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NEWSLETTER
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**What happens to funds raised
 at Friends Book Sales?**



26th Great Okanagan Book Sale

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
 839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Thursday 16th October, 9:30 am to 9 pm
Friday 17th October, 9:30 am to 9 pm
Saturday 18th 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**)

Large Print books & titles in other languages

Media items - CDs & DVDs

Premium books for \$2, \$5, \$10 (high quality content, good-as-new)

... the best place to shop for winter and Christmas holiday reading!

In May each year FOL Directors review wish lists submitted by our three Library branches – for 2014, \$9,652 and for 2013, \$12,645 worth of items were approved. FOLs foremost commitment is to support children's literacy skills via **Summer Reading Club**, with funding for contests, prizes, crafts, workshops & guest presenters. This annual allocation increased from \$4000 to \$7000 (2012) and \$6525 (2013). Funds towards year-round programming for children, teens and adults keep our libraries lively & relevant. Look out for these recently funded items at a branch near you:

Kelowna: end-panels for display/promotions on Fiction shelving

Mission: Table & lamp for reading nook; display table for Take Out Surprise bags

Rutland: games, prizes & refreshments for events with Kelowna Chiefs Hockey Club.

Finally, 40% of the proceeds from our major book sales, (\$14,498 in 2013) went to ORL HQ for system-wide projects such as popular new Take Out Surprise book bags.

Do you LIKE Friends?



Kelowna Friends of Library now have a **Facebook page!** New member, retired librarian and self-confessed Facebook maven Jaye has been posting on activities of Friends & our branches, and updating on great new books, reading & all good things library.

The 25th Anniversary Book Sale (2013) raised over \$24,300, thanks to more than one hundred and fifty energetic volunteers. With smaller sales across 2013, it was a successful year with over \$36,200 raised. Smaller sales since have kept sorting house volunteers and directors busy: Spring (April), summer Outdoor (July) & KGH (August). Sale stock consists of books withdrawn from the Okanagan Regional Library network & public donations that are in good condition ... all needing new homes with grateful readers!

Annual General Meeting 2014
Saturday November 22nd

From 10am, in Main Meeting Room
Kelowna Branch Library
1380 Ellis Street

(New Directors welcome, see page 3)

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
Extra hours (Oct to Mar): Sundays, 11am to 4pm

For FALL: Storytimes (newborn - 6 yrs):

Halloween Puppet Show: Druscilla's Halloween.

Lego Builders (6 - 12 yrs): Thursdays, October 23 & November 20, 3:30-4:30pm or 6:30-7:30pm

Library Jeopardy for Kids (8 -12 yrs) Sundays, October 26 & November 23, 1:00-2:00pm

Scary Story Creative Writing for Teens.

For enquiries & registration, phone 250-7622800 ext.2823

FREE Movie Nights

Monthly on Mondays, 7pm in the Meeting Room. Films based on books (or with a literary connection). Complete list can be found on the branch blog [here](#). FOL provides funding for the Public Performance Rights licensing for the year's film screenings.

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

Mission Branch

Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive

Teen/Tween Activities:

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. October 21, Zombie & Halloween Make-up; November 25, Jewelry Making. Registration appreciated.

Paws to Read

Volunteers and their trained therapy dogs give budding readers an opportunity to read aloud. Tuesdays, to November 25, 3:00-4:30pm. Please register for a 20 minute session.

Mission Reads for Adults

One Wednesday at 1:30pm or, Thursday at 6:45pm per month for a lively book discussion by the fireplace with coffee & treats.

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

Rutland Branch

In the heart of Plaza 33 on Highway 33

***NEW* Knit and Gab:** Tuesday nights to December 16. Drop in to knit and/ or crochet, Share your interest in knitting & other wool crafts.

Fall Children's Programs:

Babytime rhymes, puppets, songs, and stories. Tuesdays, 10:15 - 10:45am

Toddler time (18 mos - 3 yrs): interactive program for caregivers & children with puppets, songs, and stories. Thursdays, 10:15 - 10:45am

Storytime (3 - 5 yrs): stories, songs, puppets, and dance. Fridays, 10:15 - 10:45am

Christmas with the Chiefs with all the materials & games funded by FOL!

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

Share a GOOD NEWS story about your library !

Members & volunteers like to tell Friends about their great library experiences. We apologise that until recently our newsletter has been infrequent, so not a timely avenue to report this appreciation. Now that our Facebook & Web pages are up and regularly maintained, these good news stories can be readily shared.

Have you received great service lately at your branch; want to acclaim a staff member, favourite program, facility, or collection then send an email to: fol4k@hotmail.com. Your compliment may be posted (anonymously or, as you indicate) to our Facebook page, Web page or future newsletter.

Kelowna Friends of Library Web Page www.kelownafol.ca

October marks the first anniversary of a well-kept secret, our Kelowna FOL Web page. Former director, Simon Parker supervised a group of students in the business administration diploma at Okanagan College who created the site as an e-commerce coursework project in 2012. Newsletter editor-director Michelle & member Nadir now maintain the page. The site covers what Friends are all about, our calendar of sales, events & meetings; membership & volunteer sign-up links; and a photo gallery of FOL funded items and activities at our branches.

Update from the Executive

Annual Gathering Westbank

FOL Directors were treated to a fun-filled day of quizzes, prizes and information sharing at the annual gathering of Okanagan Friends groups hosted by Westbank FOL in their expanded Westridge Mall branch in May 2014. ORL Executive Director, Stephanie Hall encouraged Friends to think strategically & envision what we could achieve in activities at our branches and with library staff. Directors on our 2015 board can look forward to another annual meeting at a Valley library venue to be announced.

Volunteer Opportunities Fair

In an effort to boost membership & interest in supporting and uptake of directors positions, FOL Directors participated in this fair hosted by Kelowna Community Resources, at Parkinson Recreation Centre in September 2014. We applaud those new volunteers who signed up on-the-day to help with our future sales!

AGM 2014 - Saturday November 22 Kelowna Branch Meeting Room

9am Volunteers are invited to a **special appreciation hot breakfast**

10am Business Meeting including:

- ~ Report on Friends year of activities
- ~ Update by the ORL Executive on developments that impact on our 3 branch libraries
- ~ Election of Directors & Officers.

A Board with a minimum of 7 directors is to be elected & within that team, new office bearers are sought. Members with Secretarial administrative, Financial book-keeping, public relations, leadership & volunteer organisational skills are most needed!

Without a full complement of Directors, there will be no one to organise sales, and sorting activities. Fundraising for our Libraries would cease.

The rewards are great in learning more about our library branches, fulfilling their needs by fundraising, promotional activities, and library events ... all whilst enjoying the companionship of fellow friends & library staff.

Want to know more?

Please ask for our executive directors at the Book Sale or, email by the time of the AGM.
(Secretary, Michelle Ward)

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, leftover books are distributed to schools, seniors & health facilities and the Kelowna Foodbank. Again only books in decent condition can be accepted by these venues.

When bringing donations to our 1898 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
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:

Kelowna Friends of the Library

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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**

Harvey Ave - Highway 97

Spall Rd.	Ambrosi Rd.	Community Garden	Barlee Rd.	Woodfire Bakery	Cooper Rd.
		Friends of Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agassiz		Orchard Plaza	
		Funeral Home		InVue Target	
Springfield Ave.					

