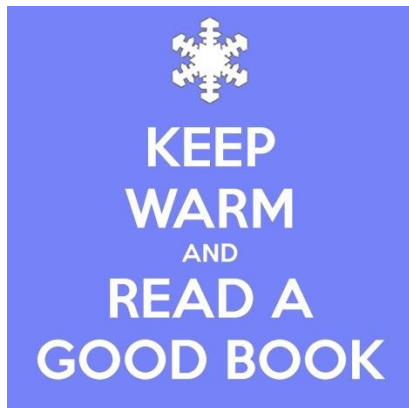




Among Friends

WINTER 2015-16

Activities of the Friends of the Meaford Library



Now that the Net Shed has been bedded down for the winter, we hope that you all had opportunity to build a stockpile of good books for the season!

Thanks to our hard-working volunteers, our book sales raised \$13,269 in 2015, and along with our concert revenues of \$2,025, we are in a good position to help out our Meaford Library with their 2016 "Wish List".

Here are some of the things we have done this past year:

- Purchased a large screen smart TV for the upstairs conference room. This is a welcomed addition to the Library's facilities and is most appropriate for online education sessions and conference meetings
- Promoted the Library and in particular our Children's Summer Reading program, with the purchase of 100 lawn signs and 20 windows signs to display "A Library Champion Lives here"
- Held "9" Sunday Summer Concerts including two performers new to our stage
- Participated in the Fresh Picks Program at the Meaford Farmers Market, sharing favourite books with Market attendees
- Participated in Ontario Library Week in October with our "Last Chance" book sale and "Meet the Friends" sessions

MEMBERSHIP: In 2014, we changed our annual membership to coincide with the calendar year. We know this has caused some confusion, but hope as we move forward this will help everyone to keep their membership in good standing. 2016 forms will be available at the Library in the new year. You are welcome at any time to leave a completed form and \$3 fee with Library staff who will forward to our membership coordinator. If you feel that you are paying twice in the same year, please keep in mind the \$3 fee has not been raised in over 10 years, and only nominally helps to offset administrative fees. Donations above this amount are gratefully accepted and income tax receipts provided for \$20 or more.

For those of you who are able and enjoy volunteering at the Net Shed, our gently read book emporium, mark your calendars for the following:

**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016 from 2-4 PM, at the NET SHED,
for an Introductory Session before the start of a new season.**

Come for all or just part of the afternoon,
and enjoy some refreshments with your Executive!

Get first dibs on new book donations received over the winter!



Executive Team:

Contact us at: friendsofmeafordlibrary@gmail.com

Gillian Bigl	President
Kathy Christie	Secretary
Elaine Burns	Treasurer
Jane Leckenby	Membership Coordinator
Paul Wehrle	Concert Coordinator
Chris Richardson	Volunteer Coordinator
Elyse Pike:	Net Shed Book Coordinator

We are often asked why we don't do other fundraising events throughout the year. While suggestions are always welcomed and considered, we are a very small Executive and both the Net Shed and Concert series require work far beyond the times of our book sales or concerts.

We take a break for the winter, with our next Executive meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 10th, 2016 at 7 PM upstairs in the Library.

We need new members to bring some renewed energy and fresh ideas.

You are welcome to attend and see if you would like to join us!

Consider the benefits of volunteering:

- 1) Connects you to others
- 2) Good for your mind and body
- 3) Brings fun and fulfillment



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