



NEWSLETTER

Friends of The North Grenville Public Library

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MEMBERSHIPS AND INCOME TAX

Enclosed is your income tax receipt along with your membership card. If the latter does not have an expiration date, your membership dues may not be paid for 2006. We encourage you to double-check. Submit your membership form or that of your neighbour's at any of the four branches of the Library or mail it to the South Gower branch.

EACH ONE REACH ONE

Do you know a friend/neighbour who loves books and who might be willing to join Friends of the Library? Enclosed in this newsletter is a membership form along with a blank membership card. The expiration date on the card should be approximately a year from dues payment date.

Become a recruiter for a better, larger, and more effective Friends group. Our strength will be reflected in better and better library services!

CHAIR'S TWO CENTS

We encourage you, our members, to become more involved in determining our agenda. If you have any suggestions relative to literacy endeavours and other projects which will enhance programs offered by the North Grenville Public Library, please do not hesitate to approach members of the Executive. We need volunteers for Literary Follies, the October Book Fair, and the December Children's Concert.

INCIDENTALLY, WE ARE SHORT TWO LIFE-MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2005-2006. ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150) WILL DO IT!!!!

BOOK CHAT FOR PRE-TEENS

Friends will continue to subsidize paperback purchases for the young bibliophiles who belong to Book Chat, a pre-teen book club coordinated by Sue Bergeron.

This month's choice is *The Sky Is Falling* by Kit Pearson. British children were sent to Canada during World War II. This book focuses on their experiences.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Community Living Literacy Initiative

As you probably know, Friends has been networking with Community Living North Grenville for the last two years, more specifically in co-sponsoring the October Book Fair. Shelley Gerber (Community Living) and Harry Tarr (Friends) coordinated last year's highly successful event at Gunstone Gardens.

Another networking opportunity:

Ken Johns of Community Living recently encouraged Friends to volunteer their time and expertise in tutoring adults enrolled in their day-support program. This involvement, approximately an hour a week, would focus on community events which impact on these learners with special needs. Quite often, the curriculum would highlight articles in local newspapers.

We (Friends) encourage our members (and others in the community) to look into the possibility of volunteering. Retired teachers and others interested in adult learning would be ideal candidates. Sessions will be scheduled at CLNG's main building on Highway 43.

Please call P. Babin at 258-6207 if interested. Be daring! Try it!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY BY SUE HIGGINS

iBistro

The Library's new catalogue system, *iBistro*, is now up and running. You can search the catalogue from your home and office by going to the library web page www.ngpl.ca and clicking on the **search the catalogue** link. Visit any of our four branches to get your personal PIN Number and then you can check your account on line, renew books and in some cases place holds.

New Building

The Library Board has been offered the Courthouse in Kemptville (old Kemptville town hall) as a site for a possible library. This is the beginning of an exciting new chapter for improved library service in North Grenville. The location of a new library at this site would also be an important part of downtown revitalization. The Board issued a Request for Proposal for an Architectural and Planning Study for the Construction of a Library on the site in December 2005. The Board is currently reviewing proposals and hopes to award a contract in the near future. The first step will be a feasibility study to determine whether the site is large enough for a central library that will meet the growing needs of the community. As the process moves along the Board will consult extensively with the public and all interested parties on the new library and the future of the existing branches.

Friends of the North Grenville Public Library Executive Committee 2006

Patrick Babin, Chair

Maureen McCleery, Vice Chair

Patsy Brooks, Secretary

Barb McDerby, Treasurer

Harry Tarr

Jean Kilfoyle

Roberta Russell

Peter Green

Fran Dobson

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Mary Smith

Dr. Roberta Russell was recently appointed Library Board Trustee.

Congratulations, FRIEND!

BOOKS FOR ADULT LEARNERS

For the last three years, Friends has purchased Golden Oak books for the benefit of adult learners enrolled at the Leger School, Kemptville College campus. These books, located at the Kemptville branch, are written with the adult learner in mind. This project is provided as part of Friends' mandate re: adult literacy.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CONCERT – 2005

Standing-room-only crowd of children and parents filled the Theatre of the Municipal Centre on December 28, 2005, for an afternoon of entertainment provided by ER, a local group of musicians including Dr. John Evans, Brenda and Chris Reinkeluers, and George Buys.

Theatre rental was paid by the Kemptville Area Family Resource Centre; refreshments were donated by the Victorian Pantry and Giant Tiger.

Maureen McCleery coordinated. Admission was free although quite a few families donated food items to the Salvation Army. Concert will be offered again in 2006. We need volunteers.

ER Library Fund

To acknowledge the contribution made by the four ER performers/entertainers/musicians, an ER Library Fund has been established with an initial investment of \$200. This special account will be assigned to Sue Higgins, Manager of Library Services. ER has always volunteered its services gratis to Friends.

At its annual meeting, Friends awarded honorary life memberships to Rebecca Dukes and Dr. and Mrs. Kerry Badgley.

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