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From the Editor:

'Tis the season for celebrations, for the giving of gifts and giving of thanks. So time for Friends to appreciate the hundred and more volunteers who helped make the GO October 2017 sale another fundraising success. Thanks to the core regular volunteers who turned out also to smaller sales. A huge thanks to the dedicated hardworking Barlee House volunteers who show up every Friday (and more often in peak times) to sort thousands of boxes of public donations & ORL withdrawals in readiness for sales. Thanks to the individual volunteers who support our directors with running our Facebook presence, updating our website and connecting with our libraries. Our small band of volunteer directors, have hardly a month or week off, often multi-tasking in organizing sales, sorting house and board activities. As Friends 30th year approaches, we ask volunteers to consider how they can help Friends survive as a group and find new sustainable ways to continue our critical fundraising efforts and to support our libraries.

2017 Fundraising Book Sales

Spring Sale

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 April
Capital News Centre, Gordon Drive
Foyer to Mission Branch Library

Summer Outdoor Sale: Fill it for \$5

Saturday 17 June
FOL House, 1898 Barlee Road

29th Great Okanagan Book Sale
Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 October
Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
including Saturday Fill a Bag for \$5

NEWSLETTER

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Friends Fundraising Achievements

29th Great Okanagan Book Sale (October 2017) netted just over \$26,000 with fewest leftovers in comparison to recent GO sales! 28^h Great Okanagan Book Sale (October 2016) tallied over \$28,000. Proceeds from smaller 2017 sales added \$4500 to a successful year of fundraising.

Each May, FOL Directors review **branch wish lists** submitted by librarians. In 2017, \$10,712; 2016, \$6,950; 2015, \$8,725 and 2014, \$9,652 worth of items were approved. This year cool items funded included: Keva planks & maker materials (including little bots that teach kids how to code). Along with Lego sets and puppet theatres from previous years, these items all have facilitated highly popular programs for children and teens. Across the year, **visits** by authors, speakers, performers, special events and support for adult book clubs are funded. Annually 40% of major sale proceeds are sent to ORL Headquarters for **system-wide projects** 2016, \$11, 737; 2015, \$11,637; 2014, \$11, 770.

FOLs foremost commitment is to support **Summer Reading Club (SRC)**, with funding for contests, prizes, wind-up parties, crafts, workshops & guest presenters at the three branches. The SRC segment within the annual wishlist allocations has been: \$5940 (2017); \$4950 (2016) and \$5100 (2015).

Summer reading programs encourage kids to read whilst having fun, and with the goal to maintain or improve their reading skills over the summer months. Another goal is to promote our public libraries as a community resource for year-round, life-long learning.

FOL are the major funding source for SRC, allowing our libraries to reserve their branch budgets towards year-round programming. In addition, funds FOL supplied centrally to ORL in recent years have paid for system-wide SRC performers. Without Friends funding for SRC, branch funds would have to be prioritised to SRC thus diminishing year-round programming for children, youth and adults.

It's All about Our Libraries!

WALK ON THE
WILD SIDE!

BC Summer Reading Club

Amazing programs, activities, and contests built around the theme attracted record participation at every branch, literally thousands of kids!

All branches:

Andy the Musical Scientist wowed with wild musical instruments he has invented using recyclable materials in unique ways.

Walk on the Wild Side Magic Show's Leif David presented magic, storytelling and comedy.

At individual branches, Friends helped towards special presentations from Kelowna Museums, Okanagan Science Centre, Royal Astronomical Society, Okanagan World of Reptiles, Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of BC plus Circus Yoga, zumba and drumming workshops and more wild events:

Kelowna: Yard Wars; Weather forecasts with Wesla & Duane (Global Okanagan)

Mission: Wild Nature Craft; It's a Small World

Rutland: Camp out at the Library, Night Owls

Check www.orl.bc.ca

There's something for every age. All programs are free, some registration may be required.



Kelowna Branch

Downtown in the Cultural District, Ellis Street Branch is open Monday – Thursday to 8pm
Friday to 5:30pm

Weekend hours: Saturday 10am to 5pm

Sunday 11am to 4pm (Oct-Mar)

Check www.orl.bc.ca/kelowna



Mission Branch

Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive Branch is open Tuesday – Thursday to 8pm
Monday & Friday to 5pm

Weekend hours: Saturday 10am to 5pm

(New) Sunday 11am to 3pm

Check www.orl.bc.ca/mission



Rutland Branch

In the heart of Plaza 33 on Highway 33 Branch is open Tuesday & Wednesday to 8pm
Monday, Thursday & Friday to 5pm

Weekend hours: Saturday 10am to 5pm

Check www.orl.bc.ca/rutland



ORL Headquarters

New ORL brand revealed on November 18
at the renovated Peachland branch



The new tagline capsulates the mission of Libraries as safe learning spaces where everyone is welcome and respected. The new brand will start appearing on ORL vehicles, buildings, print materials, website and social media. Watch for new services like an e-commerce store where people can purchase library-branded merchandise.

More on what Friends have funded!

Kelowna: Maker materials; Licensing for past monthly free movie nights. Display end-panels for Fiction shelving; Display shelving units, props & pedestals; Board games & Game board table; Flat-screen TV & mobile stand; Presentation station; Digital Microform reader-printer; Fairytale Mural for Children's reading nook.

Mission: Puppet stall; Furniture for reading nook; Display table for TakeOut Surprise bags; Keva planks, iPods & Lego sets for children's programming; Bean bag chairs for children's & Teens area; Christmas trees for adult and children's areas; Electric Fireplace & seasonal decor for cosy Book Club chats.

Teen programming (workshops for duct tape art, cartooning, card & jewellery making)

Rutland: Competition chessboards; Keva planks & \$1000 worth of Lego; support for past events with Kelowna Chiefs Hockey Club. Seasonal decorative items including Christmas tree; Hanging lights for children's media corner and Tabletop puppet theatre; Word quotations on walls (also Kelowna & Mission); Children's Mural *Lounging Lions*

ORL **system-wide projects** notably performances by magician Leif David at ORL branches valley-wide for Summer Reading Club, audio & e-book collections, pamphlets *100 Books to Read Together before Kindergarten*, Support your ORL brochures & ORL book bags.

Update from the Executive

Upcoming ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Kelowna ORL Branch Library
downtown @ 1380 Ellis Street
Upstairs Classroom #1

Saturday 25th November 2017
9 am to 12 noon

9am Volunteers are invited to a special catered **Appreciation Breakfast**

10am Business Meeting

- . Updates from the ORL Executive & Kelowna FOL Executive
- . Future status of Kelowna FOL as a registered society
- . Election of Board

RSVP to email: fol4k@hotmail.com

The public are welcome to the Business Meeting
Free parking in Library Parkade on weekends

Book Sales across 2017 have been a success on par with recent years sales. New volunteers continue to join us.

Yet the organisation of book sales, of Barlee sorting house and Board operations has fallen to a small core of volunteer directors and helpers. This core is diminishing further due to health, family and work commitments.

The current Board and Barlee volunteers are passionate about the survival of FOL for the critical fundraising and other support upon which our libraries depend.

At the November 2016 AGM, discussions started on options for how Friends organise ourselves and our activities. This 2017 AGM we need to get going towards actions.

A Board with a minimum of 7 directors including new office bearers will still need to be elected. Without a Board, there will be no one to work on strategies to re-organise ourselves.

If you want to keep Friends alive, and keep those critical funds flowing to our Libraries, this is a meeting to attend!

As of our **Annual General Meeting on Saturday 5th November 2016**, a Board of seven directors was elected, with one volunteer stepping up to join continuing directors.

2017 Board of Directors

Executive:

Pamela Leco – President
Joan Muir (new to executive) – Vice-President
Michelle Ward – Secretary, Newsletter Editor
Bruce Gillon (new to board) – Treasurer

Directors:

Continuing: Evelin Irons (Volunteer co-ordinator), Harmina Jansen and Megan Smaha (assistant to Secretary & volunteer co-ordinator).
Retiring long-term executive-directors, Shelley Barrow and Ursula Wedemeyer were appreciated for their efforts. Both, as they can, still participate in Barlee House sorting & sale activities

Board Meeting Venues & Times

Directors meet at **5:30pm**, on the second Monday of each month (except February, July & August, November).

Meeting venues rotate between the three branch libraries, generously hosted by those librarians.



Recruiting Volunteers

Directors presented FOL for a third year at the Kelowna Community Resources annual **Volunteer Opportunities Fair** (September 16) at Parkinson Recreation Centre.

This year more than 25 interested persons signed up or expressed interest including retired professionals & a librarian as well as students and young newcomers to Kelowna who in decent numbers volunteered immediately at the October sale. Along with recent recruits who come with experience of other Friends groups, FOL are still proving to be a volunteer group people are keen to join and to help in supporting libraries.



New F.O.L. volunteers are always welcome. There is no longer a membership fee. Please fill in the form below and mail it to our mailing address, attention Volunteer Co-ordinator; or drop it off at any of the three Library branches – Kelowna, Mission or Rutland. A more detailed version can be printed from Friends website: www.kelownafol.ca

BE A FRIEND! JOIN OR UPDATE:

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- New Volunteer
- Updating details

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.

Keep up-to-date

Want to receive FOL Newsletters & other timely information about upcoming sales and events faster. Register your email with us. Join the 300+ followers Kelowna FOL has on Facebook!

Email: fol4k@hotmail.com
 Web: www.kelownafol.ca
 Follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/fol4k)



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 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.**

More information: email fol4k@hotmail.com

Harvey Ave - Highway 97

