



## REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

**MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2008**

Session:	Public
Subject:	Ratification of Summer Business
Prepared By:	Susanna Hubbard Krimmer
Presented By:	Susanna Hubbard Krimmer
Purpose of Report:	For Decision: Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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### **Recommendation**

The following motion was approved by the Executive Committee on August 20, 2008:

That the London Public Library Board recognize the ongoing contributions of the Friends of the London Public library on the occasion of its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the installation of a plaque on the Community Leadership Wall in the Central Branch.

The report is attached.



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Prepared By:	Margaret Mitchell, Lindsay Sage
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### Recommendation

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**the London Public Library Board recognize the ongoing contributions of the Friends of the London Public Library on the occasion of its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the installation of a plaque on the Community Leadership Wall in the Central Branch.**

### Issue / Opportunity

The Friends of the London Public Library will be Friends celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its annual general meeting on September 23, 2008.

The Friends are an enthusiastic group of dedicated volunteers who are advocates for London Public Library and its value to the community and community capacity building. Since the group's inception, the Friends have assisted in developing and promoting an understanding of the Library's vision and mission in the community; promoted and publicized services; supported library growth and development; and advocated on behalf of the library to elected officials during budget deliberations.

Since 1993, the Friends have raised over \$600,000 to support literacy-related services and collections offered throughout the Library and have contributed to a number of capital projects, including the Central Library and Rotary Reading Garden.

Many Friends' volunteers are active at the annual Booksale at the Western Fair and in the highly successful Library Store at our Central Branch. Its dedicated Executive Committee steers its major initiatives throughout the year.

Given the enormous contribution of the Friends and the close working relationship between the Friends and the Library Board, it is appropriate for the Board to honour this group in a significant way during its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

## **Annual General Meeting**

The Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on Sept 23, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Stevenson Hunt Meeting Room at the Central Branch. Following a very short business meeting, a celebratory reception will take place to recognize former executive committee members and others in the community who have been connected with the Friends over the past 15 years.

The Library Administration, Marketing and Development staff will work with the Friends Executive to develop and advertise the program.

