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Spring Books & Brunch

A Friends' Fundraiser in support of Winnipeg Public Library projects

Sunday, May 6, 2018 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
at The Gates on Roblin, 6945 Roblin Boulevard

“Books I Have Known and Loved” with:



Gordon Goldsborough

Historian; CBC columnist;
author of *Abandoned
Manitoba*



Laurie Mustard

Media personality;
Winnipeg Free Press
columnist

MC: Charlene Diehl

Director, THIN AIR the Winnipeg International Writers Festival; writer; editor

Tickets: \$70 (Income tax receipt \$25) plus Rainbow Auction

Buy at Best of Friends Gift Shop, Millennium Library (204-947-0110)
Monday - Saturday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Email: info@friendswpl.ca
Tables of 8 or 10. Debit and credit cards accepted.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library Inc.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Millennium Library
251 Donald Street, second floor
Anhang Room

All are welcome.

Guest Speaker:
Ed Cuddy, Manager of Library Services

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BOOK CART CONNIE

After retired Occupational Therapist **Connie Sarchuk** moved to Osborne Village and sold her car, she discovered the bus got her to the Millennium Library in seven minutes. For a life-long library card holder, this was important. Then she discovered the Friends of the Library and the Friends found their perfect volunteer to manage the Used Book Cart at the Best of Friends Gift Shop. And Connie found her perfect retirement project (in addition to her project of reading every Booker Prize winner!) Her attention to the Cart since 2016 has produced a steady increase in sales.

“I really enjoy working with the people who drop by – they are an interested and interesting group who really appreciate the Book Cart,” she says. “The little Children’s Book Cart is a favourite of mine, as is watching the kids discover something.”

You can meet Connie at the Book Cart most Mondays and Thursdays when she replenishes the shelves. If someone has a special request, such as more Art books, Poetry, or dictionaries, she’ll pass it on to the Donation Room at St. James Library.

Thank you Connie for your hard work!



Connie Sarchuk and the Book Cart.

MASSIVE BOOK SALE A MASSIVE SUCCESS!

The 2017 Fall Book Sale opened on October 28 at Grant Park High School with nearly 200 eager booklovers lined up, and the heavy traffic continued throughout the Sale. Some areas looked slightly gridlocked at times, and by Sunday many categories were nearly sold out. Result: over \$18,000, a 51% increase over 2016. With the \$14,946 earned at the Friends Book Cart at the Millennium Library, it adds up to some great fundraising for Winnipeg Library projects.

Many thanks to the Book Room team, who sorted, priced and packed all year at the St. James Branch. Their care and book-wise experience is what make this a great book sale. We had 74 volunteers at Grant Park. They put in nearly 250 volunteer hours, and seemed to have as much fun as the shoppers. New this year was the Art Prints & Posters Category. A big thanks to Marlene Milne and Pat Stanton for their creative work on that, and an extra nod to Pat for her generosity with her expertise in so many areas.

Wade Cudmore did his usual hero's job of picking up larger donations. The Winnipeg Branch libraries do invaluable work, accepting drop off donations, and Meagan O'Brien and the St. James staff were helpful as always. Also helpful is Theresa Lomas, the Library's liaison to the Friends, our go-to person for assistance and advice.

The Grant Park High School Leadership Program students did an especially great job helping set up and take down the Sale. And of course, a big thank you to all the people who donate their books to the Friends – couldn't do it without you!

BILLIE STEWART
BOOK SALE MANAGER



Thank You!

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Anne Morton

Arthur Cohen

Bill Stanton

Bill Stewart

Billie Stewart

Bob Blight

Brenda Greenberg

Carolyn Rickey

Christie Macdonald

Connie Sarchuk

Dianne Logan

Dolores Haggarty

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Irene Shapira

Jan McLeod

Janet Carriere

Janice Chance

Jessica King

Jill Glover

Joan Macdonald

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Kathy Blight

Kathy Giovannini

Lauren Rae

Laurie Logan

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Loraine Napora

Lori Ebbitt

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Grant Park High School
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*Special thanks also to
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McDonald's, 425 Nathaniel St.
Management and Staff

Subway, 1180 Taylor Ave.
Alix Kravetsky and Staff



BEST OF FRIENDS GIFT SHOP

Millennium Library Lobby

251 Donald at Graham

Monday – Saturday

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Email: bestof@friendswpl.ca

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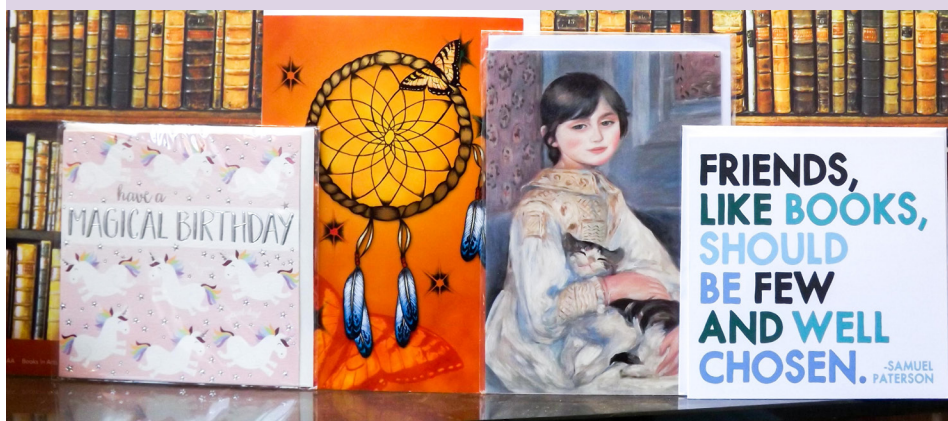
Uplift your spirits by savouring your coffee or tea in one of our outstanding mugs! Our shop features an assortment of mugs of enduring quality and design – Robert Bateman, Group of Seven, Old Masters, and much more.

Searching for that special card? You'll quickly find it here. Our selection of



cards includes beautiful artwork, New Yorker, and lots of laughs.

Gifts, journals, games, you'll be amazed at the variety of choices. "It's worth the trip" to the Best of Friends Gift Shop!



CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS

The Friends of Winnipeg Public Library believe in the value of public libraries and are committed to supporting Winnipeg Public Library and the services they offer to the community. We are a volunteer-based organization that needs your help and support to fulfill this mandate.

We are looking for interested individuals to sit on its Board. Board members meet monthly to review its operational needs and plan events. If you are interested in sitting on the Board please fill out an application form on the Volunteer Manitoba site, <https://www.volunteermanitoba.ca/> (Opportunity ID – 2496).

If sitting on the Board is not for you, the Friends are looking for volunteers to assist on a number of committees and with various programs and projects.

Interested in volunteering in our Gift Shop at the Millennium Library, or maybe you would like to help with our annual Books & Brunch event or the fall book sale? Please fill out an online application today at: friendswpl.ca/get-involved/be-a-volunteer/.

Also available at the Best of Friends Gift Shop: tote bags, note pads, eyeglass accessories, games, beautiful calendars, jewelry by local artisans...drop in and shop!

Find a perfect gift for Mother's Day or a birthday present for someone special.

FRIENDS DONATION

In the Best of Friends Gift Shop, president Kathy Blight (left) presents a cheque for \$22,000 to Theresa Lomas, the Library's liaison to the Friends' Board.

The Friends' contribution will fund a Family Literacy Playground for St. John's Library. Also included are annual contributions for the Writer-in-Residence and Spring Break programs.



(Below) At the March 15, 2018 opening of the new Windsor Park Library, standing behind the Family Literacy Playground kiosk which the Friends partially funded are Branch Head Clark Rempel, Manager of Library Services Ed Cuddy and Friends secretary Heather Graham (and a wee friend peeking through).



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Kathy Blight

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Chair, vacant

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Chair, vacant

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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 winter/spring 2018:

January 16

The Nature of the Beast

by Louise Penny

February 20

The Boys in the Boat

by Daniel James Brown

March 20

The Girl with a Pearl Earring

by Tracy Chevalier

April 17

The Best Kind of People

by Zoe Whitehall

May 15

The Secret Keeper

by Kate Morton

Books for September – November will be selected in May.

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