



**REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD**

**MEETING DATE: JUNE 24, 2010**

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

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**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 Library Store and the Friends' Annual Book Sale to support non-core service and program 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 June 2010 meeting of the Friends' Executive. The Friends of the London Public Library have generously responded to the Library's request for funds to support the ongoing London Room digitization project, begun in 2009 and the replacement of CD-ROM Early Literacy workstations in many of our locations.

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.

<b>Friends of the London Public Library Recommendation for Allocation of Donation, June 2010</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Funding</b>
<p><b>All-In-One CD-ROM Early Literacy Stations</b> Upgrades are required for the CD-ROM workstations (initially funded by Friends) installed in children's areas in all Library locations to support early literacy in both English and French. Each station includes a computer and over 40 educational software programs for children ages 2 to 10. The Library will purchase: English and bilingual stations for the new NE Branch Library (opening in the fall) and replace 11 aging workstations in other locations. In 2009, workstations were visited 60,000 times.</p>	<b>45,000</b>
<p><b>London Room Digitization Project</b> In June 2009, the Friends provided initial funding to begin the digitization of parts of the London Room collection in order that items, such as historical pictures and documents, could be searched and accessed electronically, on the LPL website and Internet. The funding was used to hire staff to scan photos and upload them as collections. This initial work began in the fall of 2009 and continued into 2010. The London Public Library Image Gallery now contains 180 photos with 100 more waiting to be added with descriptions. Over 1200 visits have been made by people from around the world between January and April 2010. The project contributes to the awareness of London's history in a unique and accessible way. With the additional funding, the Library will be able to hire additional staff to continue the inputting and description process.</p>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Total for June 2010</b>	<b>65,000</b>