

Kelowna
 Friends of the
Library

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Magic Days ...

Friends brought Magic shows to our three Kelowna library branches during March Spring Break. Magician Leif David, aka Ali K Zam created the "Book Worm" trick, specially for this event. It was surely magic – to hear the wild cheering and applause with every trick, as over 250 kids and countless "big kids" in the crowds were entertained. Each child received a gift bag of puzzles, pens, a tricks sheet and a memento card crediting FOL. They even had an opportunity to win a magic wand!

Snap Okanagan has pictures of awe and fun:
<http://snapokanagan.com/display/86939/614/>

Thanks, Leif David – Leif says that his interest in magic began with a library book. He is a fine example of how libraries grow people. Friends thank him for his talent and commitment.

Sale Days ...

Here's another date

21st GREAT OKANAGAN BOOK SALE
October 15th, 16th, 17th
Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

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Summer Days ...

OUTDOOR BOOK SALE
Saturday 13th June
1898 Barlee Road
9am to 2pm
Weather permitting !!

Browse for bargains under the trees at our FOL sorting house – Just in time for Fathers Day. Adults & Children's books plus outdoor sale favourites - magazines, records, VHS, 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.

Sale volunteers are always appreciated, just email your interest.

Celebration20

Kelowna Friends have been pleased to celebrate 20 years as a society committed to supporting libraries and advancing literacy. Our Founding members were honoured & thanks was expressed to our loyal members and volunteers at an "Appreciation Tea" in November 2008. We sponsored a special event at Kelowna, Mission & Rutland branches, "The Gift of Magic," in March 2009. We thank the Celebration20 Committee for all their hard work and creativity in organizing these opportunities for Friends to share and enrich: Rendina Hamilton, Allan Hustad, Rosemary Stiell, & committee chair, Donna Medved.

It's all about our Libraries

Catch the Summer 2009 *City of Kelowna Recreation & Culture Guide* delivered free to Kelowna households in mid-May. Our Libraries Summer Reading Club programs are highlighted on p67. All programs are free ... and very popular! So in-person registration is required & will start on June 22 at Mission and Rutland branches & on June 25 at the downtown Kelowna branch.

Summer Reading Club 2009



Follow the Reader

A special program at all branches will be Neale Bacon, ventriloquist and magician on June 29.

FOLs commitment to SRC programming continues with funding of over \$3000 for crafts and prizes & additional guests for our local branches.



Rutland Branch

in the heart of Plaza 33 on Highway 33

July 11 to August 6: SRC children's activities will include: Tai Kwon Do; Purple Seahorse Pets; Kelowna Museum's Dino-Mite! presentation; Guides: Outdoor Camping; EECO Centre presentation & Rhythm, Drumming and Movement will get kids energised for the big wind-up party on August 7.

Rutland & Kelowna branch librarians will be out even earlier promoting libraries & SRC on Sunday June 7, at the YMCA Healthy Kids Day.



Mission Branch

in the Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive

July 8 to August 12: Groovin", music, history and science are just as much part of the Mission SRC program: Hands-on science fun; Living history; EECO Centre *Nature for the young naturalist*; *Discover the stars* with the Okanagan Science Centre's Starlab; Learn to hip hop dance and kids will be the stars of the wind-up party on August 12.



Kelowna Branch

downtown in the Cultural District on Ellis Street

July 7 to August 11: those popular Kelowna Museum and EECO Centre presentations here too; There's *Bugs: the good, bad, and ugly* and what about *Cool Critters!* For the artistic, there's Rhythmic art drumming and storytelling; Love of Wildlife drawing, Mixed media art for kids... and always the magical party favourite, Ali K Zam for the wind-up on August 18.

Summer is Library time for all the family too!

Tour the Universe

Celebrate International Astronomy Day Saturday 30 May, 1- 3pm

A lecture led by Royal Astronomical Society of Canada members will take you from the sun to the edge of the observable universe, visiting planets, comets, stellar nurseries & graveyards, galaxies & black holes. Weather permitting, view sunspots, prominences & flares through solar telescopes. Pre-registration is not required.

Honouring the Child:

Changing ways of teaching Saturday 6 June, 2pm

Author & teacher, Pamela Proctor shares her insights from her book about facilitating young children's learning. For teachers, parents, grandparents of children aged 3-9.



Wishes do come true!

The Latest Arrivals on branch wishlists

Kelowna – beanbag chairs for the childrens department, that are just as irresistible to adults!

Mission – custom-made table & seasonal décor where displays help increase collection circulation.

Rutland - users love the very comfortable leather chair & the one upholstered in books!

Watch in our next newsletter for items approved by the FOL Board on the branches 2009 wishlists.

Sales Report

Spring Book Sale Saturday April 4th Kelowna Library

Our first book sale for 2009 was a very busy shopping day for bargain hunters & sale volunteers. Over \$2600 was netted towards our fundraising objectives.

Collectors Book Sale Saturday May 9th Kelowna Library

Two years in the waiting as eager collectors poured over the quality array of art books, literary & children's classics, and sets. Almost \$1400 was raised. Watch for a possible follow-up sale in September/Fall.



Event Highlights

Citizenship Ceremony Mission Library, April 23rd



Up to 80 guests attended this meaningful event where 30 new citizens took the oath in front of Citizenship judge George Gibault. US, Germany, UK & Trinidad were just a few of the countries these people emigrated from and now they call Canada, the Thompson-Okanagan & Kootenays home.

Dignitaries Mayor Sharon Shepherd, Pam Medland (ORL) and FOL President Michelle Ward specially encouraged them to visit and use their local libraries. Michelle also handed out much appreciated FOL book bags! FOL sponsored treats provided by Cupcasions. Their Canada-themed cupcakes were photographed almost as much as participants with the judge and flag. Mission librarian Annie Pope was a superb hostess & Friend Deb Loseth had fun mounting decorations.

Friends of Okanagan Libraries

Directors Ursula and Michelle represented Kelowna Friends at the **Annual Gathering of the Friends of the Okanagan Libraries**, April 25th.

Hosted by Salmon Arm & Sorrento Friends, it was a great Saturday spent swapping ideas & applauding achievements with Friends from our northern valley hosts and Vernon to Peachland, Naramata & Keremeos. Salmon Arm library undoubtedly impressed with its spaciousness and prime shopping mall locale. Linda Buker, a former Kelowna branch librarian, now in retirement an active Salmon Arm friend, was thrilled to greet us. ORL Executive Director, Lesley Dieno promoted that ORL now offers a collection of feature films on DVD for adults, young adults, and children, ranging from classics like *Casablanca* and *Snow White* to recent blockbusters. She reported on progress with building priorities at Summerland, Princeton, Vernon and Sorrento. Lesley was of course excited about the opening of the new Kelowna Headquarters building. We'd like to follow-up on her announcement, in welcoming **Andrea Lindal**, ORL's new Public Relations Manager.

Kelowna Friends have volunteered to host the 2010 gathering.



ORL New Headquarters

Opening Ceremony New Headquarters Building KLO Road, May 20th

ORL Board members and Library staff were gracious hosts in inviting FOL members, other librarians from across the valley and local dignitaries to an afternoon of celebration in their new building. An official ribbon cutting and refreshments were enjoyed by Friends in between touring the new building and learning more about ORL services, direct from the excited staff. They can be rightly proud of a spacious and innovative facility, that will serve ORL and the Okanagan's library needs well into the future.

It should be noted that Kelowna Friends will be using the space allocated to FOL groups in the building, to store and sort Children's books.

New FOL 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

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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?

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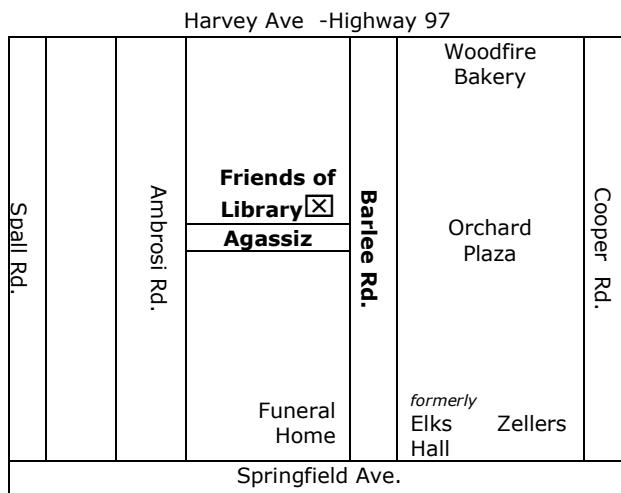
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BOOK DONATIONS

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 loans & book sale purchases, **Friends of the Library book bags** are available at all Kelowna area Library branches, for \$10 each.