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Blowout Book Sale
Saturday, January 29
9:30 am to 3 pm

Kelowna Branch Main Meeting Room

4 books for \$1
Fiction/Non-Fiction, Foreign Language
Books for Adults & Children
CDs & Talking Books \$1 each



Upcoming Book Sales

Saturday, April 16, 9:30am-3pm
Spring Sale to freshen your book shelves –
downtown at the Kelowna Library

Saturdays June 18 & August 27
Outdoors Book sales at FOL's Barlee House

Saturday September 10, 10am-2pm
International Literacy Day sale
downtown at the Kelowna Library

23rd Great Okanagan Book Sale
October 13th, 14th and 15th, 2011
Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

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
or pick up at our Barlee House on Fridays.

Sale volunteers are always appreciated, just
email your interest.

NEWSLETTER
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2011 Board of Directors

Executive:
Michelle Ward – President (acting)
Lian Couper – Vice President
Ursula Wedemeyer – Secretary &
Membership
Shelley Barrow – Treasurer
Directors:
Allen Hustad Donna Lemire
Jacqueline McGarry Marina Zeipper

Board Meetings

Directors meet at 4pm, on the second
Monday of each month (except July &
August). Venue is the second floor Group
Study Room at the Kelowna branch.
Next AGM is set for morning of November 19
in the Kelowna branch main meeting room.

**Donations accepted ...
with conditions**

Stock for our Book Sales comes from ORL's
withdrawal program and donated books. We
accept books in **GOOD CONDITION**. Buyers
at sales will not buy books in poor condition
or that contain out-of-date information.

Please DO NOT leave the following items:

- Books in poor condition
- Textbooks [Okanagan Textbook
Exchange on Sutherland Ave opposite
Capri Mall may take recent editions]
- Encyclopaedias
- Out-of-date books – travel, health,
computer, etc.
- Magazines
- Reader's Digest condensed books

Please recycle these items in your regular
recycling pick-up.

New telephone: (250) 763-7323
763-READ

It's All About Our Libraries!

Look for the seasonal *City of Kelowna Activity & Program Guides* delivered free to most Kelowna households. The Library page highlights storytime & adult programs on offer at our three branches. All programs are free with no registration required. Kelowna FOL are proud to have been funding the seasonal ads since 2008, in a special partnership agreement with ORL.



Kelowna Branch

Downtown in the Cultural District, Ellis Street

Branch Hours Changing in 2011

In response to customer feedback, the Branch has modified its open hours for 2011. Effective January, the branch will be open four evenings a week until 8 p.m. and have extended hours on Sundays. New opening hours will be as follows:

Mondays through Thursdays: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fridays: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sundays: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (October through March)

Check www.orl.bc.ca/branches/kelowna

FOL have eagerly assisted the branch as it implements other recommendations out of their community consultation and "revisioning" project. To warm & brighten the branch and encourage more users, FOL have funded live plants, bean bags, and a Teens Neon sign. Under the stairs there's the fantastical **Ye Old Reading Nook** with its cosy bench just marvelous for young readers. And for the serious researchers & many new genealogical detectives, a second digital microform reader printer.



Mission Branch

Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive

Citizenship Ceremony April 23



Thirty-five citizenship candidates and their guests attended this oath taking event in the branch. FOL sponsored the always popular Canada-themed cupcakes provided by Cupcasions for refreshments & FOL book bags for keepsakes.

On a winter's day, there's a wonderfully warm welcome in the branch foyer, as patrons are greeted by a new fireplace, and can snuggle in an armchair with a reading treasure from the bookcases or display tables. Wonder at the fantasy banners over the Children's area. Delve further into the Library to find more FOL funded treats: Teens neon sign, wall quotes & picture rails for artwork displays.

Busy in daytimes? Mission Library is open 2 evenings a week - Tuesday and Thursday until 8pm & Saturdays 10am to 5pm

Check www.orl.bc.ca/branches/mission



Rutland Branch

In the heart of Plaza 33 on Highway 33

One of our most enthusiastic events for 2010 was the **Grand Opening**, as the branch relocated to eagerly awaited new space in Plaza 33. Loyal patrons celebrated the new space just like it was their home, reminiscing over past times in libraries in Rutland, and librarian Sheila Coe was proud to cut Friends celebration cake.

FOL funded even more treats such as a Christmas Tree which was decorated by the Chieftains junior hockey team who are new Library partners encouraging reading amongst their young fans. And you must visit the branch to see the luscious new wall mural: **The Local Library is loved by Lounging Lions**

Busy weekdays? Rutland Library is open 2 evenings a week - Tuesday and Wednesday until 8pm & Saturdays 10am to 5pm

Check www.orl.bc.ca/branches/rutland



What's new from ORL Headquarters

Give input to the Strategic Plan, and watch for ORLs **75th anniversary** celebrations in March! The redeveloped ORL website with its **new events pages & Facebook and Twitter** presence have been great vehicles to promote book sales & bring us new customers. Thanks to Marla O'Brien, ORL's new Public Relations Officer for her enthusiasm in promoting Okanagan Friends groups.



2010 Book Sales Report

The 22nd Annual Book Sale in October was another great success raising over \$27,000, thanks to our many energetic and loyal volunteers. (A shout-out too to the guys from Bucklers Truck Rentals (2 small men with big hearts) who year after year actually look forward to shifting our thousands of boxes).

When combined with smaller sales across 2010, it was a close-to-record year with over \$39,000 raised. A now regular schedule of smaller sales throughout the year kept our sorting house volunteers and directors busy: Blow-Out Sale (January), Spring Sale (April), 2 summer Outdoor Sales (June & August) & International Literacy Day mini-sale (September). FOL in conjunction with the KGH Auxiliary, are newly conducting 2-day book sales for patients, staff and visitors in the Kelowna General Hospital foyer.

Wishes do come true!

At the June 2010 FOL Directors meeting, almost \$25,000 in branches wishlist items were approved (many have arrived as highlighted on Page 2). FOLs commitment to Summer Reading Club programming increases each year with funding of over \$4000 for crafts, giveaways, prizes & additional guests for our three branches.

Kelowna Friends help fulfil wishes across the Okanagan. 40% of proceeds from our major book sales, go to ORL HQ to help those branches who do not have the benefit of a Friends group to support them & for system-wide projects. The allocation from our Oct 2009-Sep 2010 sales amounted to \$15,689. Lesley Dieno (ORL Executive Director) announced at the 2010 AGM that projects using these funds in 2011 will include 75th anniversary celebrations and over the next 2 years, a new web interface for the ORL online catalogue.

2010 Event Highlights

Friends have been pleased to sponsor or assist at these branch activities: Honoraria for 7 authors & performers at the Kelowna branch Black History Month celebrations. Evening speakers at Mission. And at each branch, wildly popular repeat performances by children's entertainer Will Stroet, magician Ali K Zam and other guests.



Friends across the Okanagan

Annual Gathering of the Friends of the Okanagan Libraries was hosted by Kelowna FOL, in May 2010. It was a great Saturday spent swapping ideas & applauding achievements with 27 Friends from Salmon Arm, Vernon, Westbank, Summerland, Naramata & Keremeos. Mission library impressed with its spaciousness and unique sports centre locale. Our visitors were excited to share lunch together at and tour the new Headquarters building on KLO Road. Thanks to ORL Headquarters executive and staff, and our director Marty Enns and her hostesses for a beautifully executed day.

Welcome & Thanks

The hiatus since this Newsletter last appeared in Spring 2009 is reflective of a challenging 2 years for our small team of volunteer Directors. But as of our **Annual General Meeting on Saturday 29th November 2010**, 3 new directors are on board. Bringing our Board up to 8, a very necessary number to manage the demands of meetings; planning, organising sales and events and keeping our sorting house running smoothly.

A new sense of optimism abounds thanks to the 3 members who stepped up from their already active participation as sale volunteers, to be elected: Allen Hustad, Donna Lemire & Jacqueline (Jacky) McGarry (See cover page for the 23rd Board members).

Many thanks to Marty Enns who did not stand for re-election. Her year as director, spent in organising volunteers for sales and library events was appreciated.

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 area 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:
 - Cashier
 - Replenisher
 - Set-up/Take-down
- Being a director
- Special Events
 (representing FOL at Library Functions: hosting at guest speaker events, etc.)
- 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:

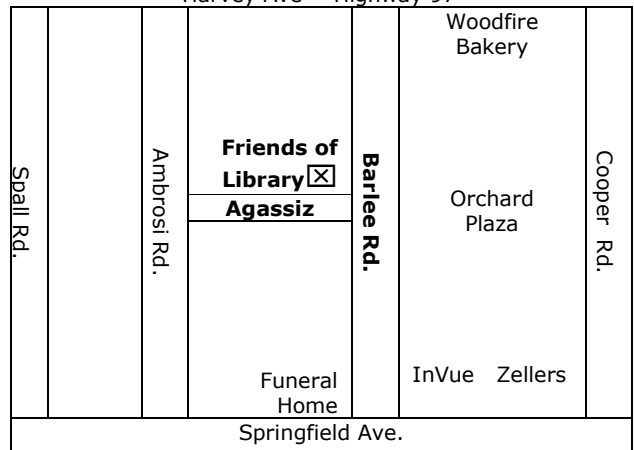
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BOOK DONATIONS

Kelowna Friends of the Library, gratefully accept donations of books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles & games. You can donate all year-round to help with the many fundraising 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 & leave a message atl 250-763-7323 763-READ.

Harvey Ave - Highway 97



Friends of the Library book bags
 have been sold out!