

## FRIENDS NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012



# Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with friends and relatives. A new year is upon us again along with all the resolutions we will make and break. One resolution we can make and keep easily is to read, read, and read some more. There are so many options for reading now and there is no excuse not to drop that book, ereader, iPad or smart phone into your bag and take your books with you wherever you go. **Read On!**

### **NEXT BOOK SALE COMING UP!**

The first book sale of 2012 is coming up fast on **January 21-22**. Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss any of the great bargains this year. Book sales dates for 2012 are:

Saturday Jan 21, Sunday Jan 22, 2012  
Saturday Mar 31, Sunday Apr 1, 2012  
Saturday Jun 23, Sunday Jun 24, 2012  
Saturday Sept 29, Sunday Sept 30, 2012

If you have books you wish to donate to the book sale, we can accept books of any age in good condition, and not falling apart or smelly. We can only accept books while we are setting up on the Friday before the sale or on Saturday before 3.00. Please bring them to the back door of lower level of the Nellie McClung Branch Library. Please note we can't pick up books.



### **JANUARY BOOK SALE**

*January 21 and 22, 2012*

Nellie McClung Branch, 3950 Cedar Hill Rd  
Saturday, January 21, 5 pm-8 pm – \$3.00  
Sunday, January 22 – 9 am-1:00 pm free admission  
**PLUS -1:00 - 3 pm – all you can carry for \$7.00**  
*All proceeds support Library programs and services.*

### **RESULTS OF SEPTEMBER BOOK SALE**

Congratulations everyone! We made \$5,211.06 at the September book sale. We couldn't do it without all our wonderful volunteers. And the great veggie chili and other goodies provided by Adrienne Wass which keep our engines running all day. The next book sale is in January so we can all have a well deserved rest until then.



*Peggy Bush & Jennifer Peters*



*Browsing the tables*



*Waiting for the all-you-can-carry sale*

*Photos courtesy Laurie Baker*

### **AVI SILBERSTEIN IN THE NEWS AGAIN**

Avi Silberstein, Outreach Librarian at the GVPL, is the subject of a great article in the *Focus* magazine, profiling his fine work with the less fortunate of our society. Together with Madeline Bakker of Literacy Victoria they pilot the Bucky Bookcar around to the Rock Bay Landing shelter, Sandy Merriman House, the Salvation Army, Our Place and the Mustard Seed restocking book shelves. Avi also rides the bike-mobile, distributing books all over the city. He is also part

of the Library While You Wait, a new program which puts books into waiting rooms at Cool Aid, the Ministry of Social Development, and other social and medical offices. In his free time Avi volunteers building community gardens in schools and other urban spaces. What a credit to the community spirit of the GVPL. The full article can be read on the Focus web site at <http://www.focusonline.ca/?q=node/278>

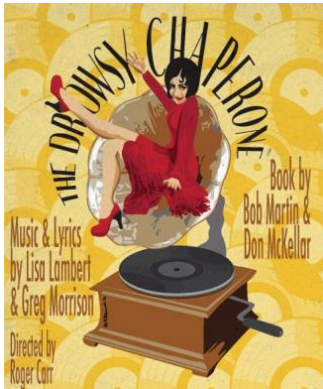
**MAUREEN SAWA AT TEDxMilZero**

Our own GVPL CEO Maureen Sawa gave a wonderful presentation at the recent TEDxMilZero event held here in Victoria. Maureen spoke of the future of libraries in these changing and challenging times - *Doing it YOUR Way: The Public Library and You*. You can watch her presentation at <http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/TEDxMilZero-Maureen-Sawa-Doing>

**LINDA VANCE ATTENDS THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES IN CANADA LUNCHEON**

Linda Vance, our membership coordinator, attended the sold-out luncheon put on by The Canadian Club of Victoria at the Comfort Inn in November, on *The Future of Libraries in Canada*. Guest speakers were GVPL CEO Maureen Sawa and UVic University Librarian Marnie Swanson. Both librarians gave very informative power-point presentations, comparing the libraries of old to the very modern versions we now enjoy. The information was well received and a lively question and answer discussion followed the lectures.

**IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT THE DROWSY CHAPERONE**



For those of us with advance tickets, don't forget **Friday, January 20, 2012** is our night to go and see this thoroughly enjoyable musical. *See you there!*

Five-time Tony Award-winning Canadian musical comedy, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, takes us back to the golden age of musical theatre. A lonely man escapes his drab existence by listening to a recording of his favourite musical. As the needle falls, the fourth wall shatters and the musical comes to life around him. The play is 90 minutes **without** an intermission.

**Important stuff!**

The lounge (the bar, art show and washrooms) opens at 7:00 and the auditorium doors open at 7:30. The show begins promptly at 8:00. There is a short break after the show before beginning the Q & A. hopefully some of us can stay to participate in this. There's no parking on Langham Court itself - it is available on surrounding side streets like Pentrelew Place, Moss Street and Fort Street. A map can be viewed here for an idea of parking options:

<http://www.langhamtheatre.ca/contact/>

**BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS**

Everyone was busy over Christmas but we do have one book recommendation - "The Free World" by David Bezmozgis. The author is a Latvian-born Canadian, and his novel tells the story of a Latvian family, temporarily in Rome as they emigrate from Soviet Russia to America, Canada, Australia, Israel - wherever they can find a home in the "free world".

**NEW AT GVPL**

Introducing **Freegal Music**, a free music download service available through the GVPL website! You can have access to over 500,000 MP3 songs from Sony Music artists. These music files are free of digital rights restrictions, are yours to keep permanently, and are compatible with the majority of computers and MP3 devices including iPods and iPads. This service is entirely web-based -- no software required -- so it's as simple as one click to download a song! Please note that a weekly limit of three song downloads per patron applies. Grab your library card and tune in here.

<http://gvpl.ca/news/tune-in-with-gvpl-introducing-freegal-music/>

And check out the Events and Program Calendar and sign up for something fun!

<http://iis.gvpl.ca/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&df=calendar&cn=0&private=0&ln=ALL>

	<p><b>Library Without Walls - BC's Library to Go</b>  <a href="http://downloads.bclibrary.ca/F5A69F1C-0A90-456E-AD8F-470F4FC92634/10/448/en/Default.htm">http://downloads.bclibrary.ca/F5A69F1C-0A90-456E-AD8F-470F4FC92634/10/448/en/Default.htm</a>          Hundreds of books to download to your ereader or other devices</p>
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	<p><b>Old newsletters</b>          Old newsletters can be accessed on the Friends website  <a href="http://gvplfriends.ca//index.html">http://gvplfriends.ca//index.html</a></p>

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