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Spring into Spring Sale
Saturday March 8

Downtown @ Kelowna Branch Library

Summer Outdoor Sale
Saturday July 12

(weather permitting)
FOL House, 1898 Barlee Road

26th Great Okanagan Book Sale
Thursday 16 to
Saturday 18 October

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

Friends Fundraising Efforts

Each May, FOL Directors review **branch wish lists** submitted by librarians – for 2013, \$12,645; 2012, \$12,065 worth of items were approved. Lego sets & ipod docking stations are just some of the cool items funded for popular programs. Across the year, **visits** by authors, speakers, performers, and special events are funded. Annually 40% of major sale proceeds go to ORL HQ for **system-wide projects** – 2013, \$14,498; 2012, \$12,007. TakeOut Surprise book bags are the latest funded project; see page 2 for details.

FOLs foremost commitment is to support children's literacy skills via **Summer Reading Club** programming, with funding for contests, prizes, crafts, workshops & guest presenters at the three branches. Over recent years this annual allocation has increased from \$4000 to \$7000 (2012) and \$6525 (2013).

NEWSLETTER

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Get ready to laugh yourself silly this summer!
2014 BC Summer Reading Club theme is:

Funny Business!

Libraries will be developing programs, activities, displays, and contests to tickle your funny bone:

- Pun and Games – Jokes, riddles, tongue twisters, and wordplay
- Funny People – Comedians, clowns, street performers, and other funny folks
- That's Gross! – Yucky facts, revolting rhymes, disgusting foods, and repulsive habits
- Funny Pages – Cartooning, comic books, comic strips, and zines
- Reading on the Floor Laughing – Funny books, silly stories, tall tales, and hilarious verse
- Something Funny is Going on Here – Mysteries, disguises, brainteasers, and magic tricks
- Tales with a Twist – Parodies, fractured fairy tales, surprise endings, and plot-your-own stories

Develop a Reader

At Friends AGM, new ORL Executive Director, Stephanie Hall encouraged our efforts as vital towards improving literacy. She highlighted that children who are prepared to read, perform better at school. In turn, as they develop through their lifespan with active minds, they build better families. They tend to more readily become active in their communities as volunteers.

Our libraries develop readers through free year-round interactive activities - baby playtimes for newborns; storytimes (storytelling, songs & play) for toddlers; Summer Reading Club; Book Clubs for teens & adults. Everyone is encouraged to borrow books to read at home. Wherever you can find internet access, the Library webpage facilitates reading for every age & interest - ebooks, eAudiobooks, Tumblebook talking picture books & graphic novels, Powerspeak interactive language programs & Zinio digital magazines.

Check www.orl.bc.ca

It's All about Our Libraries!

Look in the seasonal *City of Kelowna Activity & Program Guides* for the Library page highlighting programs on offer at our three branches. There's something for every age. All programs are free, some registration may be required.

Kelowna FOL fund these seasonal ads, in a special partnership with ORL.



Kelowna Branch

Downtown in the Cultural District, Ellis Street

Collection moves will start in early March, without the staff actually moving any shelving! Coming downstairs are: fiction & genre fiction. Going upstairs are: taped books, DAISY discs, back issues of magazines & small newspapers.

Author talk, Ralph Morrison, March 15th, 1pm:
The Fear Inside looks back to his personal story of childhood bullying and brings an adult perspective to its effects.

NEW for Adults Take part in the magnificence and sweeping drama of ***A Game of Thrones***.
Book Club first meeting April 5th, 1 pm.

FREE monthly Movie Nights

Showtime 7pm Meeting Room
Films based on books or with literary connections
March 17 *Gods and Monsters* (1998)
April 22 *Hopscotch* (1980)
May 20 *Norwegian Wood* (2010)
June 16 *A Royal Affair* (2012)
FOL provides funding for the Public Performance Rights licensing for the year's film screenings.

Spring Break Madness

Ages 6-12: Movie Matinee March 16; Cartooning Workshop March 19; Lego Builders March 20
Ages 8-12: Creative Writing Workshop March 26; Creative Kids: Button Making Craft March 27
Registration required for all programs, starting March 6

Dive into Spring Contest

Ages 15 and under: In this favourite annual Easter activity, read five books up to April 13 for a chance to win a HUGE chocolate bunny, generously donated by Annegret's Fine European Chocolates.

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



Mission Branch

Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive

Teen/Tween Activities:

Word Scramble contest running until end May.
Free monthly **Tuesday evening programs**:
6:30 - 7:30 pm. Registration appreciated.
Card Making March 18; Duct Tape Projects - Beginners April 15 & Advanced April 29
Lego Building Club. Spring Break, March 21; April 26 and May 21.

Mural, newly funded by FOL for the Children's department will soon be in progress.

Watch an artist at work.

Paws for Reading our 4-legged friends will be back for kids to read to over the summer.

Mission Reads for Adults:

Last Wednesday afternoon of each month at 1:30 pm or last Thursday evening at 6:45 pm.
A lively discussion by the fireplace, enjoying coffee, treats & great conversation.

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



Rutland Branch

In the heart of Plaza 33 on Highway 33

Talk by Laurie Orange, Citizen Services Specialist (Services Canada) on how to get the most out of being retired. April 24th, 2pm.

Christmas with the Chiefs with all the materials & games funded by FOL was a fun night!

NEW TakeOut Surprise Bags.

Each branch is excited to offer these bags made up with different genres that you can grab, check out and go. No peeking at the books in the bag until you get home! The titles you check out are supposed to be a surprise & hopefully you will find your next favourite author.

For kids, teens and adults.

Rutland staff report the bags go out with amazing regularity & are definitely helping boost loan statistics as customers look for other books by some of the authors in the bags.

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

AGM Update from the Executive

As of our **Annual General Meeting on Saturday 23rd November 2013**, a Board of eight directors was elected, with two members newly stepping up to join continuing directors.

2014 Board of Directors

Executive:

Ursula Wedemeyer – President,
(acting) Membership

Allen Hustad – Vice-President
(Immediate Past President)

Michelle Ward – Secretary, Newsletter Editor
Shelley Barrow – Treasurer

Directors:

Continuing: Evelin Irons & Joan Muir

New: Harmina Jansen & Pamela Leco

Retiring directors Edna Allwright, Donna Lemire & Simon Parker were greatly appreciated for their efforts on many fronts.

New Board Meeting Time

Directors meet at **5:30pm**, on the second Monday of each month (except February, July & August, November). Upcoming meeting dates for 2014 are: April 14, May 12, June 9, September 8, October 6, December 8.

Meeting venue is the second floor Group Study Room at the Kelowna branch.

AGM 2014 is set for the morning of
Saturday November 22
Kelowna branch main meeting room

Book Sales to Beat!

The 25th Anniversary Great Okanagan Book Sale (2013) netted over \$24,300. Thanks to over 150 loyal sale volunteers and the energetic crew who meet Friday mornings year-round at the Barlee Road house to sort thousands of boxes of public donations & ORL withdrawals. Proceeds from the 24th Annual Book Sale (October) with smaller sales (Spring - April, Summer outdoor - July), tallied to an annual total of \$36,243.57 (October 2012 to September 2013). The sale schedule in any year may also include 2-day sales at Kelowna General Hospital new 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.

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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**

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		Funeral Home		InVue Target	
Springfield Ave.					

