



REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

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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 \$39,200 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 June meeting of the Friends' Executive. The Friends of the London Public Library have generously responded to the Library's request.

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

Friends of the London Public Library Recommendation for Allocation of Donation, June 2009		
Item	Funding Allocation	Usage Time line
<p>London Room Digitization Project</p> <p>The Library has acquired software to be used in the digitization of parts of the London Room collection in order that items, such as historical pictures and documents, can be searched and accessed electronically, on the LPL website and Internet. Staff will need to be hired to scan photos and upload them as collections. It is expected that this work would begin in the fall of 2009 and continue into 2010. The Friends' contribution will assist in the hiring of the staff</p>	\$34,500	Oct 2009
<p>System-Wide Programs</p> <p>Each year the Library sponsors major system-wide programs:</p> <p><i>Ontario Public Library Week:</i> In October, the Library draws large number of Londoners to literacy programs, technology innovations, speakers, etc. to celebrate the impact that libraries have on people's lives.</p> <p><i>Family Literacy Day: Community Celebration:</i> January 27th is recognized nationally as Family Literacy Day. In 2008 and 2009, the Library hosted a community celebration of family literacy where a dozen community partners came together to provide families with interactive and hands-on activities which promote and encourage family literacy. In 2008, approximately 200 people attended, and in 2009 that number was more than doubled! The feedback from the 2009 event was extremely positive; both community partners and families expressed an interest doing it again next year. Help from the Friends to fund this event would allow us to provide live performance, high quality draw prizes, take-away materials and promotional materials as well as allow us to sell refreshments at low cost.</p>	\$3,700	Oct 2009
<p>Non-English Language Children's Collection</p> <p>The London Public Library is working with community groups to raise funds to support the growth of the non-English language children's collection. As newcomers arrive in London from all parts of the world, it is an essential step in transition to Canada for children and families to have materials in languages spoken at home. The Library supports these collections through its own budget, but the growing demand for materials in new languages cannot be met. The Friends' donation would assist in new purchases and also support the work that LPL is undertaking with a variety of cultural communities in London.</p>	\$1,000	August 2009
Total for June 2009	\$39,200	