



*Friends of the Greater Victoria
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Newsletter

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BOOK SALES

Book Sale June, 2007

The June book sale was a great success with many people carrying away great book buys. Treasurer Yoka Bailey reported the sales total for the book sale at \$5,912.54. After expenses of \$1,088.98 the net profit was \$4,823.56. Many thanks to all our tireless volunteers who helped to make this sale a success as well as the Mt. Douglas Secondary students who gave up part of their weekend to help at the book sale.

Kids' Book Sale A Great Success

The first-ever book sale just for kids, held July 29 at the Nellie McClung Branch, was a great success, according to Book Sale Coordinator, Michael O'Hagan. A total of \$1,055.75 was raised made up of memberships paid \$30.00, the donation bucket \$25.75, and sale of books \$1,000.00. The event attracted rave reviews from customers and volunteers and will be sure to be repeated. Unlike the crowded general book sales, there was plenty of room for everyone to scope out the bargains and enjoy some pleasurable browsing.



Next Book Sale

The next book sale will be held on the second weekend in May 2008 and will be a much larger event than previous sales. Book Sale Coordinator Michael O'Hagan has been busy securing a new venue with more sale tables which promises to bring a whole dimension to our book sales. Look for more details closer to the sale date.

NEW SAANICH CENTENNIAL BRANCH OPENS



At 10 am on October 11, 2007 the new Saanich Centennial Branch opened its doors to a waiting public. The Library shares space with the Saanich Archives and has a wonderful collection of books and DVDs. Facilities include the Learning Centre, the Information Commons Area, a children's and an adult reading/program area and a Teen Zone study area. Drop by and take a look.

MEET CAROL MARTIN, OUR NEW PRESIDENT



Carol worked as a GVPL librarian for 31 years before retiring. She has been a Friend of the Library for 20 years and since retirement has taken on the new challenge as President of the Friends of the Library. *Welcome Carol!*

UPDATED FRIEND'S WISH LIST

Several of the projects on the Friends Wish List have been completed or are pending.

- The collection of video games and programming for teens at the new Saanich Centennial Branch was launched on November 15 with Carol Martin representing the Friends at the launch.
- The replacement of the Visualek Reader in our Talking Book Department at the Central Library is pending.
- The purchase of 15 MP3 players as a new service for public loan is pending.
- The purchase of a 32-inch flat screen TV for the Saanich Centennial Branch to provide continuously rolling Library information has been completed and the TV is already in use.

UVIC VOLUNTEER FAIR

Vice-President Carol Pickup and Membership Coordinator Linda Vance participated in the UVic Volunteer Fair in October, successfully recruiting some new members. They plan to make future presentations to spread the Friends' message to community groups.