



# NEWSLETTER

## Friends of The North Grenville Public Library

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### A RETROSPECTIVE

On May 1, 2002, the call went out: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOU! And now, as we approach our tenth anniversary, our Friends group is as vibrant as it was on Day One!

Who were the founding members? Maureen McCleery, Hugh Stewart, Barb McDerby, Peter Green, Jean Kilfoyle, and yours truly.

Who inspired us besides Sue Higgins? Louise Burchell, chair of the Friends of the Edwardsburgh Public Library, at an informal meeting held in Spencerville, provided the impetus.

It has been an eventful nine years and a pleasure to SERVE. As a result of my involvement with Friends, I have had the privilege of interacting with many of the most wonderful people on this planet.

The commitment and support of the municipality has been second to none. Residents have provided strong support re our many initiatives.

Also notable has been our relationship to the Library Board. We have always respected each other's jurisdiction. In fact, many Board trustees have become Friends. We have never aspired to govern; the latter is the Board's responsibility. Invaluable liaison is provided by Sue Higgins.

As we travel through 2011, we anticipate a glorious month of May. The official

dedication of our new central library is scheduled for May 28, 2011. We are proud that two members of the Friends Executive, Roberta Russell and Bill McElrea, played pivotal roles in the Room to Read Building Campaign.

In the meantime, we encourage you to renew your Friends membership for 2011.

*Dr. Patrick Babin, Chair*



### SHARING SUCCESS STORIES

On February third I participated, along with representatives of two other library systems, in a panel presentation on fund raising at the Ontario Library Association's annual conference in Toronto. The idea behind the panel, organized by Rob Lavery of SOLS (Southern Ontario Library Service), was to share success stories from our campaigns with those who are about to start a fund raising campaign. The session was well attended and interest was high in hearing how these three libraries had organized their very successful campaigns.

As I said in Toronto, a key factor in the success of our Room to Read Campaign has been the important role Friends of the Library has played over the past several years. As one of our volunteers said in the early days of our Campaign, "One of the friendliest acts a Friends group can perform is to

help build a new library". Our Friends group made the first major donation to the Campaign - \$4000 raised from silent and live auctions at its 2008 AGM. Since then Friends' volunteers have helped with many Room to Read events such as the opening of the Campaign Office in downtown Kemptville and the Jazz in the Garden events in 2009 and 2010 as well as organizing events on their own such as the Mad Hatter Tea and the Hat Decorating contest for children during the 2010 Dandelion Festival. They have stepped up to help with everything from baking, sewing table cloths, selling tickets to our events, making 110 hats for the Mad Hatter Hat Decorating Contest and their own silent auction donations and purchases as well as their personal cheques in support of the Campaign. Every Campaign should be lucky enough to have the supportive partner we have had in our local Friends of the Library.

*Dr. Roberta Russell, Library Board Representative, Room to Read Campaign*



*Dandelion Festival 2010, Mad Hatter Contest*

# Helen Groskopf



*This past year we said goodbye to our dear FRIEND, Helen.*

It was only "yesterday" (October 20, 2004) that Friends sponsored a special tea in her honour at The Brigadoon. At that event, Helen was presented with an Honourary Life Membership.

## DANDELION FESTIVAL

In 2010, Friends sponsored a Mad Hatter workshop as part of the Mad Hatter Tea Party. Over 100 children participated along with their parents. The Farah Dancers, dressed in Alice and Wonderland costumes, provided entertainment. This event was Friends' contribution to the Dandelion Festival. Victorian Pantry was a co-sponsor. A puppetry workshop is tentatively scheduled for 2011.



## ROOM TO READ CAMPAIGN THE JOURNEY 2008 - 2011

The Room to Read Campaign will come to a conclusion at the Jazz in the Garden event, in the Norgaard home July 23, 2011. I sometimes compare this journey which began for me the summer of 2008 to a rafting adventure down a river on its way to the sea. There were many challenges along the way such as rapids to make the trip exciting, boulders to force us to make frustrating detours and smooth flowing waters which encouraged us along our passage. Throughout this journey I met many interesting, positive people who helped make the whole experience rewarding. Friends of the Library have been an integral part of the voyage from the beginning.

Some of the events supported by Friends included The Mad Hatter Tea Party and hat making, decorating a Canada Day float, stuffing envelopes for the mailout to all residents of North Grenville, all the silent auctions held at every major event ( including the Friends AGM held November 2008), and the Kilfoyle Project. The idea and initiative of Jean Kilfoyle has been a major success because letters mailed to former residents of Kemptville resulted in a significant amount of money for our new library.

Along the way we met many other enthusiastic cheerleaders who were excited about the prospects of a new library. These were the people who encouraged us to proceed with this exciting venture. The young girls who set up a lemonade stand and donated their earnings , and others who dropped by our office to make donations demonstrated how people value our public library. Next came the businesses large and small who willingly contributed sponsor money to help us pay expenses incurred at special events while trying to reach our ultimate goal. Office space on the main street , office equipment, printing and supplies were generously provided free of charge by individuals who supported the campaign. Large events such as Jazz in the Garden and the As Time Goes By Dinner and Dance proved to be enjoyable for



## CELEBRATE WITH US

The Opening of the North Grenville Public Library, Norenberg Building  
Tour the new building / Browse the new collections

**Saturday, May 28, 2011**

Morning: Juice Jam    Afternoon: Official Opening    Tweens and Teens Activity

**Sunday, May 29, 2011**

Morning : Family Activity    Afternoon: Tea and Entertainment

Details available soon at the library

all who attended.

Kemptville Truck Centre's annual June golf tournament designated the North Grenville Public Library as its charity of choice for two years in a row.

The "Best Offer Garage Sale", the cash raffles and numerous donations of all sizes from \$20.00 to \$50,000 all have added up to bring us ever closer to our goal of \$750,000.

Donations in memory of individuals who loved books and the library continue to be a positive way of giving. This can also contribute to the needed library programs planned for the future.

Last January we hired a campaign project manager to guide us through the fundraising process. We were at the point in our campaign where we needed the expertise of a professional who knew the idiosyncrasies of running a good campaign. Robyn Harris was the person who could do this efficiently and save us untold time. She was a solid organizer who helped keep us on track, and was a superb advocate for the campaign. She kept Room to Read in the public eye, in the media, at special functions, and in any way she found to promote our cause.

Naming rights for major donors is a wonderful way to leave a legacy for companies, families, and individuals. Many of these areas have been taken, (including the computers in the teen area, the reading lounge, special collections, and the quiet reading room to be named in memory of Helen Groskopf) but a few still remain for the local philanthropist to add his or her names to these special areas. Some have been asked for and are pending approval.

Our journey to the sea is nearly at an end for the Room to Read Campaign Chairs and signifies a new beginning for many other initiatives in the new, spacious North Grenville Public Library.

Thank you, Friends of the Library, for your encouragement and support. It helped us through the difficult places, and brought us this far to a place we are very proud to have reached.

*Bill McElrea, Chair, on behalf of all R to R Campaign members.*

### MEMBERSHIP MONTH!!!

Please Renew  
Now!!!!!!

*The Literary Follies program  
looks fantastic, thanks to  
George Buys!*

## 100 Years of Library Service in Kemptville

*By Sue Higgins, CEO*



*One hundred years ago the Library Board went to Council to request that Andrew Carnegie be approached for a grant to build a new library building for Kemptville. One hundred years later the Library*

*Board will open another new library in Kemptville. How times have changed-the Carnegie grant was \$3,000, the new library will cost \$5.1 million.*

Though prices have gone up and technology has changed the way we provide service the library still provides books to read, a place to find information and a community gathering place. 2011 will be a busy year for the Library staff, board and volunteers. The Library will close for 2 weeks in May in order to move the books and files to the new facility. Staff will be merging the collections of 3 branches, along with the integration of a collection of new material. Computers and networks will be set up and the Library will open in late May to the public.

In the meantime Library service continues and we have added a number of new elements to our service this year.

- E-Books. With the assistance of the Ministry of Culture a provincial database of e-books is now available for downloading. All you need is a valid library membership number and a PIN to access the Overdrive database through our website. There is a list of compatible readers on the website along with detailed instructions.
- New databases. There have been some changes to databases now available through the Library website. Chilton

### Kerry Badgley

A few years ago, Friends presented Sue and Kerry Badgley with an Honourary Life Membership in recognition of their exemplary contribution to the children's programs at the North Grenville Public Library. We want to congratulate Kerry on his recent appointment as a trustee on the Library Board.

### Flashback

Remember our Harvest Book Fair at Gunstone Gardens in 2004?  
If you purchased books, you were given a bag of potatoes.

Auto Repair has been added along with Pebblego for young children. We also now have access to Worldbook online, a great resource for students. If you're looking for a book to read you can always ask the staff for advice but another option is to check the NoveList website which helps you find the type of book you like.

- Our second year of Read to Every Kid Every Day-Leeds & Grenville just wrapped up and this year's most popular book was What Color is Your Underwear by Sam Lloyd. This was a great crowd pleaser at our children's programs this winter. On February 3, 2011 the project received the Minister of Culture's Award for Innovation-a great honour indeed for this project that has agencies and families throughout the county working together.
- Free computer training with our CAP youth worker, Sierra Jones, continues until March 31st. This is one-on-one training in a wide range of computer uses from downloading e-books or audio books to sending a picture via your email or setting up a facebook account.
- *The Library was awarded a Trillium Grant of \$73,700 for a number of new initiatives (Accessible Technology; Accessible furniture and collections; French collections; Community Learning and a Security System for the collection).*

The Library will be offering new Library cards to the public to celebrate the new library. Please visit your library branch in March or April to receive your new card and have your outstanding fines waived.

*The Library will be recruiting volunteers for the new library. Please watch for our recruitment drive. Applications will be available at all branches.*

Be sure to visit us in the new library or at our Burritt's Rapids Branch which will continue to operate.

### EACH ONE, REACH ONE

We are asking our life members and honorary life members to sign up a new FRIEND.  
A registration form is enclosed in this envelope.

## OUR LIFE MEMBERS

*The following are life members of the Friends of the North Grenville Public Library:*

Patrick Babin  
Sandra and Richard Bole  
Helen and Peter Bunn  
Patricia and John Evans  
Kelvin Hodges  
Sasha Honsl  
Anne and Richard Kotlarchuk  
Anne Martin  
Marnie Martin (deceased)  
Audrey McClenaghan  
Marjorie Mosher  
Christa Norenberg  
Brenda and Christopher Reinkeluers  
Roberta and Ivan Russell  
Joan Simpson  
Mary Smith  
Sylvia Vezina  
Westerra Homes  
Sandy and Gar White  
Mollie & Jim Wrong

***A LIFE MEMBERSHIP MAY BE PURCHASED FOR \$150.***

## OUR HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERS

These individuals were recognized for outstanding service in relation to the public library, literacy, and the Friends of the Library. These awards are presented periodically.

Patrick Babin  
Sue and Kerry Badgley  
Sue Bergeron  
Patsy Brooks  
George Buys  
Rebecca Dukes  
Helen Groskopf  
Milfred Harper  
Gerry Ketchum  
Maureen McCleery  
Barb McDerby  
Hugh Stewart

## In Appreciation

In the last few months, the following members of our Executive Committee have moved on to other pursuits; namely,

**Peter Green**  
**Kelvin Hodges**  
**Anne Martin**  
**Elaine Martin**

**Maureen McCleery**

We wish to thank them for their ardent support during the last eight years.

## KEY INGREDIENTS: BOOKS AND VOLUNTEERS



*Traffic was brisk; Friday's rain was an added benefit!!*

The consensus among organizers and participants was that this year's 7th North Grenville Book Fair was the most successful to date. Not only were there more books, buyers, and volunteers, but the total sales were the best ever: \$8,900.

Two major realities make this annual event possible; namely, our book donors, and the kindness and cooperative spirit of Ed Patchell at the Ferguson Forest Centre. Not only does Ed allow us to sort and store books on his premises; he also involves his staff in the transportation of book-laden pallettes to the book-sale warehouse.

Kevin Henry at the North Grenville Municipal Centre provides a valuable service in the provision of tables for book display.

Again this year, the Book Fair was a collaborative effort between Community Living North Grenville and the Friends of the North Grenville Public Library. Representing CLNG were Bill and Cathy Patterson, and John Brauneisen. Friends of the Library coordinators were Jeff Murray and Pat Babin.

It was a real pleasure to welcome our many adult volunteers along with a sizable representation from St. Mike's and North Grenville District High School.

*Left over books were shipped to Nigeria again this year through the good graces of the Nigerian Embassy.*

# Ninth Annual Literary Follies

**Sunday, March 6, 2011**  
1:30 P.M.

**Leslie Hall, Kemptville**

**Free Admission**  
Refreshments served

**Readings and  
Book Sale by the  
Following  
Authors:**

**Victor Suthren**  
*The Island of Canada*

**Ed Bebee**  
*Invisible Army*

**R.J. Harlick**  
*A Green Place For Dying*

**Added Attraction:**  
**The Ottawa Valley  
Male Choir**  
along with a  
Musical Variety Show by  
Kemptville Youth

Sponsored by the Friends  
of the North Grenville  
Public Library

## PARTING WITH OLD FRIENDS

A recent article in *The Ottawa Citizen* (Feb. 7, 2011), written by Noel Taylor, served as a poignant reminder that books play a significant role in the lives of many of us.

"A book is a personal treasure, part of one's everyday life....it looks good and feels it, a reminder of times past and changing tastes."

Mr Taylor addresses downsizing of personal book collections, referring to it as "a wretched compromise". If you must cull, please consider the North Grenville Book Fair. We need your books and they in turn will make someone else happy. Your contribution will help support North Grenville library programs.