

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 Library Board approve the allocation for the \$56,000 donation from the Friends of the London Public Library, as outlined in Appendix 1.

Background

Each year, the Friends donate 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.

In October 2006, the Friends requested that the Library provide a list of anticipated allocations for 2007 in order to assist in cash flow monitoring and adjustment.

The recommended allocations, as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report, were presented to the April meeting of the Friends' Executive. The Friends of the London Public Library have generously agreed to the Library's request. The Library is grateful for this support for ongoing programs as well as new initiatives, such as the Teen Annex development, that will move us forward in the achievement of the Library's vision and strategic plan.

APPENDIX 1

Friends of the London Public Library Donation Recommended Allocation	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Funding</i>
<p>Reading Garden Maintenance Provide garden maintenance services in order to ensure that the area remains a pleasurable area for reading, programs and gatherings</p>	\$7,000
<p>Central Library Service Area Improvements Business case provided in fall of 2006; to support significant improvements in service areas. To develop DiscoverPlace, Computer Commons and Lifelong Learning & Literacy Centre.</p>	\$20,000
<p>Summer Reading Program (SRP) Provide matching funds to hire summer students for SRP, which encourages reading and literacy for children</p>	\$5,000
<p>Summer R.E.A.D. Provide funding to hire youth as Summer Literacy Facilitators, in 15 branch locations, providing one on one reading help services for children ages seven and up.</p>	\$12,000
<p>Children's Literacy through Technology Adapt current children's CD-ROM workstations (many funded by Friends) to create new Children's Literacy Stations in all locations. Focused on the literacy needs of children ages three to eight, each station will be equipped with approximately 25 educational software packages.</p>	\$5,000
<p>Teen Annex Continue to improve services in the Teen Annex at Central and to support the expansion of the Teen Annex into many of our branch locations, with the purchase of listening/viewing stations, graphic novels, and development of enhanced teen programming, etc.</p>	\$7,000
Total	\$56,000