

# NOTES

## THANKS TO THE FRIENDS!

### FAMILY LITERACY PLAYGROUNDS

Since 2014, the Friends have made an ongoing commitment to support the creation of lively play spaces in our libraries. To date, donations from the Friends have funded interactive learning panels and kiosks installed at Fort Garry, Charleswood, Windsor Park, Pembina Trail and St. Vital Libraries. Next will be St. John's Library, currently under renovation.

These Family Literacy Playgrounds encourage the playful use of early literacy skills and are an ideal family destination to have fun and learn at the same time. The Friends' support is so important because



### KARIN BORLAND, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR OF YOUTH SERVICES, WPL

we know that play is key to overall healthy early childhood development.

### RHYTHM INSTRUMENTS FOR STORY TIME

Singing, along with talking, reading, writing, and playing, is one of the five daily practices endorsed by the American Library Association's Every Child Ready to Read initiative to increase children's reading readiness. Singing, more rhythmic than speaking, allows opportunities to focus on the sounds of speech.

Increasingly, the library is incorporating music and rhythm activities in pre-school programs (Baby Rhyme Time, Time for Twos, Story Time for 3-5 year olds, Family Story Time).

In 2017, the Friends generously funded the purchase of cluster bells, rhythm sticks and scarves so that all of our libraries are equipped with these items to use during seasonal sessions of pre-school programming.

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*Left: Literacy Playground at Windsor Park Library*

*Right: Juniper having fun with a rhythm scarf in Baby Rhyme Time.*

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## WADE CUDMORE - VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Long-time shoppers at the Friends Fall Book Sale at Grant Park recognize Wade Cudmore at his spot just inside the door to the Grant Park Gym. We depend on him at the Sale - he is Back Up Cash, Security, Fire Marshall, experienced Sale Set Up & Pack Up, and is the big voice we need for announcements to a noisy gym.

Wade has volunteered for the Book Sale for over 12 years, one of our longest serving volunteers. This Book Sale was the only one offering to pick up book donations, made possible by Wade and his truck. This service has been invaluable in establishing our Book Sale as a successful fundraiser. He's also our expert in distributing and recycling un-sellable books.

Wade is a one-man book distribution and

recycling system. Over the years he has taken books to various Salvation Army stores, the Manitoba Electric Museum, Value Village, the Mennonite Central Thrift Store in Steinbach, Village Connection in St-Pierre-Jolys, and to people who enjoy reading but cannot afford to buy books.

Wade has now retired to Marchand MB, where of course he has again become involved in community organizations in the area, such as the Mennonite Thrift Store. We'll miss this amazing volunteer, but hope to see him at future book sales. Wade sends special thanks to St. James Head Librarian Megan O'Brien "for her helpfulness, problem solving skills and all-around great personality".

**BILLIE STEWART**



*Wade Cudmore hard at work*

## A SELLOUT!

### THANK YOU EVERYONE

The Sun Gods have been shining down on The Gates for the past few years on the day of Books & Brunch and 2018 was no different. What more can you ask for!

A sunny morning, sharing it with friends, having fun deciding which Rainbow Auction prize is yours to win, enjoying a delicious brunch (which many said was the best yet), and then there were the guest speakers, Gordon Goldsborough and Laurie Mustard, and MC Charlene Diehl. It doesn't get much better than that!

Gordon Goldsborough is a historian, CBC Radio columnist, and author of *Abandoned Manitoba: From Residential Schools to Bank Vaults to Grain Elevators*. It was very evident he loves history and has a humorous side as well. And there is more great news: Gordon has written a recently-published sequel: *More Abandoned Manitoba: Rivers, Rails, and Ruins*.

Media personality Laurie Mustard is a Winnipeg Free Press Homes section columnist, a book collector and antiques' aficionado. Laurie shared stories about, and excerpts from, books he had recently come across. There was much laughter and shaking of heads.

Gordon and Laurie's lists of "Books I Have Known and Loved" are on our website.

MC Charlene Diehl, Director of THIN AIR - the Winnipeg International Writers Festival, is also a writer and editor. Charlene kept things rolling along, so by 1:30 p.m. people were able to enjoy the rest of the lovely spring day.

Special thanks to Sage Garden Greenhouses for contributing beautiful centerpieces of succulents that they planted in our donated tea cups – and to Ray and his Gates' staff for the delicious food and excellent service.

The prizes on the Rainbow Auction tables were top of the line. Please take



*Speakers Laurie Mustard and Gordon Goldsborough, MC Charlene Diehl, and Friends' President Kathy Blight.*

*Photo: Jason Halstead, Winnipeg Free Press*

a look at the names listed below. When you are in their shops, let them know you attended the Books & Brunch and thank them for their support.

None of this would have happened without our great Friends' volunteers– who step up year after year to make this event such a success. You are a very special group. Thank you!!

Many of our guests left with smiles on their faces, and saying, "We need to let our friends know about this event so that they can come next year!" We look forward to seeing you and your friends on Sunday, May 5, 2019!

### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS AUCTION DONORS

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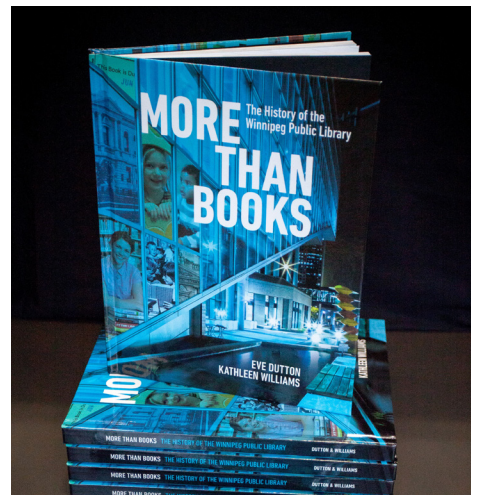


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## MORE THAN BOOKS: THE HISTORY OF THE WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY

This fascinating book, written by Eve Dutton and Kathleen Williams and edited by Joan Blakley, details the complete history of the Winnipeg Public Library. Featuring over 160 photos and archival images, the book was funded by the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Public Library Board and was published by the Winnipeg Public Library.

Purchase your copy for \$12 from the Best of Friends Gift Shop, download the ePUB or borrow a copy from the Library: [www.Winnipeg.ca/Library](http://www.Winnipeg.ca/Library).



## BEST BOOK SALE EVER!

THE FRIENDS' ANNUAL OCTOBER BOOK SALE WAS A MASSIVE SUCCESS, RAISING OVER \$21,000 THANKS TO OUR AVID CUSTOMERS, VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS.

WATCH FOR DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE - [WWW.FRIENDSWPL.CA](http://WWW.FRIENDSWPL.CA)



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### SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS

For the past 14 years, The Friends have been the primary supporter of programming at all libraries during spring break. This year, we hosted performances by the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra with their "Fiddlers on the Loose in the Library" program and by Castlemoon Puppet Theatre. The Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre visited several libraries to present "Reading with Raptors," an up-close encounter with owls and falcons including stories featuring these beautiful birds. Finally, local author Karin Adams conducted writing workshops for tweens and teens. Almost 1,000 children and family members attended the programs throughout the week of spring break.

*A very special guest at the "Reading With Raptors" program*



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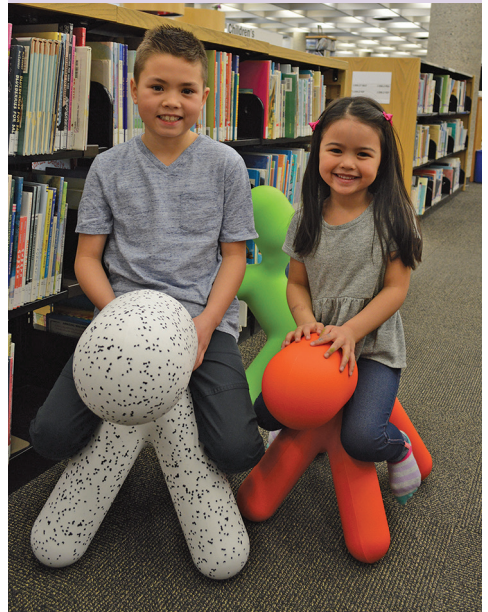
### PUPPIES IN THE LIBRARY!

In 2016, the Friends donated seating for children: puppies in different sizes and colours! Since their arrival, the puppies have been immensely popular; children not only use the puppies as seats but also read and talk to these silent reading buddies.

The modern, colourful design of this playful furniture contributes to the welcoming atmosphere of our libraries. It signals to families that the public library is a place where all ages are welcome and where children are encouraged to be themselves while they play and discover their world.

This rich and varied schedule of programs helps attract new customers to the library where they can discover resources for lifelong learning and reading enjoyment.

*Dax and Mia love the library's puppies!*



## 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) 813-3624 or Joan at (204) 254-6697*

### Books for 2018-2019

**September 18**

*A House Without Windows*  
Nadia Hashimi

**October 16**

*The Parcel* Anosh Irani

**November 20**

*A Boy in Winter* Rachel Seiffert

**December 11**

*The Zookeeper's Wife (non-fiction)*  
Diane Ackerman

**January 15**

*An American Marriage* Tayari Jones

**February 19**

*Wolf Willow* Wallace Stegner (classic)

**March 19**

*The Water Beetles* Michael Kaan

*April - June titles are pending. See the Friends' website for updates.*

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