

NOTES

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library

Spring 2016

Help make our libraries the best they can be

Dear Friends:

This is my last edition of NOTES. I have really enjoyed the challenges of the past three years and hope that you've enjoyed the output. There are a few changes afoot in our organization as some of the old familiar faces begin to move-on, slow-down, change-track. This is a great organization supporting a critical public institution in a changing world. I hope that you'll continue to support the work of the Friends and, if you are not volunteering directly as yet, please

consider this as a warm invitation to sign up.

Thank you to my board colleagues for their support of my work on our newsletter and a special thank you to Heather Graham who went above and beyond the role of proof-reader.

So I will sign off as usual by saying:

Thank you for being a friend of the Winnipeg Public Library.

Jillian Glover, ed.



From the President Billie Stewart

Spring at last, more or less, bringing us that wonderful Friends' event, *Books & Brunch*. At Editor Jill's "press time" tickets were flying out the door, so don't delay.

This is my last NOTES as Friends President, but I am handing the job over to the very capable hands of Kathy Blight. I'll be concentrating on used books, my favourite thing and the source of our fastest growing fundraisers, the Fall Book Sale and the Book Cart at Best of Friends Gift Shop. So it's timely to thank all you faithful members for your donations of books

and your hands-on volunteer help with these events. We couldn't begin to do it without you.

Support from members like you, through membership fees and donations to Friends, is so important to us year in and year out. When you're visiting your library, remember your part in it: supporting the Spring Break Reading program and other creative activities for teens and tweens; the Children's Literacy Playgrounds at Fort Garry and Charleswood Branches; the little animal ottomans in all the branches, to name just a few Friends' supported projects.

The Friends had a good year. Come to the Annual Meeting on April 6th and hear more about it!

Billie Stewart

11th Annual Books & Brunch MAY 1st

with guests

**Lara Rae &
Catherine Hunter**

MC: Ben MacPhee-Sigurdson

Tickets are going fast - we're heading for a sell-out - at press-time 90% of the tickets were sold! - so don't delay - get yours today!

Phone 204-947-0110 or email info@friendswpl.ca or in person at the **Best of Friends Gift Shop** in the lobby of the Millennium Library, Monday to Friday 11 to 4.

"When in doubt, go to the library." — J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

Friends support new projects in 2016

Every year the Friends financially support the WPL Writer-in-Residence and the Spring Break program and then we invite library managers to present their wish lists for further support. This is always a great opportunity to remind ourselves of the fabulous work that WPL staff do in regards to tuning in to the needs of the community, changing technology and enthusiastically wanting to make a difference for all library patrons so that the public library can truly meet its mandate.

What are the Friends, through your ongoing and generous support, being able to help pay for this year?

Let's begin with puppy stools. How cute are these? You'll probably remember our lovely animal ottomans which were donated by the Friends in 2011. They have been

much loved and numerous repairs have kept the herd going but it's time for those buddies to retire. The Friends will help with the purchase of 40 puppy stools (20 large orange and 20 medium green). They will be a



fine complement to the Family Literacy Playgrounds which are being established (some with help from the Friends). Each branch will have an orange and a green puppy. Lucky children, being able to read their favourite books while sitting on one of these!



And what else?? Equipment for the developing Makerspace Lab in the Millennium Library. This is pretty exciting stuff and the Friends are thrilled to be part of it. Makes us look cool !



The Makerspace is to encourage folks of all ages to create, collaborate and innovate! By offering such equipment, services and opportunity, libraries are being re-invented and encouraging new people to become

library people! And that's a pretty good outcome. So with help from their Friends, WPL will be purchasing an interactive projector which turns a whiteboard into a giant tablet to use as an interactive whitespace. Also, for the craft room as part of the Makerspace, we are supporting the purchase of four sewing machines.

Another great year in store for us at our public libraries!

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.

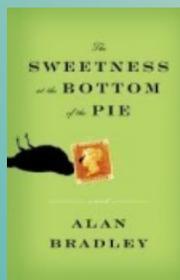
Here are the books for this spring session:

April 19:



The Free World by David Bezmozgis

May 17:



The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley

For more info: (204) 488-3217 info@friendswpl.ca



Wednesday, April 6, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Millennium Library

251 Donald St, 2nd floor, Anhang Room

Guest Speaker: **Rick Walker**, Manager of Library Services

All members are encouraged to attend

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