

NOTES

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of the Winnipeg Public Library

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BOOK SALE

Friends' volunteers note that the Book Sale selection is exceptionally good this year, especially in Fiction, Canadiana, Mystery and CDs.

NEW: Shop with your debit/credit card.



Dax and Mia try out new puppy reading stools now available at all branches.

Annual BOOK SALE
Great Used Books • Current • Collectible • Vintage
50 Categories, 60 Tables
THIS YEAR! **Art Prints & Posters**
Plus DVDs, CDs & More
Grant Park High School Gym
Grant at Nathaniel
across from Grant Park Shopping Centre
SATURDAY & SUNDAY OCTOBER 28-29
Doors Open Saturday 10 am — 5 pm
Big Bargain Sunday 11 am — 3 pm

EVERYONE LOVES PUPPIES!

In 2016 Friends contributed toward the purchase of puppy reading stools for Children's areas of all Library branches to replace the much loved – and now worn out – ottomans, also funded by the Friends.

Here are some comments the Library received on Facebook:

“My kids love that dog. My eldest wants to come back again in the library to play with it..”

“Same as St John's library! These are so awesome. Thank you for providing these for the kids, my daughter loves them.”
On learning the pups are at every branch, this customer replied: “Really? Oh that's awesome. She will actually sit still long enough to finish the books with these cute chairs!”

“My kids loved it too!!!!!!”

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BOOKS & BRUNCH

by Kathy Blight

Once again the morning sun shone brightly at The Gates on Roblin for the Friends' 12th annual Books & Brunch on Sunday, May 7.

Folks arrived early to view the auction prizes, which many said were the best ever, and which generated repeat ticket sales. (Of course, it helped that a debit/credit card machine was available!) We offer special thanks to all the donors and encourage you to support them whenever possible.

A new menu and improved sight lines enhanced the event.

Featured speakers were recently retired CBC broadcaster Terry MacLeod, and award-winning author Anita Daher, who shared with us the books they have known and loved. Their choices are listed on our website.

A BIG thank you goes to: Billie, Heather, Christie and Bill S. for the behind the scenes work; Rick for setting up the information table and especially for the slide show highlighting the projects, programs and services we have supported over the years; Pam for coordinating ticket sales and ensuring table seating requests were met; the Best of Friends Gift Shop volunteers: Anne, Brenda, Coreen, Jackie, Joyce, Lori and Sylvia; Laurie and Deb for putting together the super auction prizes; and Kathy R., Janice, Brenda, Sylvia and Nina, along with Luba and Douglas for assisting on the day of the event. Many remarked on the lovely spring-like centerpieces that Jan created. This event simply would not have been possible without these special volunteers.

As people were leaving, we heard comments such as "Great event – I know someone who would love this – need to call her..." and "What's the date for next year?"



Author Anita Daher

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 6, 2018
The Gates on Roblin

If you have suggestions for future speakers, please let us know at info@friendswpl.ca or leave a message at 204-488-3217.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS AUCTION DONORS

Anita Daher • Terry MacLeod

"A Friend of the Book Sale"

Aveda Institute

Best of Friends Gift Shop

Biagio Unisex Hair

Bijou Canoe • Lori Ebbitt*

Billie Stewart

d.a. Neils

Echo Creations • Teresa Bickle*

Edward Carriere Salon

Heather Graham

La Peregrina Jewelry • Ella Donnelly*

Manitoba Chamber Orchestra

Manitoba Gardener • Dorothy Dobbie

Midwest Tapes • David Narciso

Mosaic Creations • Yolanda Hogeveen*

Oakwood Café

Recorded Books • Bryan Messersmith

Reesa Cohen

Rorie Bruce Agencies

Sage Garden Herbs •

Dave Hanson and Evelyn Yauk

Sandy Tapper*

The Gates on Roblin • Ray Louie

United Library Services • Ren Speer

Whitehots Inc. • Eleanor Heidt

Winnipeg Comedy Festival

Winnipeg Folk Festival

Winnipeg International Writers Festival

*Items available at
the Best of Friends Gift Shop



Former CBC Broadcaster Terry MacLeod



BEST OF FRIENDS GIFT SHOP
Millennium Library Lobby
251 Donald at Graham

Monday – Saturday
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Phone: 204-947-0110
Email: bestof@friendswpl.ca

The Best of Friends gift shop is entirely run by Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library volunteers, and all proceeds support the Friends’ contributions to Library’s programs and projects.

Since 2000, Friends has contributed over \$200,000 to support the Library. See the article on this page for details of how your support has made a difference at your library.

Don’t forget the Best of Friends Gift Shop for your holiday shopping – or when you need that something special to say “thank you” or just because.

Choose from a wide variety of delightful and unique new items that are perfect for the holidays!

Need downtown parking suggestions?
<http://downtownwinnipegbiz.com/getting-around/parking/>



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

by Kathy Blight

Each spring the Friends’ board invites Library administrative representatives to share suggestions for initiatives that would be a good fit for Friends’ support. Our goal is to support Library projects, programs and services that will benefit everyone, and help our libraries be the best they can be.

In response to this year’s requests, and including our other annual commitments, in 2017 Friends has provided \$25,800 for the following initiatives:

- \$15,000 for a Family Literacy Playground at the new Windsor Park Library, slated to open later this year;
- \$ 5,000 to purchase jingle bells, rhythm sticks and “juggling” scarves for pre-school programs at all branch libraries. These new resources will enrich the early literacy programs with music and movement.
- \$800 for coffee/tea refreshments for adult book clubs at all branches; and for the forthcoming Canada 150 special Stephen Leacock storytelling event.
- \$2,500 each as our annual contributions to two other programs: Writer-in-Residence and Spring Break. Christie, one of our volunteers, enjoyed participating on the committee that selected the current Writer-in-Residence Jennifer Still. Since 2000 we have provided over \$30,000 for this popular program.

None of this would have been possible without the assistance of over 70 volunteers, and with the participation of members and non-members alike.

If you joined us at Books & Brunch, bought books either at the Fall Book Sale or from the book cart at the Best of Friends Gift Shop, or treated yourself and others to gifts from the Friends’ Shop, thank you for supporting your library! We are grateful for your support.

Select from ideal gift items available at the Best of Friends Gift Shop including tote bags, greeting cards, journals, note pads, eyeglass accessories, games, beautiful calendars, lovely mugs, jewelry by local artisans, and much more.



WE'LL MISS LYLE!

On June 22, 2017 Lyle Penner, a Library marketing assistant, was honoured on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years in administrative and system support. Some of Lyle's many roles included publicity assistant, web designer, webmaster, graphic designer, social networking, and much more.

President Kathy Blight presented parting gifts from the Friends and thanked Lyle for his invaluable graphics assistance and web mastery on our behalf. He designed posters, invitations and e-cards for Books & Brunch and the Fall Book Sale, prepared layouts for our submissions for the Library's newsletter, and when the Library hosted our web pages, he prepared the design and

uploaded the updates we provided. Of over 40,000 excellent photos he took during his tenure for the Library, some featured Friends' activities. Kathy noted that, when responding to our requests, Lyle was always accommodating – and extremely patient.

When announcing his pending retirement, in the Library's blog posting in May, Lyle remarked that while he felt sad about saying goodbye, "there was also a refreshing note of expectation as I began to anticipate new rhythms, including more time to do reflective writing, cooking and gardening... What a privilege it is to be part of a library that serves so many in so many meaningful ways."



We extend our very best wishes to Lyle as he embarks on new adventures!

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FRIENDS DAY BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 2nd floor of the Millennium Library at 10:15 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

For more information phone Faith at (204) 452-3369 or Joan at (204) 254-6697.

Books for the 2017 fall/winter session:

September 19

Ragged Company

by Richard Wagamese

October 17

The Ballad of Danny Wolfe

by Joe Friesen

November 14

The Circle

by David Eggers

December 12

Brooklyn

by Colm Toibin

January 16

The Nature of the Beast

by Louise Penny

February 20

The Boys in the Boat

by Daniel James Brown

Books for March - June will be selected in November.

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