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2018 Fundraising Book Sales

Completed:

Spring Sale

Saturday 5 May

Plaza 33, Highway 33

***NEW* Foyer to Rutland Branch Library**

Summer Outdoor Sale

Fill an ORL book bag for \$5

Saturday 16 June

FOL House, 1898 Barlee Road

Upcoming: Remember November!

30th Great Okanagan Book Sale

Thursday 8 to Saturday 10 November

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

We're not just about books ... we're (fundraising for) makers too!

Kelowna Branch Fundraiser BBQ (Saturday 23 June) Friends helped out at this first branch event to raise funds towards maker spaces, and the teens and children's areas as part of Phase 2 of the **Kelowna Library Revitalization**. ORL have set themselves an overall project fundraising goal of \$800,000 by 2019 including Maker Space (\$250,000), Children's Corner (\$100,000) – larger more inviting space facing Ellis Street for interactive, creative & playful literacy activities. Teen Zone (\$100,000) – a space to call their own with flexible fun furnishing & new computers to explore and create.

What are **maker spaces**? Hands-on DIY community spaces where people of all ages gather to explore, create, invent and learn using technologies and equipment that most would not otherwise be able to access – creativity software, electronics, traditional craft & hardware supplies, alongside specialized tools like 3-D printers.

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It took 30 years of highs and lows, blood-sweat-and-tears, and countless book boxes for Friends to attain this milestone. And we're so proud to have been part of the fantastic changes to our libraries along the way!

Celebrating Friends: Fundraising

29th Great Okanagan Book Sale (October 2017) netted just over \$26,000 with a final day Saturday strategy of Fill a bag for \$5 leaving fewest leftovers in comparison to recent GO sales! Proceeds from smaller 2018 sales of \$2000 mark a good start to this year's fundraising.

Each May, FOL Directors review **branch wish lists** submitted by librarians. In 2018, \$10,490; 2017, \$10,712; and 2016, \$6,950 worth of items were approved. Recent cool items funded include: rockin ride-on animal seats (Rutland), Keva planks (Mission) & MakerSpace tech materials (Kelowna), plus Lego sets and puppet theatres from previous years, these enhance 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 go to ORL Headquarters for **system-wide projects** 2017, \$11,080; 2016, \$11,737; and 2015, \$11,637.

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: \$5945 (2018); \$5940 (2017) and \$4950 (2016).

It's All about Our Libraries!



Over July to August, amazing programs, activities, and contests built around these themes will attract participation at every branch, literally thousands of kids: On the Go! Transportation - Shake, Rattle, and Roll! Animals and insects - On Your Mark, Get Set, Go! Sports and physical activities - Go Go Gadget! Inventions and creativity - Blast Off! Travel through space and time - Bust a Move! Music and Dance - Lights, Camera, Action! Movies and animation

Many ORL branches will host either or both: *Motion Commotion* Magic Show with perennial favourite, Leif David - Bubble Wonders, wizardry and wisdom with Geoff Akins. Friends funds contribute every year towards these valley-wide performances for SRC.

At individual branches, Friends provided funding towards special presentations and events, prizes and crafts. Some highlights illustrate new and enduring library-community partnerships:

Kelowna: Building Rubberband Powered Paddle Boats (Men's Shed) - Bhangra Dancing (Dance2Fit) - Bees Abuzz (Kelowna Museum) - Character Creations (Sean Ridgway, former Disney animator) - Zooming through the Universe (Royal Astronomical Society of Canada) - Power of Habitat (Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan) - Zumba Kids (Jody Wielgosz)

Mission: Circus YogaMotion (Anita McFarlane) - STARLAB! Motion in the Skies Above (Okanagan Science Centre) - Busta Move Zumba - How to Train your Dragon (or Unicorn) puppetry - Mission Puppet Playhouse presents Commotion under the Ocean! - Lego and Keva on the move

Rutland: MyBCWeather - Zumba Time - Yoga with Alli - Build with Pasta - Mouse Trap - Junior Samurai Rutland is the only branch to use "book bucks" which teaches financial literacy to readers. Based on the amount they read, readers earn "bucks" to purchase awesome prizes from the Rutland Library Store, including: books, toys and games.



Kelowna Branch

Downtown in the Cultural District on Ellis Street Branch is open Monday – Thursday to 8pm
Friday to 5:30pm
Weekend hours: Saturday 10am to 5pm
Sunday 11am to 4pm (only 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
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

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ORL Headquarters

[Don Nettleton Appointed New CEO Of Okanagan Regional Library](#)

After Stephanie Hall resigned as CEO to pursue sailing adventures in March 2018, Nettleton (long term ORL Financial officer) was selected by the ORL board as an Interim CEO while ORL looked for a new leader. Nettleton became the successful applicant for the CEO position and officially assumed responsibilities in May 2018.

[Do You Love Listening To Free Classical & Jazz Music?](#)

Naxos Music Library is now available for streaming from ORL website at the click of a mouse! the world's largest online classical music library. Streaming access to over 87,000 CDs with over 1.275 million tracks. On average, over 800 new CDs are added every month.

Read the latest on library usage, developments and plans from this link [2017 Annual Report](#)



Kelowna

New Branch Head Librarian

Chris Stephenson on the way to his last position as Head Librarian of the Bancroft Public Library in Ontario, drove through Kelowna and said to himself, "One day I'd like to work for the Okanagan Regional Library system." Two years later, here he is.

Former branch librarian **Christine McPhee** is now at ORL HQ, working as the Director of Public Services, Customer Experience.

Phase 1 of the **Kelowna Branch revitalization project** was completed in 2017 resulting in a large new flexible event-learning space, the Great Room, small bookable meeting & study spaces, improved public computer usage and a large open-concept atrium at the main entrance which serves as the social hub of the library.

Scott Wells is the ORL Fund Development Officer moving along fundraising goals for Phase 2 of the Project. As well as the Maker Space, Children's Corner and Teen Zone, other new and exciting features planned are: Recording Studio and Whisper Rooms (\$150,000) – a place for community members to participate in entry-level digital audio/video creation. Idea Hive (\$200,000) – a dedicated space to support small businesses and start-ups to foster entrepreneurship with flexible working spaces and computers



Mission

New Branch Head librarian

Richard Kicksee joins from ORL Vernon, and started in June 2018. During the Vernon Winter Carnival, he was part of a library duo who won "Best Family Event" for a "Mad Hatter's Tea Party". While at Natural Resources Canada, Richard received an "Outstanding Achievement Award" from the Chief Scientist of the Government of Canada for creating the first science and technology web portal for the public, science.gc.ca.

Former branch librarian **Annette Van Koevering** left in February 2018 for Quesnel and the Cariboo Regional District Library.

Mission Reads Book Club: join in a lively discussion each month on 3rd Wednesday afternoon or 3rd Thursday evening. Friends are happy to have funded the fireplace and treats you'll enjoy with your conversation.



Rutland

Fond farewell to beloved branch community librarian **Sheila Coe** who dedicated 50 years to her Rutland branch and community. An **Open House** with refreshments will be held at the branch on Wednesday July 11, 10am – 5pm.

Come celebrate with Sheila and wish her well!

New branch head librarian

Alison Hayman joins from positions held at ORL Vernon and Westbank, and started on June 18. Alison studied library science after working as a social worker for several years, discovering that combined "the two degrees have prepared me well for working in public libraries". Prior to joining ORL she worked for the federal government in Ottawa, most recently at Statistics Canada.

The Central Okanagan Foundation sponsors **American Sign Language Story Time program** (Saturdays) & special **ASL Summer Immersion** event, July 9-13 (Monday-Friday) at the branch.

Top Things funded by Friends!

Kelowna: *Latest* MakerSpace tech materials; Display end-panels for Fiction; Display shelving units, props & pedestals; Board games & Game board table; Flat-screen TV & mobile stand; Presentation station; Digital Microform reader-printer; Fairytale Mural Children's reading nook.

Mission: Puppet stall; Furniture for reading nook; Display table for TakeOut Surprise bags;

Latest Keva planks, iPods & Lego sets for children's programming; Bean bag chairs for children's & Teens area; Electric Fireplace & seasonal decore for cosy Book Club chats.

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

Rutland: *Latest* rockin ride-on animal seats; Competition chessboards; Keva planks & Lego. Seasonal decore; Hanging "bee" lights for children's media corner and Tabletop puppet theatre; Children's Mural *Lounging Lions*

Word quotations on three branch libraries walls.

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

Update from the Executive

Upcoming ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
839 Sutherland Ave

Wednesday 7th November 2018

As the Hall is already rented for the Wednesday morning set-up of our book sale, the space will be used for an evening AGM
PLUS a special 30th anniversary sale opportunity exclusively for our volunteers, same evening

Details and times to follow

As of our **Annual General Meeting on Saturday 25 November 2017**, a partial executive and Board of eight directors was formed, with one volunteer stepping up to join continuing directors.

2018 Board of Directors

Executive:

Vacant – President

Joan Muir – Vice-President (meeting chairperson)

Michelle Ward & Megan Smaha – joint Secretary

Bruce Gillon – Treasurer

Directors:

Continuing: Evelin Irons (Volunteer co-ordinator),

Pamela Leco (Immediate Past President) and

Harmina Jansen. New: Dot Margerison

Megan Smaha - assistant volunteer co-ordinator.

Michelle Ward – publicity, newsletter editor, email, web page & social media administrator.

Board Meeting Venues & Times

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

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

Volunteers are encouraged to attend to learn how we function and to input on issues.



Recruiting Friends

Directors will represent FOL for a fourth year at the annual **Kelowna Community Resources Volunteer Opportunities Fair** (Saturday September 15, 10am – 2pm) at Parkinson Recreation Centre. Come to our display table and learn about our volunteer needs and activities in support of our libraries.

Celebrating Friends: Volunteers

Friends appreciate the hundred and more volunteers who help make our sales fundraising successes. A huge thanks to the hardworking dedicated Barlee House volunteers who show up every Friday (and more often in peak times) to sort thousands of boxes of ORL withdrawals & public donations 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 acknowledge our 30th year, 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.

Book Sales across 2017 into 2018 have been a success on par with recent years sales. New volunteers continue to join us.

The organization of book sales, of Barlee sorting house and Board operations still falls to a small core of volunteer directors and helpers. This core continues to struggle, due to health, family and work commitments. Nevertheless the current Board and Barlee volunteers are passionate about FOLs survival, in a more sustainable form, for the critical fundraising and support upon which our libraries depend.

The November 2017 AGM apprised volunteers of options such as whether Friends disband altogether or, organize ourselves and our activities more sustainably eg. to re-form as a coalition of volunteers, organized on a more flexible event-basis and running sales on a smaller more cost-effective scale. Operational costs for venue rentals, sorting house and recycling have risen considerably in recent years.

Only a handful of volunteers beyond the Board and Barlee crew attended the 2017 AGM. Our struggles and strategies to enable the potential options necessitate that the Board keep moving forward - to consider dissolution of our registered BC Society status and CRA financial standing. The 2018 AGM will present and discuss these strategies and resolutions.

If you want to keep Friends alive and well, beyond our 30 years, and keep critical funds flowing to our libraries, come to this meeting!

New F.O.L. volunteers are always welcome.
 There is no 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 350+ followers Kelowna FOL has on Facebook!

Email: fol4k@hotmail.com
 Web: www.kelownafol.ca
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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 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

Spall Rd.	Ambrosi Rd.	Community Garden	Barlee Rd.	Woodfire Bakery	Cooper Rd.
		Friends of Library ☒ Agassiz		Orchard Plaza	
		Funeral Home		InVue	Lee Valley
Springfield Ave.					

