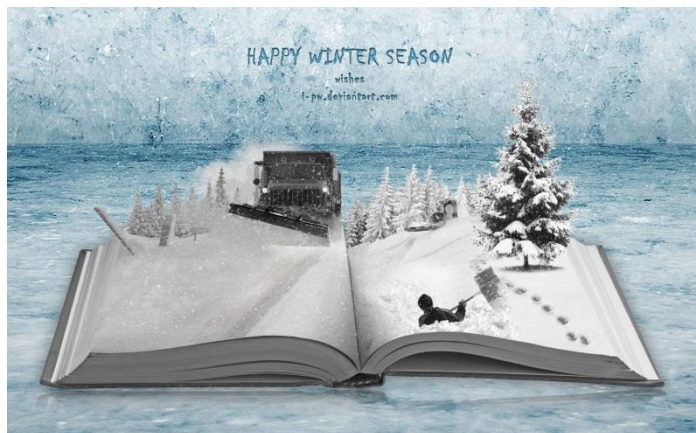




Among Friends

WINTER 2016/17 Activities of the Friends of the Meaford Library

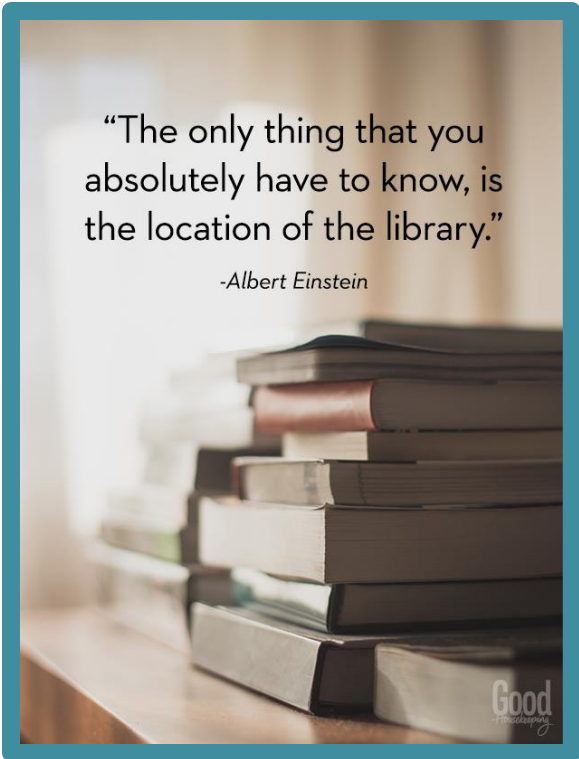


Our 2016 fundraising season exceeded our expectations, with \$15,260 raised at the Net Shed and \$2,552 at the summer concert series. Perhaps it was the good weather, or the new order & upkeep at the Net Shed, or new performers for the concerts? Likely it was a combination of all these things, but none of it would be possible without the hard work and support of our Friends' membership.

Thank you all!

So we have a healthy bank balance, much of which is invested in GIC's, in anticipation of a new library building and room to expand resources and services. Then we will respond and provide the means for those "extras" we know library staff would like to offer to patrons. Things are looking hopeful this might occur in the not so distant future!

Speaking of finances - do you know that we have **Registered Charitable Status**? This means that we can issue you a receipt for Income Tax purposes. If you would like to "top-up" your charitable donations for 2016, please keep us in mind. Cheques can be made payable to Friends of Meaford Library and mailed to: 15 Trowbridge Street West, Meaford N4L 1V4, OR you can drop off at the Library. Our Treasurer will be happy to mail an Income Tax receipt to you.



Our Executive Team is taking a well-deserved break over the winter season. When our meetings start up again on March 9th, they will continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 PM, upstairs in the Library. Meetings are open to the public. We welcome you to attend a meeting and consider if you might like to join our Executive Team.

We also are on the look-out for individuals who might volunteer their time next spring for specific tasks:

Do you love gardening? Would you consider sprucing up the flower gardens on the Net Shed lawn?

Do you have artistic talent? Would you have the skill to refresh the outdoor wooden signs at the Net Shed?

Do you love woodworking? Would you put your talents towards improving our shelving inside the Net Shed?

Contact us at: friendsofmeafordlibrary@gmail.com
We welcome feedback/suggestions.

Executive Team:

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



DATES TO MARK IN YOUR 2017 CALENDAR:

NET SHED VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION SESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 13th from 2-4 PM, at the NET SHED,

Come for all or just part of the afternoon; update your membership* and enjoy some refreshments with your Executive!

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

*Reminder: Membership now corresponds with the calendar year – You can renew as early as January 1st, 2017!

NET SHED opens

Saturday May 20th at 10 AM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, June 15th at 7 PM upstairs in the Library

SUNDAY EVENING CONCERT SERIES begins

Sunday June 25th at 7 PM at the Harbour Pavilion