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NEWSLETTER
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Spring Sale

Saturday April 13

Downtown @ Kelowna Branch Library

Summer Outdoor Sale

Saturday June 22

(weather permitting)

FOL House, 1898 Barlee Road

25th Great Okanagan Book Sale

Thursday 24 to

Saturday 26 October

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

Celebrating 25 years!

Over 25 years, Friends of the Library have been bringing together volunteers who share the belief that libraries are a resource to be cherished. Libraries are information and inspiration; education and entertainment. Our libraries & our friends enhance our lives.

Who are the Friends?

Kelowna Friends of the Library is a non-profit society formed and registered in August 1988, by members of the Kelowna Canadian Federation of University Women's Club.

Our main purposes are still as relevant 25 years on, as they were at our incorporation:

- to stimulate the use of Library resources and services by the public
- to raise funds and to receive and encourage gifts, endowments & bequests for the development of library services and facilities for the community
- to focus public attention on the libraries and their needs



How are funds raised at Friends Book Sales spent?

Each May, FOL Directors review the branch librarians wish lists - for 2012, \$12,065 worth of items were approved; for 2011, \$13,800. FOLs foremost commitment is to support children's literacy skills via **Summer Reading Club** programming - for 2011, \$4500 and for 2012, \$7000 - for contests, prizes, crafts, workshops & guest presenters at the three branches. Look for these wish list items at your branch.

Kelowna:

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

Mission:

iPod for children's programs
 Bean bag chairs for children's & teens areas
 Christmas trees for adult & children's areas
 Electric fireplace & seasonal decore

Rutland:

Seasonal decorative items; Christmas with the Kelowna Chiefs [hockey team] materials & games; Tabletop puppet theatre
 Mural *Lounging Lions* for Children's wall
 Hanging "bee" light for children's media corner; Teens area neon light (also Mission)
 Word quotations on walls (similar at Kelowna & Mission)

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

Annually 40% of major sale proceeds go to ORL HQ for **system-wide projects** - 2012, \$12,007; 2011, \$15,790.

It's All about Our Libraries!

Look in the seasonal *City of Kelowna Activity & Program Guides* for the Library page highlighting storytime & adult programs on offer at our three branches. There's something for every age – babes to teens to seniors. All programs are free, most with no registration required. Kelowna FOL fund these seasonal ads, in a special partnership with ORL.



Kelowna Branch

Downtown in the Cultural District, Ellis Street

Zines on Zinio!

You can read full electronic issues of your favourite magazines on your computer or mobile device, FREE through Zinio! Kelowna branch librarians will be holding classes on this new digital resource starting in April.

Pre-registration is required; call 250-762-2800 or email: shanna@orl.bc.ca

KidLit Book Club

If you're an adult who likes to read children's and teen books now and then, check out this club.

3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm.

Contact librarian Sharon if you have questions, call 250-762-2800 or email: shanna@orl.bc.ca

eReader Clinics

For advice on eReaders and eBooks, make an appointment with a librarian. They'll help you one-on-one with where to find consumer information on buying eReaders or tablets, to assisting with borrowing/downloading processes. Call 250-762-2800 or email info@orl.bc.ca

FREE Movie Nights

Films based on books (or having some literary connection). Bring your family, friends & popcorn! Showtime is 7pm in the Meeting Room.

For a list of films, check the branch blog [here](#).

April 23 *Persepolis*

May 21 *The King's Speech*

June 17 *Stardust*

FOL provides funding for the Public Performance Rights licensing for the year's film screenings.

Watch for exciting **major renovations** mid-year!

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



Mission Branch

Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive

Mission Reads is back!

Last Thursday evening of each month at 6:45 pm

A lively discussion by the fireplace, enjoying coffee, treats & great conversation.

Teen Activities

First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

A different activity geared for teens and tweens. May 7 Card Making Workshop

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



Rutland Branch

In the heart of Plaza 33 on Highway 33

Babytime (0-18 months)

Discover the pleasure of reading with your child, grandchild. Stories, puppets, nursery rhymes and songs. Tuesdays at 10:15 – 10:45am

Toddertime (18 months – 3 years)

Enjoy a group experience and chance to develop your toddler's listening skills, self-control and love of reading. Thursdays at 10:15 – 10:45am

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



ORL Headquarters

In November 2012, Friends presented a retirement gift to Lesley Dieno in appreciation of her leadership as ORLs Executive Director. Her tenure over 25 years included growth of the network to 29 branches and the introduction of internet-based services. ORL is now the 16th largest library system in Canada serving communities across 59,600 square kms. Lesley deserves a relaxing new chapter in her life! Friends groups greatly appreciated her particularly personal support.

We welcome Stephanie Hall who took up the role of Executive Director in February 2013. She was most recently Director of Public Library Planning (Province of Saskatchewan); and previously Director of Powell River Public Library and of Saskatchewan's Chinook Regional Library.

AGM Update from the Executive

As of our **Annual General Meeting on Saturday 24th November 2012**, a Board of nine directors was elected, with three members newly stepping up to join continuing directors.

2013 Board of Directors

Executive:

Allen Hustad – President
Ursula Wedemeyer – Vice President & (acting) Membership
Michelle Ward – Secretary, Newsletter Editor & Immediate Past President
Shelley Barrow – Treasurer

Directors:

Continuing: Edna Allwright & Donna Lemire
New: Evelin Irons, Joan Muir & Simon Parker

New Board Meeting Time

Directors meet at **12:30pm**, on the second Monday of each month (except July & August). Meeting venue is the second floor Group Study Room at the Kelowna branch.

AGM 2013 is set for the morning of
Saturday November 23
Kelowna branch main meeting room

Book Sales to Beat!

The 24th Annual Great Okanagan Book Sale (2012) netted over \$27,700. Thanks to our many energetic & loyal sale volunteers and a crew who never quit, meeting Friday mornings year-round at the Barlee Road house to sort thousands of boxes of public donations & ORL withdrawals. Final proceeds from the 23rd Annual Book Sale (2011) came to over \$23,700. When smaller sales across the year (October 2011 to September 2012) were added in, \$30,017.64 was the annual tally of funds raised. The sale schedule in any year may include Blowout, January; Spring, April; Outdoor, June sales plus 2-day sales at Kelowna General Hospital old foyer.

Donations accepted ... with exceptions

Stock for our Book Sales comes from ORL's withdrawal program and publicly donated books. We only accept books in **GOOD CONDITION**. Buyers at sales will not buy books in poor condition or that contain out-of-date information. After sales some leftover books are distributed 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 3 years old) – travel, health, computer, etc.
- Reader's Digest condensed books
- Magazines
- Videos, cassettes, records

If in doubt, please phone (250) 763-7323
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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 all the 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**

Harvey Ave - Highway 97

Spall Rd.	Ambrosi Rd.	Community Garden	Barlee Rd.	Woodfire Bakery	Cooper Rd.
		Friends of Library ☒		Orchard Plaza	
		Agassiz		InVue Target	
		Funeral Home			
Springfield Ave.					