

Friends Of The Cranbrook Public Library

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Message from the President

Don Ohs

This and That

You are no doubt aware of the changes to the Library, thanks to the HRSDC grant the Friends obtained last year and which continues until the end of June. If you haven't actually been into the Library for a while, we have tried to keep you, as members, and the public aware of the ongoing work through the Friends newsletters and the local papers.

"The Hub" is very evident by its bright colours on the right as you enter the Library and the new red and gold signs are on ends of the stacks identifying the contents of the shelving. What is not visible is the 40,000 plus books that our team have cleaned and installed new security strips in. The team is currently starting work on making colourful banners that will further add a distinctive flair to the Library.

The official opening of "The Hub" takes place on June 21st and we are currently running a contest to encourage our 13 to 20 year olds to log on to the website we have established especially for the teens.

The next time you are in the Library, take a look at the ongoing work and take a minute to look in and thank our industrial band of elves that have been working, under the leadership of head elf, Derryll White, to make our Library a warm and welcome place. The rest of the merry band :

Rick Buehler – signs

Janice Evans – event planning and books

Yossi Cadan – computer design, databases and books

Bonnie Getty – newsletter and event planning

Athena Underhill – art and designs

Shirley West – event planning and books

Two others, Shaman Beloin and Kevin Farrington have left the project for permanent jobs.

I hope you are all starting to think about the new Library. The Regional District will be voting by way of referendum on their contribution to it in a couple of months and whereas they were a vote or two short on the last one, I hope we can all convince our friends living in Area C to give the new Library their support. The City will be voting on it at the upcoming civil election in the late fall. The long range potential of the new building boggles one's mind. Please get behind the Library Board and the Friends of the Cranbrook Library in working for a positive vote on both referendums.

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Special Points of Interest

Check out the Lascaux drawing on page three to get a sneak preview of the new banners for the library.

**Children's Festival May 7, 2005
Look for the Friends of the Library story tent.**

FRIENDS MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER

The Directors of the Friends have decided to encourage members to get more active in the Friends of the Library. There are a number of areas where volunteers could be accommodated.

Short term volunteering is required for the Children's Festival on May 7th. People willing to donate ½ or a full hour of reading time should contact Elaine Karras at 426-6869. This is a fun opportunity to share with small children and their parents the delights of books.

Another short-term commitment would be supporting the small book sales scheduled sporadically for the Rotary Clock Tower this summer. The Friends of the Library are looking for individuals willing to take a 3-4 hour shift on a Saturday to staff a book-selling table. For more particulars contact Marilyn Forbes at 489-6254 or write her at book@cplfriends.org.

Another opportunity to support the work of the Friends of the Library is with the Travelogue series, which is hosted late fall and early spring each year at the College of the Rockies. The Friends are looking for two volunteers who would be willing to distribute posters, staff the donation table, and help set up and clean up after each Travelogue. There are usually about 6 Travelogues each year, on a Monday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. The advantage is that you get to see all the fabulous, interesting Travelogues. Anyone interested can contact Helen Houston at 489-3516 or 426-2565. This could be the most entertaining and educational volunteer position ever!

There are also positions available for members of the Friends of the Library who want to take on event planning and arrangement, support work with the annual book and magazine sales, Adopt-A-Magazine and a number of different activities which all go to making the Friends an interesting and active organization for improving Cranbrook's access to information and resources. Contact President Don Ohs at 489-2882 or president@cplfriends.org for more information on any of these opportunities.

**Be a friend to our community!
Join the Friends of the Library**

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Friends of the Cranbrook Public Library would not be as successful as they are in their undertakings without the help of a host of others. We would like to recognize some of our partners.

One of our longest-standing partnerships has been with the College of the Rockies. They have assisted us for more than a decade with our Travelogue series.

The Sunrise Rotary Club is another long-standing partnership, working with the Friends of the Library to promote and present the Annual Book Sale each fall. Without access to their storage space at Rampart the book sale would be a much more difficult undertaking.

Selkirk Signs has been our first venture into a prolonged undertaking with a private partner. Their guidance and assistance with producing a new set of signage for the interior of the Cranbrook Public Library has been inspiring and so very helpful.

The Friends have made huge strides lately in developing the organization and enhancing the Cranbrook Public Library as a result of the support given by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. Without their assistance many things we have accomplished would just not have been possible.

Creation of the youth space The Hub rested on the support of 12 different individuals and organizations. We will recognize all of them on a donor plaque in the space, but we wanted to pay particular homage to the Kinette Club of Cranbrook, as they were the first to believe in this project and put actual funds behind it. All flowed from their initial faith in the Friends and in Cranbrook.

In future issues we will focus on other partners. It is not our intention to leave anyone out, but rather to start to recognize the other energies that help a non-profit organization such as the Friends of the Library to move forward with their mission of creating a more dynamic and accessible community through the ongoing development of the Cranbrook Public Library.

BANNER PROJECT GOING AHEAD

The HRSDC-sponsored Friends of the Library project crew is now working on a set of banners for the present library, as well as special banners for a new library facility when that becomes available. The banners will be visually pleasing and will feature Lascaux cave art, very beautiful images of some of the world's first writing.

Using the batik method of production the crew is transferring Lascaux cave art onto cotton material and then dyeing a series of colour separations to produce a finished work that will be exciting to the eye. The intent is to brighten up the present library space within a design framework that can move to a new and larger space. Some of the banners will also feature directional signs so that library patrons can locate areas from further away by simply gazing upward.

Led by Moyie artist Athena Underhill the entire Friends project crew is totally involved in this effort. At the present they are discovering the intricacies of padding frames (does anyone have old towels or terrycloth that they can donate to this project?), keeping the wax hot and many other small problems that need to be worked out. On any sunny day you will see them out on the grass at the north end of the library, translating art and idea into a new form.

The Friends of the Library want to acknowledge the incredible support they have received from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada over the past seven months. It is through their interest that the Friends have been able to create The Hub, produce the new set of signage for the library, and now to undertake the manufacture of these art banners. It should also be noted that all of this work has been directed toward reducing the cost of a new library facility.



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Coming Events

McHAPPY DAYS 2005

The Friends of the Cranbrook Public Library, along with the Library Board and the Library itself, have been selected as the community participants in McDonald's Restaurants fund-raising event for children in need across Canada.

On McHappy Day, May 18th, 2005, McDonald's will donate one dollar from every McMuffin©, Big Mac©, and Happy Meal© sold in a McDonald's restaurant to children's charities across the country. In Cranbrook, all funds raised through McHappy Days will be donated to the Friends of the Library for use in developing the Cranbrook Public Library's Children's Section.

Support the Cranbrook Public Library on May 18th and dine at a Cranbrook McDonald's Restaurant. The Friends of the Library wish to extend a huge thank you to Dave Kaiser, Melissa Hamm and all the staff at the Cranbrook McDonald's Restaurants for their support of the continued development of the Cranbrook Public Library.



Mail in or leave at the front desk of the Cranbrook Public Library

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