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***NEW 2 day* April Spring Sale**
Saturday 23rd, 9am – 3pm
& Sunday 24th, 10am – 3pm
Capital News Centre, Gordon Drive
 Foyer to Mission Branch Library

Summer Outdoor Sale
Saturday 25 June
 (weather permitting) **9am – 2pm**
 FOL House, 1898 Barlee Road

28th Great Okanagan Book Sale
Thursday 13 to
Saturday 15 October
 Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

Friends Fundraising Efforts

Each May, FOL Directors review **branch wish lists** submitted by librarians – for 2016, \$6,950; 2015, \$8,725; 2014, \$9,652 worth of items were approved. Lego sets, puppet theatres & 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** – 2015, \$11,637; 2014, \$11, 770.

FOLs foremost commitment is to support children's literacy skills via **Summer Reading Club** programming, with funding for contests, prizes, wind-up parties, crafts, workshops & guest presenters at the three branches. This annual allocation has for many recent years exceeded \$4000: \$4950 (2016), \$5100 (2015).

NEWSLETTER

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Summer reading programs encourage kids to read regularly and thus maintain or improve their reading skills during the summer months. Librarians can help set reading goals; then on Reading Records, kids can in a fun way record what they are reading. Medals are given to kids who complete the entire reading record or summer reading program. Our libraries host big parties at the end of the summer at which medals & prizes are awarded to participants.

Another goal of Summer Reading Club (SRC) is to promote our public libraries as a community resource for year-round, life-long learning.

This summer get ready to travel the world as we inspire kids to explore destinations near and far, all while celebrating reading!

This year's **BC Summer Reading Club** theme is:



Book A Trip

Summer Reading Club 2016

Sub-themes will be used as inspiration for branch library programs, activities, displays, and contests:

Explore your own backyard - local sights, BC landmarks, animals of BC

Discover the universe - science fiction, space, aliens

Wander into the past - history, historical fiction, archaeology

Tour the world - world travel, wonders of the world, geography

Travel using your imagination - fantasy, magic, imaginary worlds

Journey by train, plane, automobile - modes of transportation (past, present and future)

Play around the globe - games and puzzles from around the world

It's All about Our Libraries!

Look for the Library branch web pages highlighting programs on offer. There's something for every age. All programs are free, some registration may be required.

Check www.orl.bc.ca

After hours, but need to do some research, learn a language, fix your car, borrow an eBook or eMagazine, or download a movie?

Check out the **Library's resources 24/7**

Where do you get your news?

Check out **PressReader**, the world's largest online newspaper and magazine kiosk. ORL members have free access to more than 4,000 publications from all over the world, such as the *Globe and Mail*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Daily Mail*.

Search for daily papers by country or keyword. To get started, visit ORL's website at www.orl.bc.ca/online-resources/help/press-reader. ORL members will be asked to sign in with their library barcode and PIN/passcode to view the collection.

PressReader can be accessed on library computers or on mobile devices connected to the ORL's Wi-Fi without entering a barcode.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to - improve your photography skills, design a logo, or develop business and marketing skills?

Now you can watch Lynda.com tutorials on these topics for free with an ORL card. **Lynda.com** is an online collection of instructional tutorials taught by industry experts, with thousands of videos that cover everything from animation to web design and accounting to writing.

Lynda.com is easy to use and the videos play on the browser of a computer or tablet with an Internet connection. Get started at www.orl.bc.ca/online-resources/help/lynda



Kelowna Branch

Downtown in the Cultural District, Ellis Street

Murder Mystery Mondays

2pm Drop-in series of talks by crime investigators talking about real crime cases geared to adults only. Cozy up with coffee, cookies and crime.

Join Jarkko Jalava, Okanagan College Criminology Professor (April 25 "The Myth of the Born Criminal") and Stephen Porter, UBCO Psychology Professor (May 10 "The Tina Eisnor Murder Case")

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



Mission Branch

Capital News Centre on Gordon Drive

Mission Knits!

Tuesdays at 1 pm. Knitters and crocheters of all abilities are welcome. Bring needles and yarn and a project to work on. It's free! Just drop in!

Lego Builders (age 5-12)

Bring your imagination and the LEGO is supplied! Creations are displayed in the library until the next session and posted on the branch web page

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

Ask staff about **meeting facilities** in the expanded branch

Chess for Kids: 6-week course covering basic to intermediate chess. Saturdays 1:30-2:30pm.

Knit and Gab: Tuesday nights. Drop in to knit and/or crochet. Meet new people, share ideas. Train a new young knitter!

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



ORL Headquarters

ORL Friends of Library book bags

Purchase bags for only \$2 at your local branch, to hold all that summer reading!

Six new Library Card designs are available at library branches for members and new customers to choose from, including ones featuring Ogoopogo, a rocket ship and an Okanagan sunset. Replace your existing card for a new design, free within the next 6 months.

AGM Update from the Executive

As of our **Annual General Meeting on Saturday 21st November 2015**, a Board of eight directors was elected, with one new member stepping up to join continuing directors.

2016 Board of Directors

Executive:

Pamela Leco – President

Ursula Wedemeyer – Vice-President
(Immediate Past President)

Michelle Ward – Secretary, Newsletter Editor

Shelley Barrow – Treasurer

Directors:

Continuing: Evelin Irons (Membership & joint volunteer co-ordinator), Joan Muir and Harmina Jansen. New: Megan Smaha (joint volunteer co-ordinator). Retiring director Jenny Boyd was appreciated for her efforts.

Board Meeting Venues & Times

Directors meet at **5:30pm**, on the second Monday of each month (except February, July & August, November). Upcoming meeting dates for 2016 are: May 9 (Kelowna), June 13 (Rutland), September 12 (Mission), October 3 (Kelowna), December 12 (Rutland).

Meeting venues newly rotate between the three branch libraries.

AGM will be at a venue and date in November to be determined.

Fundraising tallies!

The 27th Great Okanagan Book Sale (October 2015) netted over \$25,100. 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 26th Annual Book Sale (October 2014) with the smaller sale (Spring – April 2015), tallied to an annual total of \$29,100.

Vernon Friends of Library conduct an **annual Book Sale**, drawing from the other half year of ORL's withdrawal program and public donations.

Vernon Curling Club:

Thursday April 28th, 3 pm - 9 pm

Friday April 29th, 9 am - 9 pm

Saturday April 30th, 9 am - 4 pm

Sunday May 1st, 11 am - 3 pm

FOL is looking for a new home!

Our Barlee Road sorting house is a City of Kelowna rental property that will eventually be demolished as zoned for parkland.

Over the next year we are seeking an **affordable alternate location**

.to store securely and year-round, thousands of boxes that are the library's withdrawals and our fundraising sale stock

.these premises must be amenable for volunteers to sort & move boxes about (kitchen & washrooms; no stairs)

.to promote as accessible & central for drop-off of public donations

Please email with your suggestions
fol4k@hotmail.com



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.

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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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; 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

