

**President's Message ~ Susan Fraser**

It has been a wonderful Winnipeg summer but it has not been all-play-and-no-work for your Friends! We were there to see our planters installed in the Millennium garden in August and we met many avid readers at our Membership display at the River Heights Market. Sorting and pricing for the book sale happens all year round. There is much to do and our Board always gets the job done. If you are interested in becoming involved, please consider joining us as a guest at a Board meeting. We enjoy meeting our members and hearing what they have to say. Feel free to call for dates and meeting info. 204-488-3217.

We are thrilled to hear of the increased numbers of youth attending the summer reading programs we sponsor.



The Friends provided many reading prizes such as this 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prize: McNally Gift Certificate, iTunes gift card, Scrabble, Boggle, Upwords, Magnetic book mark sets.

**Editorial ~ Heather EMBERLEY**



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Editor

It was a dark and stormy night outside for the opening ceremonies of the Millennium Gardens but our hearts were warmed by one of our most beloved authors, **Bill Richardson** and his support for the work of the Friends. Likewise, I am heartened by the support for this little newsletter, which, thanks to **Jill Hudspith**, will soon enter the world of social media, and you will be able to follow us, tweet us and like us! Your photos, submissions and comments are eagerly awaited at: [editor@friendswpl.ca](mailto:editor@friendswpl.ca)



Friends Membership drive at the River Heights Market

## Best of Friends

It was hard getting into the Holiday Spirit in July and August when it was thirty something degrees outside. But, I have been poring over catalogues to find those unique gifts for our customers. We always have gorgeous journals, cups, mugs, teapots and our Murchie's Library blend tea is a perfect gift. We have a great selection by local artists. FRIENDS members enjoy a 10% discount and every sale helps the library.

~ Susan Fraser



*Pea and Bee* is our newest jewelry line at **Best of Friends Gift Shop** featuring unique high quality beads, stones and crystals in beautiful colour combinations by **Pat Stanton**.

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## FRIENDS BIG BOOK SALE GRANT PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday, October 27: 10 am to 4 pm  
Sunday, October 28: Noon to 3 pm

To donate: mark your bag/box "Friends" and drop off at any public library or call 204-488-3217 for pick up.

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Membership Chair Kathy Blight with Linda Herman winner of the raffle at River Heights Farmers Market

## Writer in Residence

As The Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library prepares to welcome **Joan Thomas** as Writer in Residence for 2012-2013, here are some reflections from our 2011-2012 Writer in Residence:

"Writing, by and large, is a solitary pursuit and one of the gifts given to me as **Writer in Residence**, thanks to the Friends and the Winnipeg Public Library, was the opportunity to meet and work with other writers. I loved this aspect of the position and the city, too. Very friendly, very open and generous. I've seen or been in contact with so many local writers and what has struck me beyond the talent here is the reciprocity, the give and take of both knowledge and energy from every one of them, the back and forth where we both learn something. Another gift. I thank them all."

~Terry Jordan