Friends Donate $40,000 to the Library
- Margaret Mitchell

In June, Josh Morgan, Chair of the Library Board, gratefully received a cheque for $40,000 from Carmen Sprovieri, Connie Sullivan and Ann Henderson of Friends. The funds will support several Library initiatives, described below.

Tea, Talk and Matinee at the Grand, a program for seniors, enters its third year. Participants are bussed to the Grand Theatre from a Library location, have refreshments, hear a talk related to the show, see the matinee and return to the Library. The registration cost includes transportation, refreshments and the show ticket. Friends’ support subsidizes the cost of transportation, provided by Voyageur.

Friends are also proud to support Family Literacy Day 2012. Every January, the Library, and many of its community partners, join to celebrate the nationally-recognized ABC Life Literacy Canada Family Literacy Day. In January, 2011, over 500 children, and families, attended the free fun-filled community celebration.

The Friends are helping to pilot a new initiative for children and teens at Crouch Branch Library. This fall, after school, a Drop-in Homework Help Club, plus literacy activities, will run one day each week. In partnership with Frontier College, who hires the volunteers, the Library provides space and staff support and the Friends’ donation funds snacks and program materials.

With the assistance of Friends, the Library is undertaking a special one-time project to support the patrons of the Visiting Library Services. The Friends’ donation will help to purchase audiobooks on CD to replace aging cassette tapes and to purchase DVDs to replace older popular movies on VHS tape. Visiting Library Service patrons, in particular, rely on the Library for both audiobooks and DVDs. The Library’s own collection budget continues to purchase new titles to meet the growing demand for this service.

Without the support of Friends, the Library could not fund these value-added services and programs. At the presentation on June 23, Library Board members extended a heartfelt “Thank you” to the Friends’ executive and to the many volunteers.

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Join us at the Book Sale - Don Menard

Set aside October 21-23 to participate in the 2011 Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Special Events Building at Western Fair. This year’s sale promises to be as rewarding as in previous years. In addition to the normal quantities of materials deemed to be surplus to the Library’s needs, once again, we have been blessed with a large quantity of donations. We have a wide range of items - fiction, non-fiction and children’s books, audio-visual formats from vinyl records to cassettes to CDs and DVDs and magazines. This year, we will have both an extensive cassette audiobook fiction collection and an equally extensive collection of VHS format videos. Many of the non-fiction videos likely will never be available in another format so this is the opportunity to get them for your collection.

Would you like to volunteer at the Book Sale? Karin Palmer, Sandra Whitehall, Ann Henderson

Isn’t it amazing how quickly a year passes? Yes, it’s time once again to mark the weekend of Oct 21 - 23 on your calendar and consider volunteering your time for the 2011 Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Special Events Building Western Fairgrounds.

While the date of the sale may change, one constant is the need for many volunteers to make the event a success! We need volunteers to set up tables and stock the various sections with books. And we need volunteers to keep the book tables tidy and to assist customers. Some volunteers work the cash registers and others work to greet and orientate their fellow volunteers as they arrive at the sale. And of course, we need volunteers to pack and load up any unsold books after the sale.

Our sale is a book lover’s paradise! Thousands of Londoners take advantage of great deals on a vast selection of books and magazines of all descriptions. We also sell DVD’s and CD’s. You can still find books on cassette and even a VHS movie! This is your opportunity to help raise important funds for the London Public Library. And don’t forget that volunteers, only volunteers, can enjoy a “first browse” of all titles during a special preview sale the evening of Thursday Oct 20.

So don’t delay. To volunteer as a cashier, please call Ann Henderson at 519-473-6719. For all other areas, please call or email Karin at 519-472-4216 or kepalmer@sympatico.ca or Sandra at 519-649-4449 or sandra.whitehall@gmail.com

Hope to hear from you soon!

Friend of the Year, Call for nominations - Connie Sullivan

Do you know someone who deserves to be Friend of the Year? If so, please submit the name and address of your nominee(s) with a short letter explaining why you believe that person/group, should be honoured. Three people are required to support a nomination. Please include the names, signatures and addresses of the three nominators.

Mark Your Calendar
Monday, October 3, 2011
- Annual General Meeting, 6:45 PM, Stevenson Hunt Room, Central Library
- Speaking With Friends, Wolf Performance Hall, 7:30 PM, Central Library (details below)

Speaking With Friends - Carmen Sprovieri
Friends is pleased to have award-winning Canadian author Bonnie Burnard read from her novel, Suddenly. Bonnie’s first novel, Good House, won the Giller Prize and the CBA People’s Choice Award. Join us on Monday, Oct 3, 2011 at 7:30 PM (following the Friends Annual General Meeting) in the Wolf Performance Hall, Central Library, 251 Dundas St.

No preregistration is required. A collection will be taken to support Literacy Programs at the London Public Library.

The 2011 A Book For Every Child® - Gail Turpin
In October, 1992, a Children’s Library staff member made a casual observation that many children in London didn’t know the pleasure of owning a book. That year, library staff decided to collect books and distribute them to local children. Over 4500 London children were given books that year and A Book For Every Child® was born.

In 1994, Friends of the London Public Library joined A Book For Every Child® as advocates for the program. Since then, many local bookstores have joined the program by offering a 20% discount off the price of books purchased for A Book For Every Child® during the November/December campaign. Many financial donations have also been made which allowed the purchase of additional books for high demand age groups. In 2010, over 6000 books were distributed which filled 100% of the years’ requests.

During the 19 years of A Book For Every Child®, over 135,000 new books have been given to London children. This year will be the twentieth anniversary and we’re hoping for an overwhelming response. If you enjoy reading books, please make a book or financial contribution. Perhaps your book club or work group would like to collect books to be donated. This year’s holiday campaign begins November 5 and ends December 17.

Please share your love of reading by making a donation to A Book For Every Child®.

The Library Store is now 6
Thanks to Jackie Looper - Carmen Sprovieri

Friends of the Library say thank you to Jackie Looper as she steps down as Co-Manager of the Library Bookstore. Jackie has been Co-Manager for the past four years and has played a most significant role in its evolution. During her tenure, revenues increased, the space has been improved to display the materials more prominently and policies have been updated.

Friends concur with one of her co-workers who says: “Without your dedication, experience and enthusiasm, we would not have achieved the excellent results to date. It has been a pleasure working with you and I look forward to continued collaboration.”

We are pleased that Jackie is going to stay on as a Store volunteer. Our sincere thanks Jackie for a job very well done.

New Executive Member - Len Carey

Scott Curoe - Library Store Co-Manager

Scott moved to London in 1980 after graduating from the University of Windsor. He retired in 2007, following a career in Human Resource Management. Scott became a Library Store volunteer in 2010, and will continue to share the Wednesday morning shift with his wife, Debby Lowry. He enjoys woodworking and “collecting tools”, but Deb says he is best at creating sawdust! Scott likes to read science fiction and historical fiction. He is a Friend of the Library because, he believes, there are few organizations that have a greater positive impact on so many people than the Public Library.

Newsletter by email

The Among Friends newsletter is published and mailed to members three times each year. Since it is produced in electronic format, it’s easy to distribute it electronically as well. For those members 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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