

Editorial

On May 6/12 The Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library and sponsor TD Canada Trust did it again! **J.R. Leveille** regaled the audience with examples from his lifetime love of reading beginning with Classic Comics. **Joanne Kelly** inspired all when she shared her belief that “books can change the world and how we view the world.” The food was divine and the table settings reflected the elegance of **Reesa Cohen** and her team. Congratulations to all the **volunteers** who organized this memorable event.



President Susan Fraser is all smiles at the success of “Books I Have Known and Loved.”

Photo by Robert Wilson

Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to **Deacon Ryder** and **Jennifer Thomson**, winners of a draw for a one year membership in the Friends.

In recognition of the Friends’ efforts to encourage literacy in the core area, **Children of the Earth High School** has awarded the Friends \$1,000.00 as part of their involvement in **Youth and Philanthropy** sponsored by the **Winnipeg Foundation** ! This grant will be used for reading materials for children’s program at the library.

Ed Cuddy also has reason to celebrate thanks to a \$2,500 donation from the Friends - the Writer in Residence Program.





The Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library 2012- 2013 Board who uphold the WPL mandate: *To enrich the lives of all Winnipeg citizens and their communities by providing high quality responsive and innovative library services.*
Note: This happens in 26 languages!

The Piece de Resistance

Congratulations to our creative President on her winning entry in the library's Books2Eat contest. Her culinary arts skills gave new meaning to the book, *Three Junes*. Food for thought: Susan encourages all Friends to enter next year.



Rick Walker, Manager of Library Services and Ed Cuddy, Administrative Co-ordinator, Support Services surprised Susan Fraser at the AGM with a gift of appreciation for her dedicated decade as Friends' President.

President's Report

The Friends expect to disperse \$35,000. in 2012 to support Winnipeg Public Library projects. In addition to the Spring and Summer Reading Programs and the Writer in Residence we will purchase 26 large planters for the new Millennium Library Park. We will also donate \$10,000. to the Family Literacy Playground at the Fort Garry Library.

We are happy to report that we helped 743 participants enjoy and learn this Spring Break. The Friends take great pride in our sponsorship of creative writing and origami, magic and music, Mad Science and Metis history with Ted Longbottom.

To read more about Friends projects:
www.wpl.ca/library/contact/friends.asp

Susan Fraser