



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2024

Friends of the Library Executive

President	Diane Milton Smith
Treasurer	Carolyn Graham
Secretary	Judy Casey
Publicity	Bev Itcush
Sales Coordinator	Anne Warriner
Membership	Gayle Jones
Library Liaison	Gwen Fisher
MJPL Board Liaison	Jamie Olmstead
Members at Large	Louise LaLonde, Nancy Heron, Sylvia Coward, Rae Trites

President's Report – Diane Milton Smith

We are pleased to welcome Jamie Olmstead to the Executive as the Library Board representative.

We are delighted to report that the audio-visual equipment, donated in part by the Friends of the Library, has been successfully installed in the theatre. We contributed \$24,000.00 to this endeavour, our largest project to date.

We look forward to another year of used book and jigsaw puzzle sales, raising funds to support the Library. A big thank you to all the members, donors, volunteers and the Executive. Here's to another successful year.

Spring Used Book Sale

at the Library

Friday, April 12 1:00 – 4:30

Sat., April 13 9:30 – 3:00

Please bring your own bags

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024
at 1:00 pm**

**in the South Meeting Room
at the Library**

Everyone welcome!

Treasurer's Report – Carolyn Graham

For the period Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023

Revenue	
Used book sales	7,452.68
Used puzzle sales	771.00
Book bag sales	165.00
Memberships	850.00
Donations	3,471.70
Bank & GIC interest	<u>322.92</u>
Total	13,033.30
Expenses	
Book Club Bag book purchases	1,847.73
Summer Reading Club prizes	759.19
Film license	819.00
Theatre project	24,000.00
Fundraising expense	429.00
Postage, office, newsletter, bank charges	<u>378.11</u>
Total	28,233.03

Please note that an official financial statement will be available at the Annual Meeting on April 23, 2024

Membership Report – Gayle Jones

This year the Friends of the Library are changing to memberships that will be active for a complete year from the date the membership is purchased. A membership card will be issued at the time of the renewal. The membership cards will help members plan for their ongoing participation in the Friends of the Library.

Below are the numbers of active members as of March 31, 2024. Feel free to check on your membership status at the membership table during the Spring Used Book Sale April 12 and 13.

Individual memberships:	24
Family memberships:	10
Business memberships:	1
Organizations:	1
Total membership	36 active memberships

The Friends of the Library thank all our members for their continued support.

Sales Coordinator Report – Anne Warriner

Since our last newsletter, the Friends have held a used jigsaw puzzle sale which was a great success. You may recall that we asked for donations of puzzles so that the sale could go forward.

Thank you to all who responded to that call allowing us to have the sale which made over \$500.00.

We have a Spring Used Book Sale coming up on April 12 & 13, 2024. Donations are gratefully accepted and may be dropped off at the Public Library at any time. Volunteers to work are also welcome. Get in touch with Anne at awarriner@shaw.ca.

Thank you to all our donors. These events would not happen without your donated materials.

Moose Jaw Public Library Report – Gwen Fisher

Hello from the Team at the Moose Jaw Public Library!

In addition to our regular programs and services, we held some very special events early in 2024. In February, we welcomed Canadian Space Agency Astronaut Jeremy Hansen to make a presentation to students at Peacock Collegiate. It was an absolute joy to host this special event in Moose Jaw.

For Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Month, we welcomed storyteller Dickie Yuzicapi to share traditional stories representative of his diverse cultural heritage which represents the Plains cultures of Saskatchewan Ojibway, Cree, Metis, and Dakota. Dickie was raised by his great-grandparents who taught him the traditional history of his people before he attended residential school. It was a moving presentation, and we are grateful for the support of Palliser Regional Library and Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples for this event.

We have been joyfully showing movies in the theatre on our wonderful equipment thanks to the generous donation of the Friends of the Library. Stay tuned for more great films as the year goes on.

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

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Donations to the Friends of the Library are gratefully accepted at any time. The Friends are a registered charitable organization which issues tax deductible receipts for donations.

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Volunteer Opportunity

We need a volunteer to join the Executive of the Friends and to take responsibility for publicity. This would involve putting up posters around the city, notifying news media of the event, posting on Discover Moose Jaw and other on-line sites and so on. The Executive meets six times per year – March, April, May, September, October, November -. All Executive members assist with used book and puzzle sales.

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Membership form

If your **Friends** membership needs renewing, 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