



REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD
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Session:	Public Session
Subject:	Friends of the London Public Library Donation
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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the donation of \$25,000 from the Friends of the London Public Library be allocated as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report.

ISSUE/OPPORTUNITY

The purpose of this report is to present the recommended allocation of the second installment of \$25,000 of the Friends of the London Public Library's' 2012 donation of \$121,100.

BACKGROUND & REVIEW

The Library is appreciative of the time and energy spent on the fundraising accomplished by the Friends through the operation of the Library Store and the annual Book Sale.

As indicated in the report to the Board, with the first installment in February 2012, the specific fund-raising projects of the Friends focus on non-core service enhancements and other items that are not addressed in the Library's operating budget. In 2012 and 2013 the Library is facing great pressure on both its operating and capital budgets and yet despite this situation, the Library is committed to achieving objectives in its Strategic Plan 2010-2013 and to maintaining high quality library services, responsive to our community's needs.

The development of the allocations list for the second installment continues to balance the principle of the Friends' funding non-core service enhancements with the need for support for library services and strategic initiatives. The allocations list is found in Appendix 1.

Friends of the London Public Library
Revised Recommendations for Allocation of Donation Funds 2012

Item	Cost
<p>Books on CD for VLS Patrons For many Visiting Library patrons, who may have low sight, no vision, or physical or brain injuries, listening to books on CD is their only option to read. With the popularity and the number required for each patron, it is difficult to meet the demand. Books on CD are purchased for the regular collection but the funds available are not sufficient to purchase the quantity required to meet the needs of the Visiting Library clientele. Commercial books on CD can also be played on the Daisy Players thereby providing a larger selection of materials to patrons with low sight or no vision.</p>	5,500
<p>Large Laminated Word Searches, Connect the Dot Puzzles Word searches and other activities encourage the development of literacy skills in various age groups. The Library will produce large laminated mazes, word searches and “connect the dot” puzzles to support literacy development activities for children, teens and adults to be used in library programs and outreach activities. The boards are reusable because of the laminated surface.</p>	4,000
<p>Dual Language Picture Books For newcomers to feel included and integrated into their community, they need to learn English. Also, it is important for them to maintain their mother tongue. With dual language picture books, parents are able to read books in their mother tongue and practice English with their children. These dual language materials help both adults and children develop their literacy skills.</p>	2,500
<p>French Language Children’s Collection To support students enrolled in French immersion classes as well as children for whom French is their first language, it is important to have solid collections of materials written in French to support their early literacy skills. The Library budget provides a minimum level of support for this collection but cannot meet the growing demand for materials in French.</p>	6,000
<p>Book Club in a Bag With generous support from the Friends, London Public Library was able to build the capacity of this service, increase the collection size, and improve accessibility by moving to a browsing collection. The browsing collection has proven to be very popular with book clubs in the City and more book clubs now utilize the service. To maintain interest in the collection, additional titles need to be added to the collection each year. There are no specific funds in the Collections budget to build the Book Club in a Bag collection. As with previous purchases, the Friends’ donation will be acknowledged on the green book bags in which the book club collections circulate.</p>	5,000
<p>Computer Training Classes for Seniors It is increasingly important to be computer literate. Many seniors are trying to develop these skills. One of the initiatives in the London Public Library Strategic Plan is to develop a service plan to improve services to seniors. The ability to offer computer courses specifically for this age group would be very popular and well received.</p>	2,000
Subtotal	\$25,000