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Celebration20

Celebrating Kelowna Friends

Founder and Volunteer Appreciation Tea

On November 8, 2008, twenty years of support and service to Kelowna libraries was celebrated at a fine afternoon high tea. The initiative of founding members and the continuing work of volunteers was celebrated by more than 60 guests. A slide show depicting the activities and purchases of Kelowna Friends to the benefit of the branches provided a wonderful backdrop for founders, past and present volunteers and librarians, to share memories & make new friendships.

Rendina Hamilton, a founder, opened the official program by relating the history and accomplishments of Kelowna Friends. The principle objectives of the founding members were to raise funds and advocate for a separate library. They have been well met! Lesley Dieno, ORL Executive Director reminisced about the determination of the founders & the ongoing commitment of Friends since, as the branches, book sales & collaborative events expanded. Mayor Sharon Shephard noted the contribution of Friends & libraries to Kelowna and its citizens. For all it was a special occasion.

NEWSLETTER

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Friends to Bring Magic to Children

To bring our anniversary celebrations right into our libraries, Friends will sponsor performances by a popular young local magician during the March school break. Check "It's All About Our Libraries" for dates & times for this magical event at the three branches.

Leif David, aka Ali K. Zam, credits the library, where he found his first books about magic, with leading him towards a career in entertainment & community service. His performances will emphasize literacy. Gift bags of treats and games, based on Ali's creations and sponsored by Friends will be given to each child. It is expected that as many as 70 children will be at a single show.

Older with New Flair Friends Rock !

Famous for book sales, Friends are trying new activities to support & promote our libraries. We marched with Library staff & patrons during the Rutland 100th Anniversary Parade & painted happy faces during the downtown mardi gras. Treats and library program information were distributed to present reading as fun. We had fun too!

In November the downtown branch rocked with the PorkBelly Futures. Band leader, Paul Quarrington, is also a well-known author & the band's self-penned lyrics amused with their literary themes. Even regular library patrons stopped to enjoy the jazzy blues & kids were fascinated by the band's instruments.

It's All About Our Libraries!

Friends are becoming even more active and are pleased to sponsor or assist at these upcoming branch activities:



Kelowna Branch

Downtown in the Cultural District on Ellis Street

Friends Give a Gift of Magic Tuesday, March 24 at 2:30 pm

– magician Ali K. Zam

Black History Celebration

Thursday, February 26 from 6 pm

As part of city-wide celebrations, the Kelowna Immigrant Society are bringing to the Library, five performers of poetic, hip-hop, journalistic, children's book and illustration fame ... with Kenyan & Jamaican roots. Friends will be serving refreshments on this special evening.

Branch Developments

. Congratulations to James Laitinen who has been confirmed as the Kelowna Branch Reference Supervisor.

. A warm Okanagan welcome to Kristy Hennings, the new Youth Services Librarian as we bid a fond farewell to her predecessor, Amber Ritchie.



Mission Branch

Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive

Gutenberg Lives !

Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 pm

Friends will provide an honorarium for Jason Dewinetz to talk about small press publishing, the history and development of type and hear his great type-hunting stories! He sets type in the traditional way and publishes handmade chapbooks at his Greenboathouse Press in Vernon.

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– magician Ali K. Zam

Citizenship Ceremony

Thursday, April 23 at 2:00pm

Librarian Annie Pope estimates that approximately 35 citizenship candidates plus their guests will attend this oath taking event. Friends will assist in this important welcome to new Canadians by providing refreshments and introducing them to all our Libraries have to offer.

Mission Library is now open 2 evenings a week - Tuesday and newly Thursday until 8pm.

Watch for posters at the Branch announcing readings from their latest works by local authors Alan Bradley in March & Jack White on Tuesday April 21.



Rutland Branch

In the heart of Plaza 33 on Highway 33

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Tuesday, March 24 at 10:30 am

– magician Ali K. Zam

A Sign of the Times !

Librarian Sheila Coe & her staff are excited by the installation of a neon sign, funded by Friends to highlight the Teens reading area.



ORL Headquarters

Directors appreciated the invitation & hospitality extended by Lesley Dieno in touring them through the new Headquarters building on KLO Road in December. The opportunity to share with Vernon Friends, in utilising some floorspace to store & pre-sort Library withdrawals prior to our big sale, is being considered by the Barlee House crew.



2008 Book Sales Report

The 20th Annual Book Sale in October 2008 was another great success raising over \$31,000, thanks to our volunteers. When combined with four smaller sales, it was a record fundraising year. More than \$13,000 has been sent to ORL, representing the 40% allocation from our 2008 sales for system-wide special projects.



Upcoming Book Sales

Saturday, February 21

9 am to noon

Heritage Week at the Kelowna Branch -
mini-sale of B.C. history books

Saturday, April 4

9 am to 3 pm

Spring Sale to freshen your book shelves
– Kelowna Branch Main Meeting Room

Saturday, May 9

9 am to 3 pm

Collectors Book Sale – shop for gems in
the Kelowna Branch Main Meeting Room.

Mini-fiction book sales to watch for at the
Rutland & Mission branches

Annual General Meeting

The 20th AGM was held on November 29, 2008. By all reports, our organization is healthy and financially stable. Lesley Dieno updated on ORL developments such as feature film DVDs coming to the branch libraries & the hiring of a public relations staff to provide co-ordinated communications between ORL and the communities they serve. Conversation from the floor included a reminder of how FOL were instrumental in the creation of the community garden next to our Barlee Road sorting house.

2009 Board of Directors

Executive:

Michelle Ward – President

Donna Medved – Vice President

Ursula Wedemeyer – Secretary &
Membership

Shelley Barrow – Treasurer

Directors:

Lian Couper

Deb Loseth

Lee Hollins

Marina Zeipper

Board Meetings are newly scheduled for 6pm, on the first Wednesday of each month (except July & August). Venue is the second floor Group Study Room at the Kelowna branch.

Welcome & Thanks

New director Deb Loseth is an avid reader & says "I love spending time at the library". She has volunteered with Friends, helping at numerous book sales in recent years. She wanted to be more involved with Friends and to contribute as a director.

Thanks to Kendra Skubiak who has stepped down from the Board. Kendra will remain an active member keeping up her much appreciated help at all our book sales & library events.

Be Part of the Celebration Renew your Membership Now !

It's time and it's easy to renew your membership. And it's still only \$5.00 per year. The form is on the back of this newsletter or can be picked up at any branch. Our membership base is loyal & strong, as we have kept longtime Friends and gained new members. Help us continue to support our libraries & bring interesting items and presentations to the Kelowna Library branches. Renew and encourage friends and family to join!

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 _____

_____ 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 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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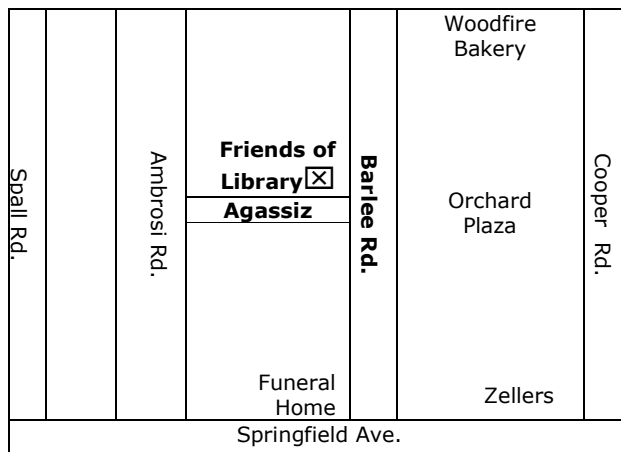
BOOK DONATIONS

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.

Harvey Ave -Highway 97



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