

What better way to enjoy a long hot summers day, or keep your kids and grandkids amused on their summer vacation, visit a Library and ...

## Catch the Reading Bug!



This catchy theme is visible everywhere in our Kelowna, Mission & Rutland libraries for their **Summer Reading Club (SRC) 2007** programs, June to August. Storytimes, craft times, puppet shows, fun contests & prizes, book draws! Exciting speakers have included the Kelowna Fire Department with their **Don't be a Fire Bug** presentation.

FOL Directors Ursula & Michelle tagged along in July, with up to 50 kids at Rutland Library's first run of SRC guest speakers. Friends provided funds towards the crafts & activities, librarian Cherie & the guest presenters created for 2 fun events:



### **Bugs: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly**

(Kelowna Museum)

Kids got up-close to bugs using a "scope-on-a-rope" (microscope connected to a digital projector) and identified bugs, good and bad, associated with our Okanagan fruit industry.



### **Animals of the Okanagan**

(EECO Centre)

Picture guessing games & an exuberant game under park trees behind the Library highlighted about habitat loss & what it means to be a "homeless" native animal.

## It's all about our Libraries !



Even the adults have not been left out! Librarian Fern Teleglow at the Kelowna branch is facilitating

### **Summer Nights : A Book Club for Adults**

Featured title for the month of August is John Irving's *A Widow for One Year*.

Meet at the Library's main meeting room at 7.00pm on **Thursday August 9**.



## Library Wishlists

Contributions towards materials, prizes & presenters for highly successful Summer Reading Clubs are an ongoing commitment for Friends. Funds raised from our book sales in the last year permitted FOL Directors in April to very happily satisfy the wishlists of the 3 libraries, to the value of \$27,000! Special funding highlights were:

**Kelowna** - a digital reader-printer to enhance the viewing, printing & downloading of microform research materials (genealogical, newspaper & reference)

**Mission** - wall mural by local artists for the Children's Reading area

**Rutland** - animal floor cushions & a "people counter" device to better record library usage as services expand & diversify.

We can only satisfy these wishlists due to the outstanding commitment of FOL members, who collect and sort book donations & help with our year-round Sales. **Thanks!**

## A Library near you

The new FOL Executive of Shelley, Ursula & Michelle familiarized themselves in March with the 3 branch libraries Kelowna Friends support. Librarians Sheila Coe (Rutland), Dawn Silver (Kelowna) and Lee-Anne Wilson (Mission) graciously toured us through their facilities and services, pointing out where Friends have contributed and talking eagerly of their future plans and wishes.

Each branch has its own unique characteristics and characters!

One can't resist on every visit to **Rutland** library, checking out the walls for the latest artistic, photographic & poetic works of local library users. The new **Mission** library is an imaginative haven, as busy as the expanding sporting facilities of the Capital News Centre where it is located right upfront. Look for the beautiful FOL donations quilt as you enter. The downtown **Kelowna** library is 2 floors filled with an exciting array of collections, services & programs. They eagerly await the promise of extra patrons, as high-rise residential blocks & small cafes sprout up along Ellis Street and neighbouring corridors, and the Waterfront.

***Treat yourself soon to a visit to a local Library, other than your regular branch !***



## Friends across the Okanagan

Directors Ursula, Rosemary, Kendra and Michelle represented Kelowna Friends at the **Annual Gathering of the Friends of the Okanagan Libraries** in May.

Hosted by Summerland Friends, it was a great Saturday spent swapping ideas & applauding achievements with Friends from Salmon Arm & Sorrento to Naramata, Oliver & Keremeos. Other groups might be small in number, but are mighty in motivation, imagination & results ... with sales, events and displays & library projects. Summerland Friends impressed with their "Library-at-your-Door" service for housebound seniors & the role their members play as "praisers" and extra "laps" for large families attending library storytimes.

Keremeos Friends have volunteered to host the 2008 gathering.

**Lesley Dieno, Executive Director of Okanagan Regional Library** lunched with us and presented ORL's current priorities.

**Major Library Projects** – in Vernon, a \$9 million combined Library, Museum & Art Gallery complex; new library facilities in Osoyoos & Princeton. A July review of the Canada Census 2006 results for Okanagan population demographics will contribute to the setting of future space & service plans.

**New Services Online** – AskAway & Audio Book Downloads

***FOL Director Marina reviewed the two new services and thinks they are great additions to an already superb Library website:***



**Reference askaway...** allows you from home to chat live online over the internet with a BC Librarian to get help with your reference questions and research. Free & easy to use! Great for homework help for students. I had one of those questions... my friends did not know the answer.. the dictionary, newspapers, etc. were of no help ...so I went to the ORL website

[www.orl.bc.ca](http://www.orl.bc.ca) and click on **askaway**

The librarian online was able (in a very short time) to give me the answer. Our chat session showed her expertise in clarifying my needs and progressed quickly and in a friendly personalized way. I got references to further reading on my topic, websites to visit and, to round this off, I got in my email, a transcript of our full conversation. **Go for it!**



**Downloadable Audio Books** are now available to the public, at home or anywhere outside the library, via the ORL library website link or directly to BC Libraries "**Library to Go**" site.

<http://downloads.bclibrary.ca>

A large diverse catalogue of bestselling and classic fiction & nonfiction titles is added to almost daily. After downloading the "over drive console" (it was easy with step-by-step help and even with my slow computer) you can download up to five titles and keep them for about two weeks. You can either listen to the books on your laptop or computer, or transfer them to a portable device, PDA or MP3 player. (Note: downloading is presently not available for iPod and Mac users.) Some books can be even burned to CD, if permitted by the publisher.

***Just what is needed for long road trips!***

## Sales Report

### ☼☼☼ Spring Book Sale ☼☼☼

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
at Kelowna Library, Ellis Street

With a pleasantly surprising profit of over \$2,000, this sale proved the precursor for "better-than-last-year" sales to follow. Thanks in part to the greater number & quality of book donations being dropped by the public at our sorting house this year. Wider ranging publicity & having fliers for upcoming sales ready to hand out, brought smiles from eager shoppers.

## Outdoor Book Sale

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
at FOL House, Barlee Road



Always one of our favourite sales! Friends love greeting book, magazine, records, puzzles and games enthusiasts under the trees at FOL House. There should have been some happy Dads on Fathers Day, judging by the treasures some kids found for gifts. A profit of \$1800 resulted ...and the rain stayed away until after we packed up!

## Book Collectors Book Sale

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
at Kelowna Library, Ellis Street

This debut sale was a foray into the unknown & a chance to offer book lovers an array of quality books, folio editions & older book sets. Sale co-ordinator generals, Lee and Grant (true story!) are to be highly acclaimed for their courage & determination, in the face of a little anxiety. Over \$1300 was raised.

## Announcing !

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Kelowna Library on Ellis Street**  
**Mini-Sale** in conjunction with a Library literacy event – 3 tables full of interesting books for all tastes

**the BIG one ...**  
**The 19<sup>th</sup> Great Okanagan Book Sale,**  
**November 8, 9 and 10 2007,**  
**Immaculate Conception Parish Hall**  
on 839 Sutherland Ave., ...three full days of fun shopping for children's and adult books; talking books, videos, CDs, records, Silent Auction and more!



## Welcome to our newest Director !

After moving about Canada, **Kendra Skubiak** recently settled back to her Kelowna hometown. As a Certified Education Assistant in Winfield, she works in a Literacy Intervention Program where students from grades 2 to 5 are given intensive help with their reading. Her puppy, Poe (Edgar Allen), attends most FOL activities and is aptly regarded as our mascot!



**Farewell** to **Beth Greenwood** one of our longer serving directors. Thanks to Beth for her many contributions and for keeping us to the tradition of hot breakfasts at our AGMs!

New F.O.L. members are always welcome. It only costs \$5 per year and is a great way to show support for your Libraries. Please fill in the form below and mail it with your cheque to our mailing address c/o Membership Director Ursula Wedemeyer; or drop it off at any of the three Library branches – Kelowna, Mission or Rutland.

**BE A FRIEND! JOIN OR RENEW:**

**Kelowna Friends of the Library**

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Annual Membership: \$5.00  
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I am willing to help with:

- Book sale activities
- Organization of events
- Fund raising
- Being a director
- Special Events
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- I prefer to be a silent supporter of the Friends of the Library

\* Detach this portion & either drop it to a Library or mail your application to the above address.

Got questions??

Want to receive FOL Newsletters & other timely information about upcoming sales and events faster. Register your email with us. Conserving funds spent on printing & postage, means more funds towards supporting your Libraries!

Let us know:

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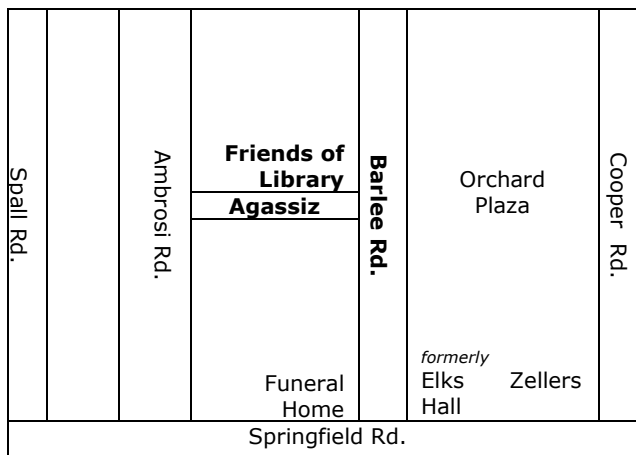
**BOOK DONATIONS**

*Kelowna Friends of the Library*, gratefully accept donations of books CDs, DVDs, videos, cassettes, puzzles & games. You can donate all year-round to help with the many book sales that we hold during the year. Our book-sorting house is open to accept your donations every Friday morning from 9 to 12 (except April 6, Good Friday). There is also a book drop box in the driveway for small amounts.

Address: **1898 Barlee Road.**

For more info, call Lee at 763-3357.

Harvey Ave -Highway 97



The latest edition of **Friends of the Library book bags** are still available at all Kelowna area Library branches, for \$10 each. Useful & very popular!