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24th Great Okanagan Book Sale

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Thursday 18th October, 9:30 am to 9 pm
Friday 19th October, 9:30 am to 9 pm
Saturday 20th October, 9 am to 3 pm

A hall-full of **adult books**: fiction (mystery, romance, western, sci-fi); non-fiction (many subject areas), soft and hard covers, for the bargain price of **\$1 each**.

A whole room-full of **children's books** (**50¢ each**) plus puzzles & games.

Large Print books & titles in other languages.

Media items-CDs & DVDs, talking books

Premium books for \$2, \$5, \$10

(high quality content, good-as-new)

Volunteer! Our volunteer co-ordinators in early September will be contacting regular October sale volunteers to check your availability. New FOL members who want to volunteer at an FOL sale, can just email or phone in your interest.

Spread the word!

If you can pin up Book Sales Posters at a noticeboard, or hand out Sales Mini-fliers amongst friends, neighbours or colleagues, please email fol4k@hotmail.com or pick up at our Barlee House on Fridays.

Meet the Challenge!

The 23rd Annual Book Sale (2011) raised over \$23,700, thanks to our many energetic volunteers. With smaller sales across 2011, it was a successful year with over \$31,000 raised. Regular smaller sales keep our sorting house volunteers and directors busy: Blow-Out Sale (January), Spring Sale (April), summer Outdoor Sales (June) & in conjunction with the KGH Auxiliary, 2-day book sales had been conducted in the Kelowna General Hospital old foyer.

NEWSLETTER

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What happens to funds raised at Friends Book Sales?

In May each year FOL Directors review wish lists submitted by the branch librarians – for 2011, \$13,800 and for 2012, \$12,065 worth of items were approved. Foremost amongst the wishes is FOLs commitment to supporting Summer Reading Club programming – for 2011, \$4500 and for 2012, \$7000 – for crafts, giveaways, prizes & additional guests at the three branches.

Wish list items that have or will soon arrive at your branch include

Kelowna:

Display shelving units, props & pedestals
Board games & Game board table
Flat-screen TV & mobile stand; Presentation station; Mural for Children's reading nook; Themed mat at Children's Desk
Historical photo banner for Reference bays

Mission:

iPod for children's programs
Bean bag chairs for children's & teens area
Christmas trees for adult and children areas

Rutland:

Seasonal decorative items including Christmas tree, Christmas with the Chiefs materials & games
Hanging "bee" light for children's media corner; Tabletop puppet theatre
Word quotation on wall (similar to those recently funded at Kelowna & Mission)

FOL fund branch visits by authors, speakers and performers across the year, and help host special events (Citizenship ceremonies).

Finally, 40% of the proceeds from our major book sales, go to ORL HQ for system-wide projects. In 2011, the allocation \$15,790 was utilized towards ORL's 75th anniversary celebrations across the Okanagan & a new enhanced ORL web catalogue interface.

It's All About Our Libraries!

Look for the seasonal *City of Kelowna Activity & Program Guides* delivered free to most Kelowna households. The Library page highlights storytime & adult programs on offer at our three branches. All programs are free, most with no registration required. Kelowna FOL fund these seasonal ads, in a special partnership with ORL.



Summer Reading is "Strange, but True?"

Throughout the Okanagan Regional Library region, libraries are jumping with summer long activities aimed at ensuring school-aged children keep up their literacy skills with the Summer Reading Club ... and have fun doing it!. This year's Summer Reading Club (SRC) theme is "Strange...but True?" encouraging children to explore everything from myths and monsters to weird science and outer space at their local ORL branch. Friends are proud to again provide funds towards this reading club tradition with contests, prizes, crafts, workshops and special guests.



Kelowna Branch

Downtown in the Cultural District, Ellis Street

eReader Clinics

If you're having difficulties accessing library eBooks or are not sure how to use your eReader or tablet, librarians James, Greg & Sharon are available for one-on-one consultations during these times: Tuesdays 2-4pm, 5:30-7:30pm; Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm; Thursdays 3-5pm; Fridays 10am-12pm.

To schedule an appointment, call 250-762-2800 or email info@orl.bc.ca

FREE Movie Nights

Showtime is 7pm in the Meeting Room.

Bring your family, friends and popcorn!

July 16: *The Princess Bride*.

August 20: *My Week with Marilyn*

September 17: *The History Boy*

October 31: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (dress up for this one! It's Halloween)

November 20: *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*

December 10-12: *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy*

December 16: *1pm matinee *The Polar Express*

All thanks to funding provided by FOL for the Public Performance Rights licensing for a year's worth of these film screenings.

One-stop-shop for Genealogical Research

A new partnership between ORL and the Kelowna & District Genealogical Society (KDGS) has created the best resource centre in the BC Southern Interior for researching family histories. KDGS reference collection is now in the Kelowna Branch. It includes how-to guides, census records, local cemetery records and rare books to augment the ORL's extensive collection of local records, genealogical research resources, free access to Ancestry.com, and a \$25,000 microfilm reader/scanner/printer purchased with funds from Kelowna Friends.

Genealogist in Residence Program

Learn how to trace your family tree, or ask about your next steps if you've hit a wall in your research. With the new partnership, KDGS members are available at the branch for free consultations.

Mondays 10-12pm; Wednesdays 1-3pm; Thursdays 6-8pm; Saturdays 1-3pm (Apr-Sep)

You may use the Branch's Genealogy collection and the KDGS Genealogy Reference Library, and ask help of the Librarians at the reference desk anytime & all on the 2nd floor.

To warm & brighten the branch and encourage more users, FOL have funded live indoor plants.

Needed: Friends member to volunteer to tend Library plants on a regular ongoing basis

Expressions of interest should be addressed to branch librarian Fern Teleglow by phone (250) 762-2800 ext1411

Check www.orl.bc.ca/branches/kelowna



Mission Branch

Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive

Friends were happy to celebrate the retirement of branch librarian Annie Pope and send her to her new life adventure in Vancouver with a coffee gift basket. Welcome to Annette van Koevinger who is already making her mark with new **Book Clubs for Adults, Kids and Teens!**

Book Clubs:

Adults - second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
1st Wednesday of the month at 3:30 pm for an awesome, fun, fabulous, spectacular bookclub geared for kids between 8-12 years old.
Teens – third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm

Go on a **Summer Reading Club** mission to enjoy great stories, contests, prizes & programs
◊ magicians ◊ the STARLAB ◊ Ancient Egypt
◊ Strange Animals of B.C. ◊ ZumbAtomic
◊ visit with Ronald McDonald

Author Tour, John Wilson.

Wilson has written books for kids aged 9-12, Young Adult novels, non-fiction books for kids and biographies about Norman Bethune and John Franklin. 10:00 am on October 2.

Check www.orl.bc.ca/branches/mission



Rutland Branch

In the heart of Plaza 33 on Highway 33

Reading with the Chiefs

Librarian Sheila Coe is thrilled about the library's ongoing partnership with the Kelowna Chiefs hockey team to encourage reading amongst their young fans. Players read stories for 5 to 12 year olds and answer questions about playing junior hockey. Watch for a big party with the Chiefs round the Christmas tree this December, all funded by FOL!

Strange but True in Rutland this Summer:

Strange BC Creatures Sasquatch & Ogopogo [Adam McGirr Canada's Cryptozoology Organization]

Come and listen to **Ronald McDonald** read stories and perform a little magic

Bike Safety Rutland's very own Bike Rodeo learn to be safe this summer! [Dave Gibson]

Rhythmic Art! Storytelling....through song, percussion and rhythm! [Angela Roy]

Circus Yoga the consciousness of yoga blended with a celebration of circus. [Anita McFarlane]

Simple Machines [Okanagan Science Centre]

Ancient Egypt Examine artifacts & learn about the strange but true techniques of mummification;

Strange Animals of BC Some strange but true facts about our furry friends [Kelowna Museum]

Check www.orl.bc.ca/branches/rutland



Friends across the Okanagan

FOL Directors were excited to attend an annual gathering of Okanagan Friends groups hosted by Vernon FOL in May 2012. The highlight was of course meeting in and touring the newly opened Vernon library branch located at 2800 30th Avenue. The building is a much expanded 30,000 square feet over two floors. Special features we loved include underfloor heating in the children's area, large book shape lounge chairs, soundproof recycled rubber floors, warm bright & welcoming community meeting spaces

At a September 2011 meeting at ORL Headquarters in Kelowna, Okanagan Friends groups contributed to the design of new *Support your ORL* fliers, Friends of Library logos and new ORL book bags. We thank Marla O'Brien, ORL's Public Relations Officer for her enthusiasm in promoting Okanagan Friends groups.

The grapevine has it that directors on the Kelowna Friends board in 2013 can look forward to special treats as the annual gathering will be next hosted by Naramata Friends of Library!

NEW ORL Book bags

available at ORL branch libraries & FOL sales
\$2.50

You won't be able to resist these unique bags (double-handled, made of recycled materials) & featuring colourful photos of the Okanagan, contributed by Friends and library patrons.
There is a limited 5000 stock!

An AGM Update from the Executive

As of our **Annual General Meeting on Saturday 19th November 2011**, a Board of 7 directors was elected, a very necessary minimum number to manage the demands of meetings; planning, organising sales and events and keeping our Barlee sorting house running smoothly.

Thanks to the 2 members who stepped up from their participation as directors to executive positions: Allen Hustad & Donna Lemire.

Welcome to Edna Allwright who joined the Board bringing experience from her participation on Library Boards in Alberta.

Many thanks to Jacky McGarry who did not stand for re-election. Her year as director, spent in organising volunteers for sales and library events and contributing ideas for promoting Friends & membership were appreciated.

We are apologetically overdue in extending our thanks to long standing director & Barlee House and Childrens sale room stalwart, Lian Couper. She with husband and member Jim, are now enjoying many marvelous adventures adding to the best of travel writing you could ever read!

And we've been struggling to come to terms with the recent resignation of director Marina Zeipper. Marina has for more than 10 years been the director responsible for monitoring FOLs email account, designing & distributing publicity, co-editing this newsletter, pulling together the sale volunteer lists, launching our Facebook presence and so much more. Once she gets through some life challenges, Marina was keen to reassure us she will be volunteering at sales.

2012 Board of Directors

Executive:

Allen Hustad – President
Ursula Wedemeyer – Vice President & (acting) Membership
Donna Lemire – Secretary
Shelley Barrow – Treasurer

Directors:

Edna Allwright
Michelle Ward – Immediate Past President

New Board Meeting Time

Directors meet at **1pm**, on the second Monday of each month (except July & August). Meeting venue is the second floor Group Study Room at the Kelowna branch.

AGM 2012 is set for the morning of
Saturday November 24
Kelowna branch main meeting room.

Donations accepted ... with exceptions

Stock for our Book Sales comes from ORL's withdrawal program and publicly donated books. We accept books in **GOOD CONDITION**. Buyers at sales will not buy books in poor condition or that contain out-of-date information. After sales we do distribute some leftover books to schools, seniors facilities and the Kelowna Foodbank. Again it is only books in decent condition that can be accepted by these venues.

When bringing donations to our Barlee Road Sorting house, please **DO NOT** leave the following items:

- Books in poor condition (damaged, yellowed, written in or marked up)
- Textbooks [Okanagan Textbook Exchange on Sutherland Ave opposite Capri Mall may take recent editions]
- Encyclopaedias
- Out-of-date books (more than 5 years old) – travel, health, computer, etc.
- Reader's Digest condensed books
- Magazines
- Videos, cassettes, records

If in doubt, please phone (250) 763-7323
or email: fol4k@hotmail.com



Have you renewed your Membership this year?

The October Book Sale and the November AGM are the best dates to set on your calendar to renew your membership. And it's still only \$5.00 per year.

The form is at the back of this newsletter or can be picked up at any branch or book sale. Our membership base is loyal & strong, as we have kept longtime Friends and gained new members. Help us continue to support our libraries & bring enhanced facilities, interesting items and presentations to area Library branches. Renew and encourage friends and family to join!

New F.O.L. members are always welcome. It only costs \$5 per year and is a great way to show support for your Libraries. Please fill in the form below and mail it with your cheque to our mailing address c/o Membership Director Ursula Wedemeyer; or drop it off at any of the three Library branches – Kelowna, Mission or Rutland.

BE A FRIEND! JOIN OR RENEW:

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Annual Membership: \$5.00
 New Membership
 Membership Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

I am willing to help with:

- Book sale activities:
 - Cashier
 - Replenisher
 - Set-up/Take-down
- Being a director
- Special Events
 (representing FOL at Library Functions: hosting at guest speaker events, etc.)
- I prefer to be a silent supporter of the Friends of the Library

* Detach this portion & either drop it to a Library or mail your application to the above address.

Got questions??

Want to receive FOL Newsletters & other timely information about upcoming sales and events faster. Register your email with us. Conserving funds spent on printing & postage, means more funds towards supporting your Libraries!

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BOOK DONATIONS

Kelowna Friends of the Library, gratefully accept donations of books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles & games. You can donate all year-round to help with the many fundraising book sales that we hold during the year. Our book-sorting house is open to accept your donations every Friday 9am to noon (except Friday public holidays & book sale days). There is also a book drop box in the driveway for small amounts. Address: **1898 Barlee Road.** For more information, call **250-763-7323**

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