



Signs announcing Meaford’s New Public Library Site

On April 4, 2018, banner signs displaying the site of the new Meaford Public Library were noted by members of the Meaford Public Library Fundraising Committee, Mayor Barb Clumpus, Treasurer Darcy Chapman and Peter Bantock, President of the Friends. Plans for the library at 11 Sykes Street North, formerly the Foodland grocery store are being developed by LGA Architectural Partners.

Fundraising Underway

At their December 7, 2017 meeting, the Friends of the Meaford Library voted unanimously to make a contribution of \$50,000 towards the new Meaford Public Library building project.

The large donation serves to kick off the fundraising campaign and encourage community donations to achieve a new, accessible, modern public library.

Responding to news of this major pledge, Mayor Barb Clumpus commented, “The Friends of the Meaford Library do such a wonderful job supporting Library services in our community. It is so fitting to have them kick off this campaign, and their generous donation and hard work is very much appreciated.”

For the last 25 years, the Friends of the Meaford Library (FOML) have supported the Meaford Public Library in a variety of ways. They

have donated funds for the library to purchase new books and recently have paid for electronic equipment, digital services such as Hoopla, and generously sponsored author events. FOML are one of only a handful of Library Friends in this area and, during the last 10 years, have contributed over \$100,000 to the Meaford Public Library.

With this long record of support of the Library and the news that Meaford Council had approved the new library, the Friends group agreed it was natural to take a lead role in the Fundraising Campaign for the new library.

FOML will be collecting donations and issuing charitable receipts for donations over \$20.

This exciting new chapter for the library and the community begins with construction estimated to begin in early 2019.

Among Friends Newsletter

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Dinah Shields	Net Shed Book Coordinator
Elaine Burns	Member at Large

Friends of the Meaford Library

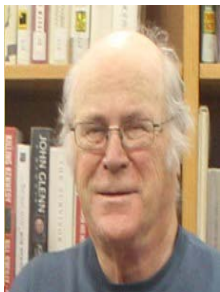


EXECUTIVE BIOS



Leslie Ransom was born and raised in Wawa, Ontario. She joined the Meaford Public Library Board in 2014 as a mem-

ber at large, until December 2016. She joined the Friends in 2017. Leslie serves as our secretary. She graduated from U. of Waterloo, went on to the Faculty of Education at Ottawa University. Her teaching career spanned 32 years, including private, First Nations and public school systems. She and her husband Kim have one son, Loic, who works for Parks Canada.



Fred Kennedy grew up near North Bay, Ont. After high school he joined the RCAF and served as a RADAR tech on bases in Canada and Germany. After his military career he went back to college training as an architectural technician at Loyalist College, Belleville. He has served on library boards since the late '80s in Brighton and on the MPL Board for many years. He joined the Friends in 2017. Fred is married with a son and two daughters. He does Promotion and Publicity for the Friends.

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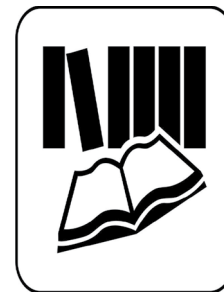
Jane Leckenby was born in Hamilton where she attended school before moving to England for a year at school and three years working. Returning to Canada she worked in different financial institutions, then changed careers and worked in the purchasing dept. of manufacturing companies. She moved to Meaford in 2002. Jane volunteered at the Net Shed as well as the library. Soon she was employed by the library working there the next 10 years. Jane is our Membership coordinator and continues as volunteer at the library.



President Peter Bantock has lived in Meaford for over 30 years and was Chair of the Meaford Public Library Board for approximately

six years. He has an M.A. in rural planning and medical geography from the University of Guelph. He worked in the field of health system planning and service delivery for 25 years in the former District Health Council system and for the Ontario Ministry of Health. Since joining the Friends he has been involved in preparing for added fundraising activities in anticipation of the new Meaford Public Library. A new website has been established for the Friends with a link to enable donations to the Friends and the new Library Campaign.

CR Chris Richardson was born and raised in Windsor, Ont. She met her husband, Robert, when they were attending Vincent Massey High School. They have two children and two grandchildren. They have lived in Toronto, Holland Landing, and Cornwall, Ont.; moving because of Robert's job at BMO or Chris' job at Sears. They retired in Meaford in 2012 after being summer visitors for many years. Chris enjoys volunteering at the library, the hospital and Meaford Hall. She is our Volunteer Coordinator.



Stay tuned for pending bios from our Jim Brown, our very capable Treasurer.

Paul Wehrle, sometimes emcee, he does an outstanding job as the Summer Concert Coordinator.

Dinah Shields has many talents but we appreciate her most as the Net Shed Book Coordinator.

Completing our Executive is Elaine Burns, Member at Large. Elaine is an exceptional volunteer. She also is a member of the Meaford Public Library Fundraising Committee.





Donate your gently read books to the Friends. Your used books are a major source of funds for supporting your local public library. Donations 101:

Do Donate

- Recent Best Sellers
- Children's books in good shape

Don't Donate

- Magazines
- Condensed books
- Computer books
- Old (more than 5-10 years) business and financial books
- Out of date medical books
- Old school and text books
- Water/mildew damaged books



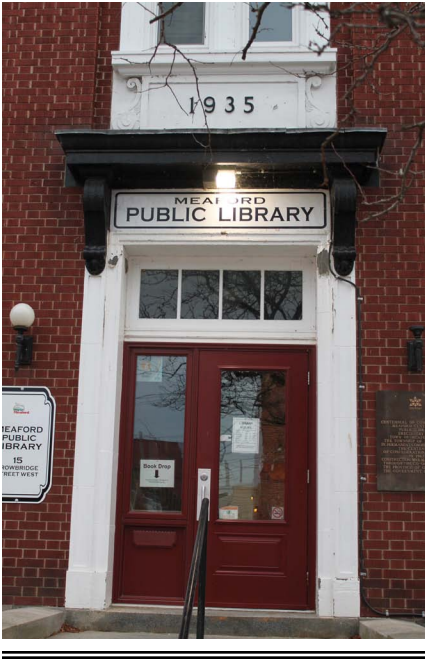
Net Shed

Our **annual orientation** will be held at the Meaford Public Library. Hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday May 12th. You'll be able to sign up for shifts at that time. NOTE: Volunteers please report to the library first for training and orientation. The Net Shed will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. also if you want to check out our selection of books. New at this year's orientation is training on our pinpad, to be held in the library. The procedure is very simple. It has, for other charities, resulted in as much as a 25% increase in income. Operated by the Friends of the Meaford Library since 1994 thanks to the generosity of the McKay family the Net Shed Bookstore has been a destination for local resident and visitor alike. Throughout the summer volunteers receive boxes of donated books which are judged Net Shed suitable (many don't make the cut) with good clean titles organized and shelved for the public.



Friends of the Meaford Library





A Fundraising Committee has been created to assist the Municipality in securing community financial support for the development of a new library facility.

The purpose of the Fundraising Committee is to develop a fundraising and sponsorship strategy that aims to raise \$750,000 within the Municipality of Meaford and potentially larger Grey County over a period of 2 years.

Members of the committee are: Peter Bantock, Chair, Theresa Elliott, vice-Chair; Elaine Burns, Nadia Ellis, Kim Grafton, Jane Leckenby; staff members are Cathie Lee, CEO, Meaford Public Library and Amy Solecki, Community Outreach Coordinator, Meaford Public Library.

From Fuller to Foodland®

The Municipality of Meaford and the Meaford Public Library Board have decided to create a larger, updated new library in the former Foodland building at the corner of Sykes and Trowbridge streets. In early 2018 plans for Meaford's new Library will start. After more than 50 years in its current location on Trowbridge Street, the Meaford Public Library will begin to build a new, accessible public building.

Since moving into the former Federal Post Office and Customs House designed by Chief Architect, Thomas W. Fuller and constructed in 1935, the Meaford Public Library has experienced continuous growth over the past decades.

Over the past fifty years, the collection has grown in size: books, CDs, DVDs, audio books demanding more space; and visits to the library have increased. Technology has also expanded with the library use of computers skyrocketing over the past decade. Attendance for adult and children's programming has increased demand dramatically on our public library system.

Our new library will be a modern, larger and accessible building all on one floor. For the first time the public library will have a garden and on-site parking. Stay tuned for more news as the project develops!



COMING EVENTS 2018

- May 12 Volunteer Orientation
- May 19-21 Victoria Day Weekend Net Shed Opens 10 to 4.
- May 26-27 Net Shed Open
- June Net Shed Open every Sat. & Sunday until Canada Day
- June 28 Friends AGM
- July Net Shed Open Canada Day & every Friday, Sat. & Sunday
- July & Aug. Farmer's Market
- August Net Shed Open 3, 4, 5 & Civic Holiday on Monday 6th
- August Net Shed Openings Fridays, Saturday & Sunday
- August Volunteer Appreciation
- September Net Shed Open
- Labour Day Weekend 1-3
- Sept. every Saturday & Sunday
- October Net Shed final Opening
- Thanksgiving weekend 6th to 8th.

Note: *Dates subject to change*

Sunday Evening Concerts

Rotary Harbour Pavilion, Meaford, starting at 7 p.m. Concert schedule 2018 TBA.



Exciting news for Net Shed customers this summer. We will have an Interac® terminal, it will take all credit cards and make it easy for book sales

and donations. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt.