



REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2010

Session:	Public Session
Subject:	Friends of the London Public Library Donation
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Purpose of Report:	For Decision: Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Recommendation

It is recommended that the donation of \$65,000 from the Friends of the London Public Library be allocated as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report.

Issue / Opportunity

Each year, the Friends of the London Public Library donates funds from the book sale and other revenue generating initiatives to support non-core service enhancements and other items that are not addressed in the Library's operating budget.

Background & Review

The recommended allocations, as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report, were presented to the February meeting of the Friends' Executive. The Friends of the London Public Library have generously responded to the Library's request.

Once again, we extend a heartfelt thank you to the Friends' Executive members along with the many volunteers who work tirelessly at the Book Sale and the Library Store to support the work of the London Public Library in serving people in our community.

Appendix 1

Friends of the London Public Library Recommendation for Allocation of Donation, February 2010	
Item	Funding
<p>Carson Branch Library Enhancements The donation will enable the Library to purchase items that will enhance the children's area in order to support an active environment for learning and reading enjoyment. Enhancements will include: story time carpet, new trains for the train table, primary colour blocks and fabric bulletin board in children's area. In addition the branch will benefit from: new meeting room tables and chairs, new projection screen, and art tracking to display local artist's works. The funding includes \$300 for the opening reception and celebrations.</p>	10,000
<p>Atomic Learning Software Atomic Learning provides web-based software training and curriculum resources and offers over 35,000 tutorial movies on more than 110 of the most common software applications. This will enhance the suite of offerings we have to support the development of computer literacy. It focuses on answering the common questions people have when learning popular software packages. The Library has provided this to staff for a number of years and now wants to expand its license to offer it to the public through the Library's website.</p>	4,500
<p>Summer Reading Club The 2009 donation enabled the library to support the SRP which serves over 5,000 children. The Friends' donation, along with other sponsors, will be acknowledged in publicity.</p>	7,000
<p>R.E.A.D. The R.E.A.D. program operates at seven Library locations to provide one-on-one reading assistance to children from 7 to 12 years of age. The Friends' donation will assist in supporting the part-time facilitator and the purchase of required beginning readers, workbooks, games and other reading-related materials to support their work.</p>	12,500
<p>Summer Students to Support Literacy Programs Each year the Library applies for government funding to hire summer students to assist with the Summer Reading Program, Summer READ, Teen Extreme Reading Machine and other literacy programs for hundreds of children during the summer months. The Friends' donation will provide matching funds for this initiative.</p>	16,000
<p>Rotary Reading Garden/ Branch Garden Support The previous year's donation enabled the Library to contract professional landscape services for the Reading Garden, Westmount, East London and Crouch. The Friends' donation will again cover this cost as well as plant replacement. The Garden continues to be an active area for programs, concerts, etc. The Library continues to engage gardening volunteers at these Branches and others to water, weed and prune, etc. weekly.</p>	15,000
Total for February 2010	65,000