

Kelowna
 Friends of the
Library

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May Days ...



Library Book March
Monday 19th May
Rutland Centennial Celebrations
& Annual May Day's Parade
from 11am

Our craziest library promotion yet! In honour of Dolly Lucas who set-up a Rutland library more than 60 years ago, Library staff & a few courageous Friends will take to the streets! To celebrate the Rutland Library as you have never seen it before and promote its Summer Reading Club, there'll be amazing marching books, giant bookmarks, kids on decorated bikes, banners & balloons galore, and book cart surprises. Come cheer us on as we march from the YMCA, along Rutland Road, to a big party at Centennial Park.

Summer Days ...



OUTDOOR BOOK SALE
Saturday 21st June
1898 Barlee Road
9am to 2pm
Weather permitting !!

Browse for bargains under the trees at our FOL sorting house - Adults & Children's books plus outdoor sale favourites - magazines, records, puzzles and games. Spread the word! If you can pin up our Sales Posters, or handout Sales Mini-fliers, please email fol4k@hotmail.com or pick them up at our Barlee House on Fridays.

NEWSLETTER

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Appreciation Days ...

Yes!! We have a date for celebrating 20 years of Kelowna Friends

Friends Appreciation Day
Sunday 14th September
Laurel Packing House

Committee20

Friends members, past and present with invited guests **Appreciation Day** with special presenter puppeteer Maggie Rae, games and prizes and more; special events for children and the public at each of the three branches,

Here's another date ...

20th GREAT OKANAGAN BOOK SALE
October 16th, 17th, 18th
Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna



Celebration20 Contest



Your favourite quote of books or reading could be published on our 20th Great Okanagan Sale **bookmark!** Win a prize!

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO
SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2008

Maximum ten words & please cite any source
Submit by email to fol4k@hotmail.com or to Friends mailing address

It's all about our Libraries !

Catch the Summer 2008 *City of Kelowna Sport & Recreation Guide* delivered free to Kelowna households as of 4th June. On page 65, our Libraries Summer Reading Club programs are highlighted. All programs are free. In-person registration is required though, starting June 23rd.

Summer Reading Club 2008



All ORL branches will host a special visit by guest Dr Recycle presenting *Junkology*. Kids learn how to make cool toys from household junk! FOLs commitment to SRC programming continues with funding of over \$3500 for crafts and prizes & guests for our local branches such as Croc Talk man at Rutland; fun with fossils, heritage and a magician at Mission; rainbow puppet shows for pre-schoolers & storytimes with craft downtown. ..and so much more



Kelowna Branch

downtown in the Cultural District on Ellis Street

Farewell & congratulations to Dawn Silver (Kelowna Branch Head Librarian) who departed in April for Ontario to lead the Orillia Public Library. Dawn's 3 years at the branch were marked by her energetic enthusiasm for making libraries the vibrant hub of their community's everyday life. Friends treated her to an appreciation tea & a gift of local Okanagan goodies. The process to appoint a new branch head librarian is underway.

Welcome to Amber Ritchie, new Youth Services Librarian who is in familiar territory having worked as an auxiliary with children's programming. With Summer Reading Club on the horizon, Amber is up for the challenges of steering a very creative crew in babies to teens programming and services.

Congratulations to Fern Teleglow who has moved up to the position of Reference Supervisor. Friends enjoyed working with Fern on the hosting of

BC Book Prizes 2008 authors-on-tour evening Wednesday 23rd April. An audience of more than 25, applauded the 4 short-listed authors and a children's book illustrator as they read excerpts, and regaled us of their endeavours & road trip tales.



Mission Branch

in the Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive

For those who work or are busy during weekdays, or want a quiet reprieve from the hockey rink hustle,

the Mission library is open for reading, browsing, surfing & borrowing on these **evening & weekend hours:**

Tuesday evening to 8pm; Saturday 10am to 5pm

Other branches evening & weekend hours :

Kelowna Tue,Wed,Thu to 9pm;Sat 10am to 5:30pm

Rutland Wed evening to 8pm; Sat 10am to 5pm



Rutland Branch

in the heart of Plaza 33 on Highway 33

Jungle Fun Unveiled at Rutland Library

A quilt funded by FOL and crafted by Friend and artisan, Bev Boyd was unveiled at a real jungley event, **Friday 15th February**. Fifteen toddlers were mesmerised by Cherie's lion hunt story & loved their jungle goodies bags. Bev, Mary Ann Graham (President, Rutland Residents Association), ORL's Lesley Dieno & Marilyn Bohn were special guests along with Friend and regular patron, John Watson. The muffin tea afterwards at Maggie's Café in the Plaza was a treat, thanks to Mary Ann & Lesley. Every time you look at the quilt, you will find more clever details to marvel at, in the story it tells, its fabrics & textures. A colourful half-page photo-story appeared in the March issue of *SnapOkanagan*.



Wishes do come true!

Kelowna - "Ask a Genealogist" Day", 19th April, hosted by the Kelowna and District Genealogical Society saw FOL recognised for our funding of a new digital microform reader-printer-scanner. A plaque in acknowledgement is attached. Kelowna is reputedly only one of 3 BC libraries using this latest model in research technology.

New on 2008 branch wishlists

At the May FOL Directors meeting, upwards of \$23,000 in items were approved. Highlights include:

Mission – an electric fireplace, to create a cozy entrance corner under Bev Boyd's wall quilt, for fireside chats & future evening events. Watch for spectacular hanging décor in the children's area & custom-built furniture for inspiring displays.

Rutland - imagine the fun, with storyteller Cherie's new ukelele. Leading a trend in our branches, staff want to catch the eye of teens and tweens with a neon signboard for their special zone. Queue ropes & stands will make desk service more efficient.



Sale Report

March Madness Book Sale Saturday March 8th Kelowna Library

Wow! the craziness of this anniversary year begins with \$3000 netted, a record for a first small sale in any year. On a busy few days, thanks to Ed, Grant, Vic, Nadir and Mary-Ellen. Directors also appreciated the help of Pat and Mark of the Kelowna branch. Cliff Hansen of Best Choice Car & Truck Rentals (Ryder) stepped up again with a generous deal in van hire, to move our book boxes. Leftover children's books were taken by a local charity working with a Ugandan NGO, Niteo Africa to ship a container to schools there. James Young and *Snap Okanagan* came up with a photo-story in their April issue; director Kendra was photographed on sale duty, for the *Kelowna Capital News*.

Upcoming FOL Book Sales

Saturday September 6th
International Literacy Day mini-sale
downtown at the Kelowna Library



Kelowna Friends help across the Okanagan

40% of book sales proceeds from a number of book sales around the ORL every year, go to Regional Library HQ to help those branches who do not have the benefit of a Friends group to support them & for system-wide projects. Projects, typically undertaken every four or five years have included: for each branch, video racks when video collections were introduced in the early 1990s and checkout receipt printers with the automated circulation system. \$60,000 was spent to establish the very popular QuickRead Collection in 2004 - 2005, after which the book budget took over funding.

Lesley Dieno (ORL Executive Director) says it best, in appreciation of our 2007 book sales volunteers & sorting crew: "On behalf of the Library, and the Library Board, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$11,762 from the profits of your Fall book sale. As ever, I am very impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm of the Kelowna Friends. You all do wonderful work!"

FOL-ORL advertising initiative

Kelowna FOL have signed an agreement with ORL to facilitate advertising of programs and services of the three Kelowna area library branches in local print media and directories. The trial funding, with a budget of \$5000, will extend from January 2008 to March 2009. Directors were excited to see the *Summer City of Kelowna Sport & Recreation Guide* which contains the first of the sponsored ads, with our FOL logo included. This initiative fits well with Friends mission to enhance the profile of our libraries in the community & increase awareness and use of library programs and services.



Friends of Okanagan Libraries

Directors Lee, Ursula and Michelle represented Kelowna Friends at the **Annual Gathering of the Friends of the Okanagan Libraries, May 3rd**.

Hosted by Keremeos Friends, it was a great Saturday spent swapping ideas & applauding achievements with Friends from Salmon Arm & Sorrento to Westbank, Naramata, Summerland & Oliver. Keremeos Library staff & Friends spoil us with a mighty small town welcome from the biggest highway greeting sign at the Visitor Information Centre to home-baked treats to wonderful lucky draw prizes with distinct local flavours.

Salmon Arms Friends have volunteered to host the 2009 gathering.



ORL Library Board

City councillor, **Barrie Clarke** newly represents Kelowna on the Library Board. We look forward to a good liaison with Barrie, an active Library and FOL supporter in the past.

Library Board general meetings are scheduled for May 21, September 17 & October 15, in the Kelowna Library Meeting Room on Ellis Street. For press releases, minutes and agenda, follow the links on the ORL website:

www.orl.bc.ca/aboutus/board/

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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Annual Membership: \$5.00
 New Membership
 Membership Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

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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 form & either drop it to a 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:

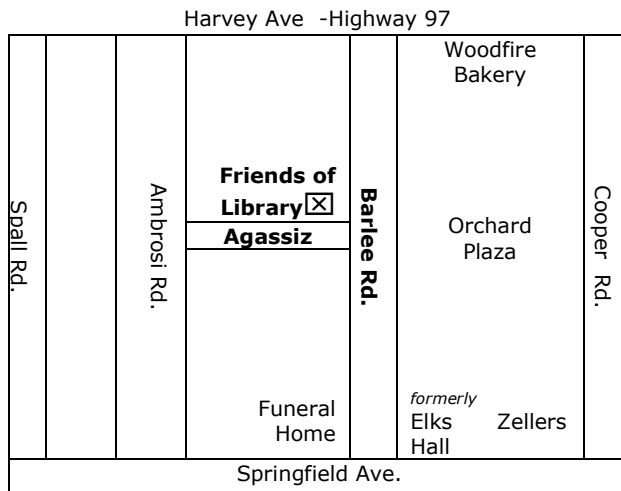
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BOOK DONATIONS

Kelowna Friends of the Library, gratefully accept donations of books, 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 information, call Lee at 763-3357.



Need a sturdy bag to carry all those Library books & DVDs, **Friends of the Library book bags** are available in **blue** & **green** at all Kelowna area Library branches, for \$10 each.