



# FRIENDS' FOCUS

**Society of  
Friends of the  
Red Deer Public  
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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Next "Friends" Board  
Meeting:**

**Monday, April 14**

**SPRING BOOK  
SALE:**

**APRIL 11 & 12**

*Society of Friends of the Red Deer Public Library  
Spring 2008*

## Annual General Meeting

The *Friends* will be holding their **Annual General Meeting** on Monday April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Waskasoo Board room at the Downtown Library.

At the meeting there will be a resolution to repeal the old bylaws and new bylaws will be presented for approval and adoption. The new bylaws have been updated to reflect the current workings of the society. The bylaws state

that all members are to be made aware if the bylaws are changing. This gives everyone a chance to attend and vote on such matters.

We would like to invite everyone to attend. If your membership has expired or you are new, you can purchase a membership that evening. A quorum for the meeting includes 4 members as well as the executive, so come out and see what

the *Friends* have been up to in the last year.

An election of officers will take place, so if you've ever thought of volunteering somewhere, but didn't know how, here is a great opportunity. It only entails a few hours each month to attend a meeting and is a great way to support the library. Executive positions include: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and a Communications & Development Officer.

*Joanne Cundict*

## Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report to the membership and the general public on the financial affairs of the Society in 2007. We carried over a balance of \$14,485.57. The funds raised from book sales, book cart sales (the books displayed in front of the circulation desk at the Downtown Branch of the RDPL), donations, and the closeout of several time deposits, equals the sum of \$30,387.65.

Of the proceeds the Society spent \$20,150.00 on the RDPL which was used in the children's library, children's summer

reading program, adult literacy program offered at the Dawe Branch and a donation towards the purchase of a Bookmobile van. The other significant expenditure was to set up an endowment fund with the Red Deer and District Community Foundation with an initial \$10,000. The Library matched this amount so we now have an open fund of \$20,000. We hope to grow this fund and encourage members, their relatives and friends to make donations to this fund as their means permit. The income derived from this

endowment will be used to further the work of the *Friends*.

One last purchase this year was a wheelchair for the library's downtown branch. It is held at the commissionaire's desk for persons who have mobility problems that would not allow them to browse through the shelves.

At the end of the year, the Society of Friends of the Red Deer Public Library carried forward \$11,642.46. Thank you members and volunteers for your continuing support of the work we do.

*Tom Stevens*

## President's Farewell

***"It was fun meeting the Members and watching them walk out with a smile and a huge box of books"***

Being new to Red Deer, loving books and wanting to volunteer, I thought the Friends of the Red Deer Public Library would be a good place to start. Since the current treasurer was stepping down, I took on that role. The executives I worked with had a passion for the library. They were and are a group of dedicated volunteers who put in many hours sorting, boxing and selling books.

One of the highlights for me was helping at the members' book presale. It was fun meeting the members and watching them walk out with a smile and a huge box of books. Two years ago I took on the role of president. With our small group of dedicated volunteers we've continued to run two book sales and keep the book carts full in the lobby. I've enjoyed 11.5

years on the board. I think now it's time for a change and so I'm not seeking re-election. I wish the Friends of the Library many continued successes and look forward to buying some books at the next sale.

*Joanne Cundict*

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*"Knowledge is free at the library. Just bring your own container."*  
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## RDPL Donations Policy

The Friends of the Library welcome book and audio-visual donations which are sold at book sales and in the book carts. Although donations do not typically go into the library's collection, items may be added at the RDPL Librarians' discretion. Funds from book sales go towards programs, services and new items which benefit the library and its customers.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS:

**Don't confuse your library membership with your "Friends" membership...**

**Friends Memberships cost \$20/family or \$15/individual and are good for the next 2 book sales following your renewal/purchase date.**

**Membership entitles you to the "Members Only" preview night before the sale.**



## Did You Know?

Many unsold books left over from book sales are sent to be shredded, baled and recycled into paper products.

Second-hand books can be used in a variety of decorative and useful ways. Check out [www.thriftyfun.com](http://www.thriftyfun.com) for

instructions on building a Library Lamp. Or unleash your inner diva and create your own recycled hardcover book purse or replace the legs on that old ottoman with books for a unique and personal look. All instructions can be found at [www.hgtv.com](http://www.hgtv.com).

Of course there's always the ultimate "secret compartment" book hollowed out to hold children's treasures...

*Barb Boutin*

## New Endowment Fund for Library

Last fall Friends of the Red Deer Public Library set up a new way for people to support the Library. Our group established the Friends of the Red Deer Library Endowment Fund under the auspices of the Red Deer & District Community Foundation (RDDCF). *Friends* donated \$10,000, which was matched by a grant of \$10,000 from the Red Deer Library Board, to give the fund a running \$20,000 start.

The fund will be professionally invested and managed by the RDDCF in perpetuity.

Over time successful investing will increase the size of the fund and each year some of the fund's growth will come back to *Friends* to spend on improving the Library and shaping its future. It also provides a vehicle and opportunity for supporters of the Library to enlarge the fund in the future with financial contributions and charitable gifts through planned giving or end of life decisions.

*Friends* is pleased to work closely with the philanthropic RDDCF, which brings together individuals, volunteers and

groups to create opportunities for community growth and improvement. Working together, *Friends* and the RDDCF offer generous citizens a means of permanently providing for their Library and their community. By pooling and investing charitable gifts from many people, revenue is generated for the future benefit of our community forever.

*Alf Cryderman*



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## Spring Book Sale

Circle **Friday April 11** on your calendar and come and enjoy the "Friends Only" Preview Night from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. downstairs at the Downtown Library.

The sale is open to the public **Saturday, April 12** from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Cash or Cheques Accepted*

Book donations can still be dropped off at the circulation desk. Any extra plastic bags you may have can also be dropped off at circulation.

The Dawe Branch is also holding a Book Sale until March 31 to clear inventory for their upcoming temporary closure/relocation.

The *Friends* group is grateful to our dedicated volunteers that donate time on a weekly basis to sort and pack books.

Sincere Thanks To:

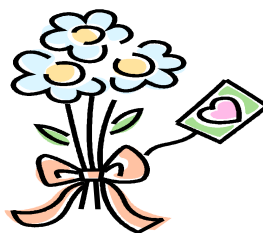
**Nadine Lough**

**Phil Rowe**

**Kim Landers**

We would also like to express thanks to all volunteers that help before, during and after the book sales, we couldn't do it without you.

*Lesley Caddy*




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*"The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense."  
Tom Clancy*