



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## Friends of the Library Executive

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Sales Co-Ordinator	Anne Warriner
Membership	Gayle Jones
Library Liaison	Gwen Fisher
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## President's Report - Diane Milton Smith

We are certainly living through very different times than we have experienced before. No used book sales! Thank goodness online books are available. Our puzzle sale organized by Sarah Simison (thank you) was a huge success and much appreciated by the community. We were left with very few puzzles.

Congratulations to the Library staff on their National Accessibility award. Awards like this come only after so much work is initially put in by many people at the Library. Accolades are too rare for the efforts made by the staff.

Please renew your memberships as money is still needed to provide book club kits, an LCD screen and other enhancements in the future.

One of these days we will be able to browse around the bookshelves and visit with other library users to just visit or recommend new books. Until then, take care and keep reading.

## Publicity Report - Bev Itcush

Due to the cancellations of our sales there is no report at this time. When we get the go-ahead for book or puzzle sales, we will get busy letting the community know.

Thank you to the Express for their continued support.

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## Sales Co-ordinator's Report - Anne Warriner

Due to the COVID virus, no book sales have been held this year nor are any planned. Holding a used book sale that would keep everyone safe and meet all the requirements for such safety would be extremely difficult. A used Jigsaw Puzzle Sale was held in August. The event was very successful with all but a dozen puzzles being sold. Donations of complete used jigsaw puzzles would be gratefully accepted as we cannot hold another sale until we have some inventory. If you have puzzles to donate, simply bring them to the Public Library Circulation desk or to the loading dock on the Athabasca Street side of the Library.

Appreciation is extended to Sarah Simison of the Moose Jaw Public Library Board who not only suggested the puzzle sale but helped plan it and worked the cash desk at the sale. Several Friends Board members worked the sale; the Public Library provided the use of the Reading Room and assisted with the necessary COVID related supplies to keep everyone safe. The sale could not have happened without Gwen Fisher and Carolyn Graham's willing assistance. Thank you to all those Friends of the Library who have donated used jigsaw puzzles.

## Head Librarian's Report - Gwen Fisher

2020 has continued to be an interesting one! At last report, the Library had closed to the public and was providing service online including virtual programs, a virtual help desk and digital resources.

As of June, the Library began reopening which included relaunching our outreach service and developing a curbside service to the broader community while continuing to offer virtual programs and help desk services. In the summer, the Library launched Summer Reading Club programs for Adults, Youth and Children which included traditional paper logs distributed through curbside pickup as well as launching our first virtual campaign with the "Reader Zone App". Using the app individuals could track their reading and participate to win prizes. Also this summer, with the support of Walmart and the Friendly Optimist Club of Moose Jaw, the Library distributed 1433 summer literacy kits and 2000 books to children attending the City of Moose Jaw Parks program and children receiving service from Hunger in Moose Jaw.

By August, the Library had reopened our physical doors offering holds pickup and limited browsing. Since then the Library has reintroduced public access computers, archives appointments and the Reading Room for personal study. Virtual programs continue and additional open hours and in person programming are ready to be launched at the beginning of November. It has been a tremendous amount of work to develop safe and efficient

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service during this time. I offer much appreciation to the hardworking staff at the Library for all their efforts to adapt to change and help us improve our offerings to the community.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for supporting our many programs. Together we are keeping lifelong learning and reading alive in our community! The Library staff wish each and every one of you good health in this time.

### Membership Report - Gayle Jones

Due to the COVID pandemic this year, memberships have been fewer. Our two book sales would have allowed members easy access to renew memberships. However, many members did renew or donate. The following are the membership numbers for the year 2020.

Individual - 36      Family - 24      Business - 2

### Treasurer's Report - Carolyn Graham

For the period Jan. 1 – Oct.21, 2020

<b>Revenue</b>	
Used book sales	164.18
Used puzzle sales	598.00
Book bag sales	5.00
Donations	856.00
Memberships	380.00
Bank & GIC interest	<u>161.98</u>
<b>Total</b>	2,165.16
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bank charges	<u>11.75</u>
<b>Total</b>	11.75
Net Income	2,153.41

- ❖ Remember your membership is tax deductible!
- ❖ Donations are very much appreciated.
- ❖ We can provide a tax receipt for you.