



Among Friends



SPRING 2017 Activities of the Friends of the Meaford Library

With any luck at all you will be reading this with spring firmly entrenched in our area. Thoughts of spring lead us to another opening of **The Net Shed**. The opening weekend this year starts **Saturday May 20 from 10 to 4 pm**. We are making some changes to the staffing of at the least the first weekend. That is usually the busiest one for book drop-offs and the work that entails. So this year we are scheduling three to each shift.

Another change we are making is to the opening **Volunteer Orientation**. In past years we have huddled not in companionship, but in cold during wind and rain and even snow. So this year we are holding the annual orientation for membership, and to sign up for shift choices, at the **Meaford Public Library** most likely in the upstairs Boardroom. The date is **May 13 from 1 to 3 pm**. Don't panic! For those that like that opportunity to select books before we open, you can still do that as The Net Shed will be open for volunteers from 1 to 3 pm that same afternoon.

The **EXECUTIVE** of The Friends of the Meaford Library is **losing some members this year**. Thank you for your wonderful service. This however, puts us in desperate need of new Executive members. Come out to a meeting to see if it might be for you. **Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm in the Library Boardroom**. We could sure use your help.



As it would seem the Municipality of Meaford is getting closer to identifying the site for a new library, the monies collected by the Friends are more important than ever. Over and above the cost of the building there will be in the neighbourhood of an added \$250,000 for furnishings, desks, shelves etc. Those items are what we support. So please never doubt that your volunteer hours with us are vital.

It is also time for renewal of your Friend's membership. See the attached form, complete and bring it with your \$3 to the Volunteer Orientation, or drop it at the Library. **Thank you for all you do. As the song says "You've gotta have friends"**.

*If you are receiving this newsletter by Canada Post – please include an **email** address on your membership form if you have one. Thank you!*

Net Shed SPRING VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION SESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017 **1 to 3 PM (NOT 2 to 4 PM)**

Meaford Public Library

The NET SHED will also be open just for our volunteers.

Come to the Library to update your membership, sign up for Net Shed shifts and enjoy some refreshments with your Executive. Then make your way over to the Net Shed to have first dibs on donations received over the winter!

SUNDAY EVENING CONCERT SERIES

Starts **Sunday, June 25, 2017**
7 PM, Meaford Harbour Pavilion
 Waverley Rice & Bayview Country

This year we will have sponsors to help cover expenses – with all donations continuing to go towards the Library!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, **June 15, 2016** at **7 PM**
 Meaford Public Library, Board Room

Contact us at:
friendsofmeafordlibrary@gmail.com
 OR call Gillian Bigl, President
 at (519) 538-0338



Friends of the Meaford Library

MEMBERSHIP FORM – CALENDAR YEAR 2017

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Postal Code _____ Phone No: _____
 E-Mail: _____

Annual Membership Fee \$3.00
 Fees used to help promote our activities & cover administrative expenses.

I would like to be an Active member and volunteer in the following area(s):
(Must be 18 years of age or older)

Executive Committee Role

Net Shed Weekend Sales (please circle shifts below **only IF** you have a preference):

Fri 1-4 Sat 10-1 Sat 1-4 Sun 10-1 Sun 1-4 Holiday Mon 10-1 Mon 1-4

 May June July August September October

I like to partner up and work shifts with: _____

I would like to show my support for the Meaford Public Library and become an Associate Member (no volunteer hours).

Please return this form and membership fee to our Library mailbox or mail to:
 Friends of the Meaford Library 15 Trowbridge St. W Meaford, ON N4L 1V4