

Friends Of The Cranbrook Public Library

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Message from the President

Don Ohs

The Annual General Meeting has come and gone and I was happy to see a few new faces. Membership continues to grow and the Friends of the Library continue to move forward with all our undertakings.

As you can tell from the message title, I was returned as President along with the best Treasurer in town, Terry Burgess and our super Secretary Pat Casey. New to the Executive is our sterling Vice-President, Marilyn Forbes. Ursula Boy and Donna Goulet also came on as new Directors. We look forward to another great year of fun, service and companionship.

I am happy to announce our new partnership with McDonald's Restaurants and anticipate all of the Friends of the Library purchasing sponsorship "Ronald Feet" when the day comes. This will result in tremendous support for the Children's section of the Cranbrook Public Library. As well, our private partnership with Selkirk Signs is resulting in stunning new signage for the Library. Look for that soon.

We met recently with the Library Board and negotiated an Agreement In Principle on our proposal to draft a new HRSDC funding application. This goes along with several submissions to outside agencies to put together a programme that will make the Friends of the Library stronger and even more capable in their support of Cranbrook Public Library goals and programmes.

I would be remiss if I didn't urge everyone to participate in the Maga-Sale-Madness at the Tamarack Mall March 4th and 5th. We are recycling some of the best magazines, and the proceeds go to library projects.

As well, the Adopt-A-Magazine programme is looking for new and renewed sponsors of popular library offerings. Contact Nettie at 489-8093 if you would like to sponsor a magazine for a year. The Friends can offer tax receipts for this sponsorship.

Let me conclude by saying that it is an honour to serve as President of the Friends of the Library for another year. I am personally excited about The Hub and continuing its development and growth in a new library facility. I am also tremendously pleased with our HRSDC sponsorship and the way that has gone so smoothly. They have facilitated a huge amount of support for Cranbrook's leading public institution, and the project crew has brought new life and energy to the whole Friends of the Library undertaking. I look forward with anticipation to doing more with HRSDC and other agencies that will assist with our mandate of becoming stronger and more vibrant as an organization and even more supportive of the whole Cranbrook Public Library undertaking.

I will return in March with a cuddly Koala bear and the scent of 'roo to charm one-and-all. Let's make this the best year yet for working with the Friends to support the Cranbrook Public Library.

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MEGA-MAGA-ZINE MADNESS
March 4th & 5th, 2005
Tamarack Mall, old Work Warehouse site

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP – Want to change the world? Well, maybe just begin with some gentle social activism. Join the Friends of the Library and help make the Library Cranbrook's leading institution for social change and inclusion.

MEMBERSHIP

Join the Friends of the Cranbrook Public Library and contribute to a meaningful goal while you have fun and meet great people. The members of the Friends of the Library pay a nominal membership fee (see back of the newsletter) and in return receive the newsletter, participate in fun and fund-raising events, and promote the city's leading public institution – the Cranbrook Public Library.

Membership in the Friends also offers the opportunity to sit down and lick stamps (nobody does that any more), organize fund-raising events, participate in potlucks, and promote the library. Just the fact of your membership tells City Council that there are community supporters who actively value the Cranbrook Public Library. That is important when it comes to decisions such as new facilities, increased budgets and that kind of thing.

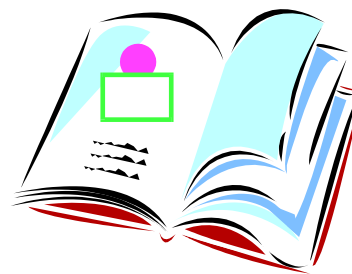
JANUARY HAS COME AND GONE! ACT ON YOUR RESOLUTIONS AND BECOME A SUPPORTER OF CRANBROOK'S MOST PROGRESSIVE NON-PROFIT GROUP. Join the FRIENDS OF THE CRANBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY. Use the form on the back of this newsletter.

MAGAZINE SALE

Friends, the Committee for the sale of used magazines is pleased to announce that we have caught up with what we have on hand in terms of donated magazines. We are now ready for many more donations – so PLEASE drop them off during library hours, or phone me at 426-6869 to arrange for pick-up. We will accommodate you.

I look forward to your contributions, and to seeing you at the sale on March 4th and 5th. Come to the old Work Wearhouse store at the front entrance of the Tamarack Mall during mall hours.

Support the Friends of the Library and get the best magazines at severely reduced prices. See you there!
Elaine Karras



SISTER CITY READING CHALLENGE PRIZES

The Friends of the Library are happy to support the Cranbrook Public Library's February reading challenge by donating major prizes to the event. Using our fund-raising dollars we purchased a 20" *Void Dyno* youth-size bicycle and an MP3 player to assist with the promotion of reading within the community. We believe this is another \$200.00 well spent in the promotion of literacy and the Cranbrook Public Library.

SELKIRK SIGNS AND HRSDC PARTNERSHIP

Watch for the unveiling of the new guidance system for the Cranbrook Public Library. These two public and private partners have worked with the Friends to point the way to a new library facility while making things more accessible in our present surroundings. Without partners like this Cranbrook just will not achieve its potential as the Key City of the Kootenays.

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“THE HUB” CONTINUES TO ROLL FORWARD

The Friends of the Library have continued to pour energy and resources into the new Teen Space. The results of the naming contest recently completed in the middle and high schools in Cranbrook saw ShayLynn Hanson receiving the MP3 player for her winning new name – THE HUB! As well, from the 347 participants in the teen survey of library needs nine McDonald’s Restaurant meal certificates were awarded. The Friends of the Library are pleased to recognize the support from the local McDonald’s franchises. The results of the survey are VERY interesting and we will reveal some of them in future newsletters.

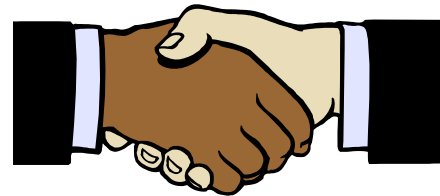
Three new computers have been purchased specifically for The Hub, along with comfortable work chairs and desks. Lounging furniture has also been purchased, addressing the expressed desire for “comfortable” furniture. As well, the Friends have just purchased music systems that will be available for check-out by teens for use in the library while they are working or reading.

The community partnerships continue to help us achieve the goal of increasing teen membership at the library. The Mount Baker art class instructed by Bonny Hayes has undertaken to paint the ceiling tiles in The Hub, employing an *Alice (In Wonderland)* theme. The Hub will be the most attractive total art installation in town by the time it is done, thanks to a huge community effort.



SISTER CITY READING CHALLENGE – Remember to get your slips in for the final count. It really is all about literacy and family participation.

THANK YOU – to HRSDC and Casey’s Printing & Stamps for making this newsletter possible.



NEW MCDONALD’S PARTNERSHIP

The Friends of the Library took the lead in arranging an incredible sponsorship with our local McDonald’s Restaurant franchises. The Friends, Library staff and the Library Board will work together to support McHappy Day in May. All the proceeds will go to improvements in the Children’s section, hopefully in a new library facility. McDonald’s Restaurants continue to be a very active and supportive partner in improving the Cranbrook Public Library, to the benefit of all residents of Cranbrook and Area C. Thank you RONALD!! (and Dave Kaiser).

WHAT IS NEXT?

The Friends of the Cranbrook Public Library and their project crew have unlimited faith in the future. To that end we have started to investigate the whole area of trusts and bequeathing funds to the development of the library. We will be creating the mechanisms that will allow supporters to gift sums to future Cranbrook Public Library service and collections enhancement. The end result will be yet another way for people to invest in the future of our great community. Build for the future with the Friends of the Library.

Coming Events

DR. SUESS—His birthday is March 2nd. Take a book out of the children's section and read to a child. The future will thank you.

MAGAZINE SALE – Maga-Sale-Madness – March 4th & 5th in the old Work Warehouse space at the front of the Tamarack Mall – during Mall hours.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE – Sponsor a magazine for a year and receive a tax receipt for your community support. A wide range of titles and topics are available and needing your support. Contact Nettie Palajac at 489-8093.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING – Attend the monthly Directors' meeting at noon on March 15th, in the Board Room at the Library. Marilyn Forbes in the chair.

LEARNING DISABILITIES—March is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month. For more information go to www.ldac-taac.ca

WORLD POETRY DAY—March 21st. Write a poem, sing a song, read a book of verse—and rejoice. A jug of wine, a loaf of bread, and thou.

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