

NEWSLETTER

Friends of The North Grenville Public Library

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FIVE YEARS YOUNG

Friends of the North Grenville Public Library is celebrating its fifth anniversary in 2007. It seems like only yesterday that the Executive Committee diligently sold \$1,519 worth of raffle tickets as part of our first fundraiser. We will forever be indebted to the members of the North Grenville Quilters Guild who donated the tulip quilt which was won by **Shannon Dobson**. This funding provided the impetus for some of the programs which exist to this day.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - 2006

Enclosed is your income tax receipt along with your membership card. If the latter does not show an expiration date, your membership dues may not be paid for 2007. We encourage you to double check.

Submit your membership form or that of your friend at any of the four branches of the Library or mail it to the South Gower branch.

Starting in 2008, you will be asked to renew your membership in January of that year. Those who join during the year will pay pro rata.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

In our last newsletter, we encouraged you to become life members. Two families, namely, **Sandra and Richard Bole** and **Brenda and Chris Reinkeluers**, responded. Thank you so much. Cost is \$150.

HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

At this year's annual dinner meeting, held at Leslie Hall on November 11, 2006, Friends awarded honorary life memberships to **Hugh Stewart**, **Maureen McCleery**, **Barbara McDerby**, and **Sue Bergeron**.



This award recognizes the outstanding contribution made by North Grenville residents in relation to the public library and the Friends of the

Erica Bruce, Friends executive, presents life membership award to Sue Bergeron shown on

GREAT NEWS!!!

Our application to Canada Customs and Revenue Agency has been approved and Friends is now designated as a charitable organization. We wish to thank **Sue Higgins** for her assistance and moral support in this endeavour.

COMMUNITY LIVING BOOK CLUB

For the last year, **Fran Dobson** and **Pat Babin**, both Friends, have coordinated a weekly book club for the benefit of Community Living adults enrolled in the day-support program. These meetings, held at one of the group homes, focus on books provided by Library staff. Club members read these books, discuss them, create their own stories, and expand their vocabulary. One of the participants maintains a journal.

We need at least two volunteers to provide backup whenever one of the team members is unable to attend. Please call P. Babin at 258-6207 if interested. You may also contact Ken Johns at Community Living.

A truly great library contains something in it to offend everyone.

Jo Godwin

BOOK FAIR THRIVES

A collaboration concocted in heaven! A phrase which aptly describes the relationship between Community Living North Grenville and the Friends of the North Grenville Public Library.

Our third annual Harvest Book Fair, held on October 14, 2006, at the Ferguson Forest Centre, was a huge success, thanks to devoted volunteers, particularly **Harry Tarr**, Friends, **Shelley Gerber**, CLNG, and their organizing committee.

A recurring problem has related to space (storage and sales venue). This fall, **Doug de Pencier** provided book storage space and **Ed Patchell** allowed us to set up shop in one of the greenhouses at the Ferguson Forestry Centre. **Terry Butler** provided coffee—most welcome on an extremely wet day.

Nota bene: We urgently need volunteers to assist with the implementation of the book fair. Yes, it is hard work! Please call **Pat Babin** at 258-6207 if interested.

AN ASIDE:

Leftover books were donated to **Donna and Paul Mahabir** who in turn shipped them to Guyana with the assistance of the High Commissioner of that country.

ER LIBRARY FUND

At the Children's Holiday Concert, held on December 29, 2006, at the Municipal Centre, **Sue Higgins**, Manager of Library Services, announced that the initial investment of \$200 in the ER Library Fund has been spent on children's CDs to be added to the library collection. This fund, supported by Friends, acknowledges the contribution made by the four talented ER musicians. The latter also happen to be Friends of the Library. At its January 2007 meeting, Friends approved another \$200 for the ER Library Fund.



Thank you, Ed Patchell!

GOLDEN OAKS BOOKS

For the last four years, Friends has purchased Golden Oaks books for the benefit of adult learners. Located at the Kemptville Branch, these books are written with the adult learner in mind. This project was initiated as part of our mandate re: adult literacy. Purchases will continue in 2007.

DONATIONS

Family Focus North Grenville contributed \$250 to help defray the cost of the annual dinner. The cheque was presented by **Geraldine Taylor**.

Theatre rental for the Children's Holiday Concert was paid by **Family Resources North Grenville**. (\$200)

Giant Tiger and **Butler's Victorian Pantry** provided liquid refreshments and cookies at the Holiday Concert.

LIBRARY UPDATE *by Sue Higgins*

The Library has had a busy year. We have continued work on our building project in support of a new library in downtown Kemptville. We have also initiated several new literacy projects. We now have 3 book clubs, Book Break for 9-10 year olds; Book Chat for 11-13 year olds and Book Buzz for adults. As well, we began an outreach program (NGPL@School) in the public schools in the area. Two schools have now received an introduction to their public library through one-hour sessions highlighting our web page.

Library Update by Sue Higgins cont'd

In January 2007, the Ontario Government introduced **Knowledge Ontario** which includes a number of electronic databases and digital material to all Ontarians free of charge. These resources are available to all residents of North Grenville through our webpage at www.ngpl.ca but you do need your library membership card to gain access.

LIBRARY BOARD

The Library Board said farewell to three committed members in December: **Kerry Badgley, Vanessa Young and Randy Stevenson.** Joining **Lynne Baxter, Peter Bunn, Jim Armour, Bev Mulkins,** and **Roberta Russell** in 2007 will be **Barb Tobin, Tony Huxley, and Joan Simpson.**

What is more important in a library than anything else—than everything else—is the fact that it exists.
Archibald MacLeish



**FIFTH ANNUAL
LITERARY FOLLIES**

7 to 9 P.M., Saturday
March 3, 2007

Leslie Hall on Clothier

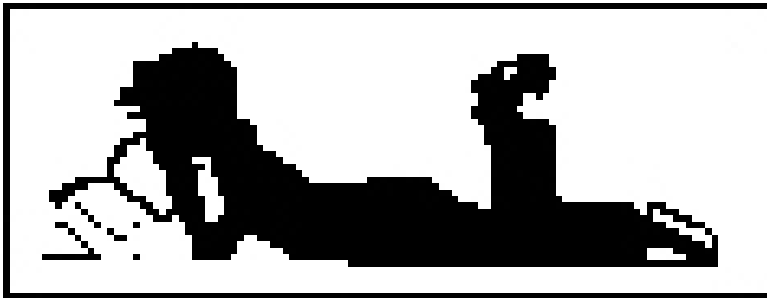
An evening of music, humour,
fellowship, and wit.

Free admission
Refreshments will be served.

Hall rental paid by Harry Pratt of
Gale Real Estate.



Coordinator: Barb McDerby



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Friends of the North Grenville Public Library
Membership Level

Individual (annual).....\$10.00
Family (annual)..... \$15.00
Patron (annual).....\$100.00
Life.....\$150.00
Corporate Partner (annual).....\$500.00

Name: _____
Address: _____

Postal Code: _____
Home Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____
DATE: (very important) _____

Please make cheque payable to Friends of the North Grenville Public Library, P.O. Box 538, 669 South Gower Drive, Kemptville, Ontario, K0G 1J0, or return to any branch of the North Grenville Public Library. Your contribution is tax-deductible.



**FRIENDS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.
YOUR EXECUTIVE**