



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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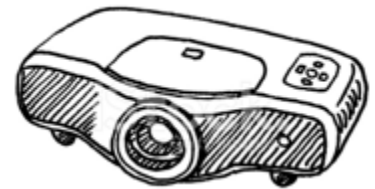
Fall 2023

Friends of the Library Executive

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Sales Coordinator	Anne Warriner
Membership	Gayle Jones
Library Liaison	Gwen Fisher
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Our Latest Project

The Friends are pleased to report that they have committed \$24,000.00 to help replace 30-year-old equipment in the Library/Museum Théâtre. The new equipment will enhance programming in the theatre and provide a better experience for attendees of events held there. This is our largest project to date. The funds were raised through book sales, puzzle sales and monetary donations. Thank you to all of our donors for their gifts which helped make this contribution possible.



Used Jigsaw Puzzle Sale

Saturday, October 21, 2023

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Upstairs at the Public Library

Membership Report – Gayle Jones

Our members are the core of our organization and we are grateful for your support. In an effort to streamline our record keeping, memberships will now be active for one full year from the date of purchase.

As of September 1, 2023, our membership consists of

Individual Memberships:	32	Family Memberships:	11
Business Memberships:	1	Organization Memberships	1

Head Librarian's Report – Gwen Fisher

Hello from the Team at the Moose Jaw Public Library! We continue to have a busy year. In April we learned that we had been awarded a grant from the Canadian Space Agency to support STEM learning in our community. We have been busy purchasing new equipment for our Makerspace with the funds from that grant as well as increasing our STEM oriented summer program through our Space themed Summer Reading Club. Over the summer months we had two wonderful summer students who brought the Canadian Space Agency's curriculum from the "Young Astronaut Program" to children attending the summer parks program and also offered one craft space themed program at the Library in addition to regular storytime offering for children under five. Through our Children's, Teens, and Adults summer reading club, Moose Javians read 368,668 minutes and 3,648 people attended 192 programs. We had so much fun exploring space and thank the Friends of the Library for their generous sponsorship of the prizes.

You may notice a new face around the Library and Community. Jennifer Doede joined our team on September 18th in the role of Community Outreach Librarian. Jennifer worked in a similar role at London Public Library in Ontario and brings a passion for promoting the Library and connecting with community members to Moose Jaw. We are excited to have her on board.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for joining me at a presentation to City Council in July regarding the replacement of equipment in the Theatre which the Friends are supporting through a contribution of \$24,000. We are expecting to receive and install the equipment prior to the end of the year. Get ready for a very enjoyable theatre experience at the Library in coming months!

We have also been busy getting out into the community to promote the Library. Four MJ staff members and I joined the Palliser Regional Library to hand out candy and library info at the Hometown Fair on June 21st. The Summer Students attended the Festival of Words' first Street Fair held on July 13th. On August 26th one of our summer students participated in Live Clue at the Military Base and promoted Library service. The Library was at the Touch a Truck event on September 9th with crafts and Library promotions. Five staff members joined other Library workers from Treaty 4 at Treaty 4 Days in Fort Qu'Appelle on September 13th and 14th to learn more about Treaty 4 but also to promote and converse with attendees about the Library.

We are very excited as we move on to other upcoming projects. We will have a new look after we complete our branding project and are excited to share the results with you. We are looking forward to celebrating Saskatchewan Library Week in October and have special programming planned for Climate Action Week in November along with our many other regular programs and services.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for all your support of lifelong learning in Moose Jaw!

Sales Coordinator's Report – Anne Warriner

The April and September used book sales were very successful. Thank you to the many volunteers who worked at the sales. Your assistance is essential to our success. Thank you to the Friends Board members who were able to assist and to the Public Library staff who helped us with so many aspects of the sale from making posters to packing to coordinating efforts on the loading dock.

Our annual used jigsaw puzzle sale is coming up Saturday, October 21, 2023. Please bring donations of your used but complete jigsaw puzzles to the Library. We definitely need more donated puzzles to hold a successful sale.

If there is sufficient material to hold another used book sale in November, we will do so.

Treasurer's Report – Carolyn Graham

For the period Jan. 1 – Sept 30, 2023

Revenue	
Used book sales	6,589.65
Used puzzle sales	175.00
Book bag sales	140.00
Donations	1,359.70
Memberships	610.00
Bank & GIC interest	<u>63.89</u>
Total	8,938.24
Expenses	
Book club bags	598.86
Summer Reading Club prizes	94.00
Film license	819.00
Used book sales expense	429.00
Newsletter, office and postage	265.42
Bank charges	<u>21.00</u>
Total	2,227.28
Net Income	6,710.96

- ❖ Remember your membership is tax deductible!
- ❖ Donations are very much appreciated.
- ❖ We'll provide a tax receipt for donations of \$20.00 or more.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Membership form

If you have not already renewed your **Friends** membership,
please complete this form, write a cheque, and drop both off at
the Moose Jaw Public Library.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Type of membership	Annual Fee
Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00
Organizational	\$20.00
Business	\$50.00

Donation (optional) _____

Total enclosed _____

Cash Cheque

I would like to be **called on to help**
with a "Friends" Activity

Yes No

I would like to receive my newsletter
by **e-mail**

Yes No