



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2011

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer with friends and relatives. The Friends have been busy over the summer thinking up new fund raising ideas and we are working on a new project. More details to come later. We also welcomed Milena Santoro, daughter of Dr. Bruce Andrews, on her recent visit to Victoria (*see story below*).

NEXT BOOK SALE COMING UP!



SEPTEMBER BOOK SALE *SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2011*

Nellie McClung Branch, 3950 Cedar Hill Rd
Saturday, September 24, 5 pm-8 pm – \$3.00
Sunday, September 25 – 9 am-1:30 pm free admission
PLUS -1:30 - 3 pm – all you can carry for \$5.00
All proceeds support Library programs and services.

GVPL LAUNCHES BIKEMOBILE

Avi Silberstein, Outreach Librarian at the GVPL, has begun roaming the city on his Bikemobile. Pulling a book-filled trailer and lending books to anyone who waves him down, Avi is bringing the library to the people. His route includes the Moss Street Market, Willows Beach, and Beacon Hill Park and he also attends local festivities such as the Strawberry Festival. The Bikemobile is an environmentally friendly way of reaching out to communities and people, especially those who may be on the fringes of society. The project was made possible by a generous grant from the Times Colonist's Raise-a-Reader fund. If you see Avi give him a friendly wave and maybe grab a book to read.

DR. BRUCE ANDREWS' DAUGHTER VISITS FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

By Deborah Begoray

On July 12, several Friends met with Milena Santoro, daughter of the late Dr. Bruce Andrews. Dr. Santoro, now a professor of Romance Languages at Georgetown University, was in Victoria visiting with her mother.

We had a brief get together with Milena while her husband and children enjoyed the children's section of the Central Library. She presented us with a donation to support the Dr. Bruce Andrews project. The Friends of the Greater Victoria Public Library will award a project each year for a deserving library initiative. This year's project is ***Best Babies Early Literacy Community Outreach***. In return, we presented Dr. Santoro with a signed copy of a book by Val Ethier entitled *Distance*.



*Deborah Begoray and
Milena Santoro*



*Jim Scott, Linda Vance, Maureen Sawa,
Audrey Prendergast, Deborah Begoray and
Milena Santoro*



*Milena Santoro presenting
the donation to Deborah
Begoray*

Dr. Andrews was Chair of the Library Board, 2001-2002. He was also an active Friend of the Library. "The library was close to his heart", Milena told us. We enjoyed meeting her and thank her for such a generous donation to the work of the GVPL. (If you would like to support the work of the library for this project or any other, please contact us at info@gvplfriends.ca)

THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES IN CANADA

Barbara Strachan, President of The Canadian Club of Victoria, would like to invite members of the Friends to attend their luncheon meeting on Tuesday, November 15. The topic is "The Future of Libraries in Canada" and the speakers are our own GVPL CEO Maureen Sawa and UVic University Librarian Marnie Swanson. The meeting begins at 11:45 am at the Comfort Hotel at 3020 Blanshard St (entrance off Redbrick Street). **The cost is \$25 and it is necessary to call ahead and reserve by November 10 at 250-370-1837.** Please call if you would like to attend. It would be wonderful to have good representation from the Friends.

**LANGHAM COURT THEATRE PRESENTS - THE MELVILLE BOYS - By Norm Foster,
Directed by Tony Cain**

A tenderly funny and unsentimental look at four lives in transition, *The Melville Boys* captures the essence of the human experience. This blend of comedic gems and genuine humanity will touch your heart and tickle your funny bone. Another hit from Canada's favourite writer of comedy. *The Melville Boys* previews Wednesday, September 28th and runs from Thursday, September 29th to Saturday, October 12th. To purchase your tickets, call the Box Office at 250-384-2142, 805 Langham Court, Victoria, or go to www.langhamcourtheatre.bc.ca where you will also find the full line-up for this season






WHAT ARE WE READING THIS SUMMER?

Here's what your FOL Board has been busy reading this summer – there are some really good recommendations here.

Corinna Gilliland	A police procedural mystery by Stuart McBride called <i>Shatter the Bones</i> . Before that it was Reginald Hill's <i>The Woodcutter</i> .
Mary Goodspeed	Just finished <i>A Spirit Undaunted</i> , <i>The Political Role of George VI</i> by Robert Rhodes James. Before that Bill Bryson's <i>At Home, A Short History of Private Life</i> , which was on the e-reader borrowed from the library. And for something completely different, now reading <i>Jeeves In The Offing</i> by P G Wodehouse.
Audrey Prendergast	A very enjoyable read was <i>Stagestruck</i> by Peter Lovesey, a murder mystery set in the beautiful old Theatre Royal, in Bath, England. Great for theatre and crime-fiction lovers, especially if they are also Anglophiles. And <i>State of Wonder</i> by Ann Patchett, set in the Amazonian jungle - wonderful, frightening and totally enthralling.
Jacqui Ward	Just finished <i>Busybody</i> , the latest Agatha Raisin mystery by M.C. Beaton and <i>Luncheon of the Boating Party</i> by Susan Vreeland – the story of the painting of Renoir's picture of the same name. Also <i>The Breaking of Nations</i> by Robert Cooper. And interesting and enjoyable - <i>How Starbucks Saved My Life</i> by Michael Gates Gill.
Linda Vance	<i>The Elephant Whisperer</i> by Anthony Lawrence - will want to read again; <i>The Girl who Fell from the Sky</i> by Heidi Durrow; <i>The Unstolen</i> by Wendy Jean; <i>Room</i> by Emma Donoghue; <i>Still Missing</i> by Chevy Stevens (an Island writer; this is her first book). And here's a book we will all want to read - a book of short stories written by one of our own, <i>Distance</i> by Valerie Ethier. It's excellent - .move over, Alice Munro.

NEW WEBMASTER

Friends Board member Jennifer Peters will be taking over the task of webmaster for the Friends web site. Kathy Anderson, who looked after it until recently, has had to pass the job on due to work considerations, although she is still a member at large on the Board. Thank you Kathy for all your hard work and welcome Jennifer!

	Book Sales Results The June book sale raised a total of \$2850.80 - thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered, or did both!
	Don't Forget the Next Book sale - SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2011 Nellie McClung Branch, 3950 Cedar Hill Rd Saturday, September 24, 5 pm-8 pm - \$3.00 Sunday, September 25 - 9 am-1:30 pm free admission PLUS -1:30 - 3 pm - all you can carry for \$5.00
	Thank you Michael The Friends would like to thank Michael O'Hagen for his kind donation of two sets of folding shelves for use at the book sales. And thank you for so many years of past support.
	Friendshop Update August revenue was \$1748 - the second best month this year!
	Thanks to Scrimp or Splurge for mentioning our last book sale on their site along with other GVPL info- http://scrimpsplurge.ca/?s=gvgl

Don't forget to check out the Friends website at
<http://gvplfriends.ca/index.html>



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