Annual General Meeting on Sept 30 - Carmen Sprovieri  
The Friends of the London Public Library Annual General Meeting of members will be held  
September 30 at 7:00 PM in the Stevenson and Hunt Room of the Central Library.  

The meeting will include reports of the year's major activities, election of officers and recognition of the Friend of the Year. There will be ample opportunity for questions, comments and input from members. There will also be a special presentation, as part of the Speaking with Friends program, immediately following the AGM (details on page 2).

Also, the Board has reviewed the Friends' constitution and is proposing changes for approval at the meeting, as required by the constitution. These are outlined below.

Proposed Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws - Carmen Sprovieri

Article VI (Officers), Item 4A
Existing - All officers shall be elected for the term of one (1) year, and may serve not more than three (3) successive years in any particular office.  
Proposed addition - If there is no qualified candidate available for election or appointment to the Friends Executive, an exemption to Article VI 4A may be granted with the concurrence of the majority of members present at the Annual General Meeting, in the event that application of the term limit would result in a vacancy in a particular office.  
Rationale - Allows the work that needs to be done to continue.

Article VIII (Meetings), Item 1A
Existing - Regular meetings of the Executive shall be held once per month, however, regular scheduled meetings in July and August may be cancelled by a majority of the Executive.  
Proposed - Regular meetings of the Executive shall be held once per month, however, regular scheduled meetings may be cancelled by a majority of the Executive.  
Rationale - Provides for flexibility.

Article XII (Amendments), Item 2B
Existing - Members shall be notified in writing of the Notice of Motion two (2) weeks prior to the general membership meeting.  
Proposed - Members shall be notified in writing of the Notice of Motion no later than two (2) weeks prior to the general membership meeting.  
Rationale - Clarification

Please come to the AGM  
Wed, Sept. 30, 7:00 PM  
Stevenson and Hunt Room  
Central Library

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Leave a message at 519-661-2448.  
Regular mail - Friends of LPL at 251 Dundas St, London, ON, N6A 6H9.  
More details about Friends on our website:  
www.londonpubliclibrary.ca/friendsofthelibrary
Speaking With Friends - Carmen Sprovieri

The next Speaking With Friends program will be "Lucy Maud Montgomery - Writer of the World" with guest speakers Mary Rubio and Elizabeth Waterston, editors of "The Lucy Maud Montgomery Journals". Mary Rubio is also the author of "Lucy Maud Montgomery: A Gift of Wings" and Elizabeth Waterston is author of "Magic Island: The Fictions of LM Montgomery".

The program will be held September 30th, 2009 at 7:30 pm (following the Friends Annual General Meeting) in the Wolf Performance Hall, Central Library, 251 Dundas St. Tickets are $20 (Seniors and students $15.00) and are available at Oxford Books, 740 Richmond St. and the Central Library at Community Outreach Services on the first floor.

Books will be available for purchase. A book signing and reception will follow the program. Proceeds of the event will go to the London Public Library to support the literacy program Reading for Enjoyment and Development (READ).

Friends Donate $39,200 to the Library - Len Carey

On June 25, the Friends presented the London Public Library Board with a cheque for $39,200. David Winninger, Library Board Chair, accepted the donation from Carmen Sprovieri, Chair of the Friends, and several members of the Executive (see below).

The funds will be used primarily to assist in the digitization of collections in the London Room (e.g., historical documents). A smaller portion will be used to support the Library’s role in Ontario Public Library Week, Oct 19 - 25, and Family Literacy Day: A Community Celebration, Jan 27, 2010.

This donation supplements the $85,800 presented March 26 and brings the total in 2009 to $125,000. Congratulations to all those that made this outstanding achievement possible.

left to right: Susanna Hubbard-Krimmer, David Winninger, Connie Sullivan, Carmen Sprovieri, Mike Queale, Suzanne O’Neill.
Book Sale Time Approaches - Don Menard

Mark Oct 23 - 25 on your calendar so you don't miss the giant annual book sale at the Western Fair Special Events Building. This is the sale of the year for many in London and beyond. Once again, surplus materials from the London Public Library and donations from the public mean that we have a huge selection of books, videos, CDs, cassettes, books on tape and magazines at bargain prices. The quality of items range from good to excellent for the most part, with some in mint condition. The books cover all interest areas in hard cover and paperback, including some in large print and some out-of-print sets of potential collector interest.

The sale will start Friday morning at 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM. We'll be open Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. On Sunday, we will again feature our popular "fill a grocery bag for $3.00" (We even supply the bags).

For those that need to free up shelf space, the Friends of the Library really appreciate donations of saleable books, videos, CDs, etc that you no longer need. If you have such materials to donate, please take them to your local library branch indicating that they are for the book sale. If you have several boxes, contact us by leaving a message at 519-661-2448 or email us at friends@lpl.london.on.ca to arrange for pickup. If you have questions about the kind of materials that are suitable, please contact us.

Book Sale Volunteers Needed - Carmen Sprovieri

It takes a big effort to put on the annual book sale, so we need a lot of volunteers. Make it a fun family event. Or bring a friend and enjoy a few hours surrounded by books, CDs, magazines and more. If you're a teen, this is a good way to gather some of your Community service merits. The work is easy and the hours slip by very quickly. Volunteers are needed at the cash registers and on the floor.

To thank and recognize volunteers, we will again be holding a pre-sale reception at which volunteers and their families may make early purchases, enjoy the food arranged by our Receptions committee and meet other volunteers and Friends. This event is by invitation only, so please remember to bring your invitation - it is your entry pass.

To volunteer, please leave a message with Sandra at 519-649-4449 or send us an email at friends@lpl.london.on.ca. We'll need your mailing address, phone number and whether you're interested in a cashier or floor position, or if either is OK.

A Book For Every Child® - Gail Turpin

The 2008 A Book For Every Child® campaign was a great success. Record setting financial donations were received, thanks in part to the staff at Westerns' bookstores. Over 5500 London children were given new books because of the 2008 program.

The 2009 campaign will begin Saturday, Nov 7 and end Saturday Dec 19, and we're expecting another great year. Remember, it's never too early or too late to make book donations. One kind Londoner has already donated more than 150 new books.

Studies indicate that children who own books are more likely to grow up to be readers. Perhaps your gift of a book or financial donation to A Book For Every Child® will be the magic key to a lifetime of literacy for a child.

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New Library Store Co-Manager, Pat Dunsire
- Peter Geigen-Miller

Pat Dunsire became the Library Store Co-manager in July, replacing Gloria Thomson. Pat, a widow and retired, moved to London, from her long-time home in Peterborough just over a year ago. As a London newcomer, she was looking for volunteer opportunities and responded to an advertisement seeking staff for the Library Store. She’s been with the Store since November. Working in the store allows her to indulge her love of books and meeting people, she says.

Pat’s background includes working as a branch manager for a multi-national accounting company. Pat’s son, daughter-in-law and 11-year-old grandson live in Brantford.

We need your input

The Among Friends newsletter is published and mailed to members three times each year (April, September and December). Since it is produced in electronic format, it’s easy to distribute it electronically (in colour) as well. For those recipients who would like to receive the newsletter by email, and have not already indicated so, please contact us at 519-661-2448 or at friends@lpl.london.on.ca.

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available from
• Community Outreach Office,
  1st floor, Central Library: 519-661-5122
• Oxford Book Shop, 740 Richmond St.:
  519-438-8336

Proceeds from this event support the R.E.A.D. program, which links reluctant readers with one-on-one volunteer tutors for Reading Enjoyment And Development

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