



REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 27, 2011

Session:	Public Session
Subject:	Friends of the London Public Library Donation Report
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Purpose of Report:	For Decision: Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Recommendation

It is recommended that the donation of \$70,000 from the Friends of the London Public Library be allocated as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the Friends of the London Public Library donates funds from the Annual Book Sale, the Book Store and other revenue generating initiatives to support non-core service enhancements and other items that are not addressed in the Library's operating budget.

PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS

The recommended allocations, as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report, were presented to the January 2011 meeting of the Friends' Executive and approved.

The Library is grateful for this support for ongoing value-added programs as well as new initiatives, such as the support for the expansion of the Book Club in a Bag program and the French Literacy Summer READ program.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the Friends' Executive members who work tirelessly in so many ways to support the work of the London Public Library.

APPENDIX 1

Friends of the London Public Library Recommendation for Allocation of Donation for January 2011	
Item	Funding
<p>Book Club in a Bag</p> <p>The Book Club in a Bag service, begun in 2005, has been a successful initiative at London Public Library. Public response has been very positive as it opens up the value of book clubs to those who cannot afford or choose to purchase books on a monthly basis. The service currently is limited in the number of book clubs it can serve at any one time due to the staff time involved and the number of titles (40) we can house.</p> <p>London Public Library would like to build the capacity of this service in 2011 by increasing the collection size 150 titles and improving accessibility by moving to a browsing collection. Ultimately, we wish to engage and support more groups of readers in our local community.</p> <p>We hope also to attract more book clubs. Materials will be housed in attractive and sturdy zipped bags on open access shelving in the 3rd floor of the Central library; titles and availability will be viewable from our online catalogue. The cost of 250 bags is \$4,000. The Friends' donation will be acknowledged on the book bags.</p>	4,000
<p>TD Summer Reading Club</p> <p>This donation will enable the library to purchase collections, prizes, etc. to support the SRP which serves over 5,000 children. The Friends' donation, along with other sponsors, will be acknowledged in publicity.</p>	7,000
<p>R.E.A.D.</p> <p>The R.E.A.D. program operates at seven Library locations to provide one-on-one reading assistance to children from 7 to 12 years of age. The Friends' donation will assist in the purchase of required beginning readers, workbooks, games and other reading-related materials to support their work. This year, 5373 children registered and 19,909 books were read!</p>	1,000
<p>Summer Students to Support Literacy Programs</p> <p>Each year the Library applies for government funding to hire summer students to assist with the Summer Reading Program, Summer READ, Teen Extreme Reading Machine and other literacy programs for hundreds of children during the summer months. The Friends' donation will continue to provide matching funds for this initiative.</p>	16,000
<p>French Literacy Summer READ Program.</p> <p>Last year, the Library initiated this program by employing one French-speaking summer student at Masonville. We did not receive Service Canada funding based on their funding formulas for the summer literacy program (see above) as a whole. The French program proved very popular. We served 21 students from across the City. This year we would like to expand the program to hire summer students for both Masonville and Westmount, to ensure broader access in London.</p>	7,000

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<p>Rotary Reading Garden/ Branch Garden Support The previous year's donation enabled the Library to contract professional landscape maintenance services for the Reading Garden, Westmount, East London and Crouch. The Friends' donation will again cover this cost as well as plant replacement. The Garden continues to be an active area for programs, concerts, etc. The Library continues to engage gardening volunteers at these Branches and others to water, weed and prune, etc. weekly.</p>	15,000
<p>London Room Digitization Project Since June 2009, the Friends provided funding to digitize of parts of the London Room collection in order that items, such as historical pictures and documents, could be searched and accessed electronically, on the LPL website and Internet. The funding has been used to hire staff to scan photos and upload them as collections. The work has continued from the 2009 and will continue into 2011. The London Public Library Image Gallery, housed on the now contains 180 photos with 100 more waiting to be added with descriptions. Over 1200 visits have been made by people from around the world between January and April 2010. The project contributes to the awareness of London's history in a unique and accessible way.</p>	\$20,000
Total for December 2011	\$70,000