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## 23rd Great Okanagan Book Sale

**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall  
Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

...the best place to shop for winter and  
Christmas holiday reading!

A hall-full of **adult books**: fiction (mystery,  
romance, western, sci-fi); non-fiction  
(many subject areas), soft and hard covers,  
for the bargain price of **\$1 each**.

A whole room-full of **children's books**  
(**50¢ each**) plus puzzles & games.

Large Print books & titles in other languages.  
Many **media** items including  
CDs & DVDs, talking books

A large selection of **Premium** books  
(high quality content, good-as-new)  
for \$2, \$5, \$10

Refreshments & cookies available to keep up  
the energy levels of shoppers!



### Sale Hours

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am – 9pm**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am – 9pm**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9am – 3pm**

# NEWSLETTER

## Volume 33 Autumn 2011

### Annual General Meeting 2011 Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>

From 10am, in Main Meeting Room  
Kelowna Branch Library  
1380 Ellis Street

**Business Meeting** including: a Report on Friends  
year of activities with photographic highlights  
~ Update by the Okanagan Regional Library  
Executive on regional & provincial developments  
that impact on our 3 branch libraries  
~ Election of Directors & Officers. (see page 3 for  
more information about the Election)  
**Volunteers** are invited to a special **appreciation  
hot breakfast** which will be served from **9am**, prior  
to the business meeting.

### Voting for Libraries

On **November 19**, you have another chance to  
make your voice heard about local libraries –  
**Municipal Elections day**.

FOL would like to first acknowledge Mayor Sharon  
Shepherd and Councillor Michele Rule who  
represented the City of Kelowna on the Okanagan  
Regional Library Board, for their active support for  
literacy and our area libraries.

"The ORL is funded through a variety of sources,  
with the greatest amount of revenues (88%) coming  
from homeowners throughout the ORL region  
through property taxes. The dollars fund [Library]  
staff, branch locations, new acquisitions to the  
physical and online collections, public Internet and  
more." ("Dollars & Sense." *Okanagan Regional  
Library. A Report to our Communities 2010*. p.6)  
So decisions made by elected councillors are  
critical to the future of our libraries.

Ask the candidates these 4 questions:  
What is the candidate's experience of libraries?  
How is literacy important for our children, families  
and the disadvantaged? What role do they see for  
libraries in the future well-being of the Kelowna  
community? What would they do for our Kelowna  
area public libraries?

## It's All About Our Libraries!

From sing-along storytimes to book clubs and speakers of substance, the ORL page in the seasonal *City of Kelowna Activity & Program Guide* is a treasure trove of Library programs on offer at our three branches. All programs are free and for most, no registration is required.

Kelowna FOL are proud to be funding these full-page Library ads, in a special partnership agreement with ORL and you should spot the FOL logo in acknowledgement.

### Kelowna Branch

Downtown in the Cultural District, Ellis Street

To engage and inspire elementary students and budding architects and artists, the new **Lego Builders Club** continues this Fall. Lego evenings from 6:30-7:30pm focus on a thematic challenge: October 20, "Spooky Things"; November 17, "Pirate Things"; December 15, "Holiday Things" Registration is required.

Get your advance tickets at the Children's Info Desk for these **FREE puppet shows**: Halloween Thu/Fri Oct 27/28; Winter Wed/Thu/Fri Dec 7/8/9.

The branch is participating in the **Reading with TAILS** (Therapy Animals Involved in Literacy Support) program running across the BC Interior. In this one-on-one program, three dogs with trainers are matched to a child with reading difficulties. The children build confidence and improve their reading skills whilst reading aloud to their K-9 friend.

Join the new ADULT program: "**Reel**" **Books** at 6:30pm on these Mondays for book-based movie screenings. Free & no registration required! October 17 *Barneys Version* (book by Mordecai Richler); November 21 *Julie & Julia* (book by Julie Powell); December 19 *Christmas with the Kranks* (book *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham). FOL are thrilled to provide the funding for the Public Performance Rights licensing for a year's worth of these film screenings.

Extra Branch Opening Hours:

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

Check [www.orl.bc.ca/branches/kelowna](http://www.orl.bc.ca/branches/kelowna)

### Mission Branch

Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive

Summer Reading Club attracted 315 children and parents and excitement at the Drum Drama sessions even made the front page news! Other highlights were Ali-K-Zam magic, Buzz about Bees, Manga Mania, Become a Builder and Paints, Pastels, Pastiche, and Family Storytimes. Friends were excited to fund the prizes for SRC contests and weekly book draws, and to purchase the board games for **Family Fun & Games nights**.

Watch for Fall announcements of special performances & evening speakers. Regular free drop-in programs include: Babytime Tuesdays (for pre-walkers); Toddlertime Wednesdays (18 mos.-3 yrs); Storytime Thursdays (3-5 yrs) Check [www.orl.bc.ca/branches/mission](http://www.orl.bc.ca/branches/mission)

### Rutland Branch

In the heart of Plaza 33 mall on Highway 33

Summer Reading Club was a huge hit for over 400 children who participated in the ten programs on offer including Zumbatomic, and everything kids wanted to know about Gems & Minerals, Bees, Going Camping! Friends were excited to facilitate the many prizes, and especially the new puppet theatre and bee lights which delight all visitors to the children's corner.

**Reading with the Chiefs:** In Fall, players from the Kelowna Chiefs hockey team will resume their popular visits to the branch to read stories for 5 to 12 year olds and answer questions about playing junior hockey.

Check [www.orl.bc.ca/branches/rutland](http://www.orl.bc.ca/branches/rutland)

### What's new @ ORL Website

[www.orl.bc.ca](http://www.orl.bc.ca)

*Tumblebooks* free animated talking picture books for pre-school and elementary aged children including fiction, non-fiction and games – always available online, with no loan period or anything to return – also in French, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Chinese. Plus *Tumble Read-Alongs* for older kids, chapter books with sentence highlighting to help those struggling with reading.



## 2011 Book Sales Report

Thanks to our never-say-die troop of volunteers and directors, Friends have sustained our now regular program of book sales across the first half of the year: Blowout Sale (January), Spring Sale (April), two summer Outdoor Sales (June & August) and in May our semi-regular 2-day book sales for patients, staff and visitors in the Kelowna General Hospital foyer. Eager shoppers helped us raise over \$10,000 towards our librarians wishlists! Early in the new year watch out for announcements of the 2012 dates for these regular sales.

### Wishes do come true!

At the May FOL Directors meeting, more than \$15,000 in **branches wishlist** items were approved. FOLs commitment to Summer Reading Club programming increases each year. Funding of \$4500 for crafts, giveaways, prizes & additional guests, made for many exciting 2011 SRC activities at our libraries. Wishlist items approved for each branch included:

Kelowna – license fees for movie nights, display props & display shelving units, board games.

Mission – iPod for children's programming, bean bag chairs for children's area, Christmas trees

Rutland – puppet theatre, wall quotations, lights for children's area, seasonal decorations

In September, ORL released **BiblioCommons**, the enhanced online catalogue interface which was funded from the sale proceeds allocation FOL groups contribute annually to ORL. Ask Library staff how to get started & register to use the exciting new social networking features of the interface - make personal lists, review & rate collection items, view comments from others.



## 2011 Events

On March 19, the happiest highlight for Directors was supplying & cutting cakes for library patrons, alongside local politicians, at the 3 branches in celebration of **ORL's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. Friends have been pleased to sponsor or assist at these branch activities: February Black History Month five authors, visits by Patrick Lane & Annabelle Lyon (Kelowna); April Citizenship Ceremony (Mission) and June Directors meeting (Rutland).

## Friends across the Okanagan

**Annual Gathering of the Friends of the Okanagan Libraries** was hosted by the ORL executive at the Kelowna Headquarters building on September 17. A smaller number of groups (Enderby, Vernon, Westbank, Keremeos and Kelowna) participated due to scheduling challenges. Nevertheless there was the usual enthusiasm for swapping ideas & applauding our achievements across the Okanagan.

Lesley Dieno (ORL Executive Director) updated on the Vernon library building project (we are hopeful of visiting the new Library for a 2012 Friends gathering); impending strategic planning to consider models for servicing rural areas, and the extension of free wireless internet time in branches to 3 hours. Friends gave Marla O'Brien (ORL Public Relations Officer) their eager input on marketing ideas to promote ORL libraries and groups, including book bags, logos & brochures.

### An AGM Message from the Executive

A Board with a minimum of 7 directors is to be elected & within that team, new office bearers are needed. The rewards are great in learning more about our library branches, fulfilling the needs of our libraries, by fundraising, promotional activities, and library events ... all whilst enjoying the companionship of fellow friends, library staff, bibliophiles and library lovers.

Want to know more, please approach the membership table or any of our directors at the Book Sale or, by the time of the AGM. (Acting President, Michelle Ward)

### Membership Renewals Now Due !

Now the Great Sale and AGM are here, it's time to renew, and it's so convenient to do so at these major events. It's still only \$5.00 per year.

The form is on the back of this newsletter or can be picked up at any Library branch or FOL event. Our membership base is loyal & strong, as we have kept longtime Friends and gained new members. Help us continue to support our libraries & fund much appreciated items and presentations at our 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:**

**Kelowna Friends of the Library**

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Annual Membership: \$5.00

- New Membership
- Membership Renewal

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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.



**Comments, 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 at 250-763-7323 763-READ.

Harvey Ave - Highway 97

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		<b>Agassiz</b>		Orchard Plaza	
		Funeral Home			
Springfield Ave.					

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