joys of reading!

## It's all about our Libraries !

Take a look at the Winter 2008 *City of Kelowna Sport & Recreation Guide* delivered free to most Kelowna households last December. On page 70 there's a whole bunch of storytime programmes on offer at each library over the next months, for Easter, Spring Break and through to May. All free with no registration required.



### **Kelowna Branch**

downtown in the Cultural District on Ellis Street

**Farewell & congratulations to Kathryn Foley (Youth Services Librarian)** who has moved onto a new library position in Idaho. Kathryn would be one of the most creative librarians & enthusiastic storytellers in the Okanagan. And she sure left the kids of the valley with great reading memories, as she criss-crossed the regional branches as part of the January *Family Literacy Storytime Tour*, traveling 2108 kms in just 3 weeks!



### **Free Computer Courses**

Twelve different courses are offered free of charge to help adults explore computer basics. Courses are held on the second floor in the Computer Lab. They are scheduled from 10am until noon and include lots of real-time exercises. Classes in February & March cover introductions to computers & the internet plus basic word-processing, spreadsheeting and digital photo editing.

Check out the **Computer Lab Schedule**

<http://www.orl.bc.ca/branches/kelownalab.aspx>

### **One-on-One Sessions**

Do you have burning computer questions and you need individual help? Library staff can set up a free one hour training session for you.

Tel 762-2800 for more information.



### **Mission Branch**

in the Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive

**Farewell & congratulations to Lee-Anne Wilson (Mission Branch Community Librarian)** who retired at the end of December. As ORL's longest serving employee of 36 years, Lee-Anne has wholeheartedly contributed to many library roles. Even before her cherished 10 years with Mission branch, and including the gamut of public services at old Kelowna branches & cataloguing at HQ.

Friends treated her to an appreciation tea & gift of yarn. Lee-Anne resolves to enjoy this hobby & other projects in her retirement...including being a Friend!

**Welcome to Annie Pope** who in February took up the new position of **Mission Branch Head Librarian**. Annie is a familiar face and a very skilled librarian, having been the Reference Supervisor at the Kelowna Branch for many years. Friends are excited to join with Annie in planning new events & projects in this uniquely prominent library & rapidly expanding community and recreation locale.



### **Rutland Branch**

in the heart of Plaza 33 on Highway 33

### **New Quilt Backdrop for Rutland Library Storytimes**

**Friday 15th February at 10.45am**

An unveiling, in conjunction with *Storytime with Cherie*, will be conducted by Mary-Ann Graham, President of the Rutland Residents Association. The jungle quilt was designed & sewn by Friend and Kelowna artisan Bev Boyd. It ties-in thematically with the popular kid-friendly animal pillows and floor mats in the story-telling area which were earlier gifts funded by Friends.



### **What's ahead for our Libraries !**

- . A new ORL HQ building on KLO Road site, with meeting rooms & computer lab for staff training that will free-up public facilities at the Kelowna branch
- . Rejuvenation of multi-lingual collections (Chinese, German, Japanese, Punjabi, Spanish, and Dutch or Italian) + Building of feature-film & new release DVD collections
- . Phasing in of library services for Westbank First Nations community  
(ORL Executive Report to FOL's November AGM)



### **Friends across the Okanagan**

**Westbank Friends** invite you to *An Evening at the Library* speaker series. All these free events are held on Wednesday evenings at 7pm at the Westbank Library in the Main Street mall (Hwy 97S)

March 5th, 2008: *Pysanky: The Ukrainian Tradition of Decorating Eggs* with Cecelia Lalach

April 2nd, 2008: *Springtime Gardening Delights* with Don Burnett, well-known BC horticulturalist and broadcaster.



Yes!! We have a date...

**20<sup>th</sup> Great Okanagan Book Sale**  
**October 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
Immaculate Conception Parish Hall



**March Madness Book Sale**  
**Saturday March 8th 2008**  
**Downtown at the Kelowna Library**  
**Ellis Street**  
**9:30am to 3:00pm**  
Adults & Children's books

Spread the word! If you can pin up our Sales Posters at a noticeboard near you, or handout Sales Mini-fliers amongst friends, neighbours or colleagues, please email [fol4k@hotmail.com](mailto:fol4k@hotmail.com) or pick up at our Barlee House on Fridays.



**Upcoming FOL Book Sales**

**Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
International Literacy Day sale  
downtown at the Kelowna Library

**Saturdays in June (tbc)**  
Outdoors Book sale at Barlee House  
Book Collectors sale



**Did you know?**

**FOL Directors meetings** are now scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, for 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the Kelowna Branch Library Main Meeting Room (entry level) Except in December when we meet in the Group Study Room upstairs. There are so far no meetings set for July & August.

**FOL Directors for 2007-2008:**

Michelle Ward                      President  
Donna Medved                      Vice President  
Shelley Barrow                      Treasurer  
Ursula Wedemeyer                      Secretary & Membership  
Lian Couper    Lee Hollins    Kendra Skubiak  
Sue Zackodnik    Marina Zeipper

Many thanks to Susan Morrison & Helen Beal who did not stand for re-election but whom have over many terms returned, to give good service at FOL meetings and with sales. Since the AGM, another of FOL's loyal directors and active sales workers, Rosemary Stiehl has regrettably resigned. Rosemary will remain keenly involved as a member of Committee20 planning our anniversary celebrations and will still help as she can at book sales. Thanks for the many ways you have each been a true Friend!



**Let's meet a new Director !**

**Donna Medved** demurely requested to be a board member and was awarded double VP titles, Vice-President & Various Projects! And steering the Committee20 is an ideal start she says to learning about & acclaiming Kelowna Friends and our achievements. Donna comes to us with great experience in advocacy, fundraising and programming from Friends of the Ottawa Public Library. As a gardener, Donna will appreciate this quote:

*if you have a garden and a library you have everything you need (Cicero)*

**RENEW RENEW RENEW RENEW**  
**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 the three Library branches – Kelowna, Mission or Rutland.

**BE A FRIEND! JOIN OR RENEW:**

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 New Membership  
 Membership Renewal

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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 a Library or mail your application to the above address.

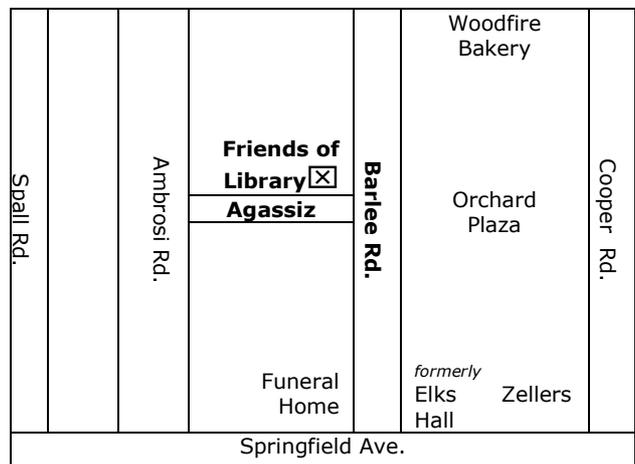
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**BOOK DONATIONS**

**Kelowna Friends of the Library**, gratefully accept donations of books, CDs, DVDs, videos, cassettes, records, 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 9am to noon (except Friday public holidays & book sale days). 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



Stocks are running low but the latest editions of **Friends of the Library book bags** are still available at all Kelowna area Library branches, for \$10 each.