

THE FRIENDS OF THE WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MILLENNIUM PARK OPENING SOON!

Windmills in the Wetland Garden, an Art Wall at the Learning Terrace and an artwork fountain! Coloured lights, fog, water – wow! **The Friends** are donating planters to be placed at the Jim Pattison Reading Garden.



TOO MANY BOOKS ?

We can help! We collect books, CDs and DVDs all year round for **The Friends Annual Fall Book Sale**. Your gently used items are welcomed and will be recycled to another loving home.

Just label your box/bag: **FRIENDS** and take to any WPG Public Library Branch.

Too heavy? We can help! Call 488-3217 for pick up of large donations.

We accept all categories but must decline textbooks and encyclopedias. The only magazines we can take: art, décor, food, architecture and literary.

NEWSFLASH!!! The Gates on Roblin has been reserved for **May 5, 2013 for our 8th annual Books and Brunch**.

Dianne Zuk, Chair of 2013 Books & Brunch notes that this lovely event has become an annual tradition for many book groups, family groups and friends. We enjoy hosting it as much as you enjoy attending! We always need volunteers for the various committees: please call 488-3217 to help.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BOOK PLATES?

When you make a donation to the Friends in memory of a loved one you may request a bookplate which will be placed in the library book of your choice. This is a wonderful way to remember that special someone.

For more information, contact Kathy Blight at 204-488-3217 info@friendsWPL.ca



Save the date! Oct. 27/28 FRIENDS BOOK SALE at Grant Park High School

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The Friends Support Summer Reading

Once again **The Friends** are extending their support to programming for youth of all ages. Funds were donated to purchase supplies for the Library's activity tent at the Winnipeg International Children's Festival at The Forks on June 10. Over 500 people visited the tent and enjoyed book-making crafts and a cozy reading corner. This was an ideal outreach opportunity to promote the Library's summer programs to families with young children.

This year's **TD-Summer Reading Club** theme is "Imagine" which celebrates the fantasy genre. The Friends have donated appealing prizes to encourage participation in the club: fairy tale puzzles and finger puppets featuring princesses and monsters provide a fun way to springboard storytelling and recognize readers' efforts. All 20 branch libraries received a set of these prizes to award mid-August.

The Teen Summer Reading Club is a virtual club accessible online by readers ages 13 to 17 years. Teens can register to receive weekly email newsletters from Library staff with book recommendations and invitations to contribute web content such as book reviews, stories, photography and art. Weekly contests are held in the different categories of submissions. For prizes, the Friends have generously provided funding to purchase gift cards for winners to purchase books, art supplies, photography supplies and movie tickets. Additional prizes of unique literary items were purchased from The Best of Friends Gift Shop.

The Library supports the notion that reading is its own reward; however, the ability to offer prizes raises awareness of various programs and can be an incentive to participate. We are very grateful to **The Friends** and thank them for their ongoing support of children's and teen programs.

Karin Borland

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SCRABBLE, ANYONE??

Who does not love **Scrabble**?? New at Best of Friends Gift Shop - Magnetic Scrabble Game, zipper pouch, pencils and coasters. We also have a new game called **Word Nerd** - for Superior Spellers, Leaping Linguists and Genius Grammarians! *Perfect for summer evenings.*

The Friends Board is most fortunate to have **Luba Harasym**'s Teacher Librarian skill set. She also works on the Membership Committee and at Books and Brunch "to help fill in the gaps our tax dollars don't cover to enhance Winnipeg's library system." A mother of a son and a daughter, Luba enjoys discussing books with her two grandchildren. Besides biographies, Luba has an affinity for children's books and has many fond memories of book projects with her students. Another passion for Luba is singing. A member of the Daniel McIntyre Alumni Choir she has performed on cruise ships and at seniors' centers. Luba's first library card as an elementary student at Cecil Rhodes School introduced her to her favourite book, *Gone With the Wind*. Luba encourages Winnipegers to become members of the Friends. "It is a two way street – you give and you get back."



Luba Harasym