



# Newsletter

## Spring 2011

<http://gvplfriends.ca/index.html>

Happy Spring everyone! I know the weather hasn't exactly been spring-like, even the daffodils are on a late timetable this year. But every day brings us closer to our beautiful Spring season. The cherry trees are ready to burst into blossom once the temperature decides to actually turn warm and flowers are slowly but surely appearing. It might just be the right time to get a head start on your summer reading collection.



### **MARCH BOOK SALE**

**MARCH 26-27, 2011**

Nellie McClung Branch, 3950 Cedar Hill Rd

Saturday March 26., 5 pm-8 pm – \$3.00

Sunday, March 27 – 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.*

*Please note that the Library will be open on Sunday during the sale so it would be greatly appreciated if both Volunteers and patrons would use street parking instead of the Library parking lot. The lot isn't very big and Library clients have first dibs on any spaces. Thanks!!!*

### **JANUARY BOOK SALE**



Total proceeds from the January book sale were \$4,786.95. Thank you everyone!

And a special thank you to Maureen Sawa who turned out to help at her first GVPL book sale.

Book sale proceeds enable the Friends to help the GVPL obtain much needed extras that would otherwise not be available.

### **KOBO E-READERS NOW AVAILABLE AT GVPL**

Thanks to a donation from the Friends 21 Kobo e-Readers are now circulating at the GVPL. They are pre-loaded with 100 classic books and several new books such as *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo* selected by library staff. Discover how handy these devices are for travelling, or for just popping in your purse to pull out and read when you have to wait in some dreary office. There was a large turn-out on launch day to see them and how they operate – you may have seen the coverage on the TV, or in the Times-Colonist or your community newspaper. Come down and try one at the Central Library, or Nellie McClung and Juan de Fuca Branches,



### **DR. GABOR MATÉ**



On January 29<sup>th</sup> the Friends sponsored a presentation by best-selling Vancouver author Dr. Gabor Maté on *Healthy Aging: The Mind/Body Connection*. Dr. Maté spoke to a packed house at the Alex Goolden Hall in the beautiful Victoria Conservatory of Music building. His topic was improving our physical and emotional self-awareness while contributing to better health, healing and productivity. After the presentation Dr. Maté signed copies of his book, *When The Body Says No, The Cost of Hidden Stress*, and talked to members of the audience. It was a truly inspiring event for all who attended.

GVPL CEO Maureen Sawa and Friends President Deborah Begoray display their copies of Dr. Maté's book



### **FRIENDSHOP**

Under Mary Goodspeed's guidance the Friendship continues to perform very well, with revenue of \$3,000 so far this year. The Sunday opening has proved to be very successful. As some of the volunteers are coming from a greater distance, Mary has instituted a program of reimbursing volunteers with bus tickets to cover the cost of part of their journey.

### **CHANGES AT THE GVPL**

Check out the new, improved GVPL website and the new catalogue. Click the preview link for more details. The GVPL has partnered with the Art Gallery of Victoria so you can borrow a one-week household pass to the Art Gallery with your library card. And don't forget that with your card and password you can access a myriad of newspapers, magazines, genealogy databases, journals, manuals and information on almost any subject. Many of us forget this resource is available to us 24/7, most from our home computers. Oh, and if your computer breaks you can come and use one of the public ones at the library.

### **FRIENDS FLICKR PAGE**



The Friends are working on developing a Flickr page to display the photos that are taken at the book sales, receptions, and other events hosted by the Friends. Only the Friends will have access and it will not be open to the general public. No pictures will be displayed without your permission being granted. Once we get it set up just a little more we will be sending out individual invitations to all Friends with an email address. Once you accept the invitation you can enjoy sharing!

**Langham Court Theatre Presents**  
**A Month In the Country**  
By Brian Friel, directed by Toshik Bukowiecki  
*April 20-May 7*



**During a summer month guests at a Russian estate seek happiness and diversion through romance. A tangle of deception follows.**

**Single tickets on sale March 28**

**To purchase your tickets, call our Box Office at 250 384-2142, 805 Langham Court, Victoria or go to [www.langhamcourtheatre.bc.ca](http://www.langhamcourtheatre.bc.ca).**

PLAYS: April 20 - May 7, 2011  
During a hot summer month on the idyllic estate in the Russian countryside, Natalya Petrovna, the wife of a rich landowner, seeks happiness and diversion through romance. Subplots and a tangle of deceptions swirl around the disconnected wife as she juggles her three lovers and eventually gets her just deserts.  
Single tickets on sale: March 28, 2011  
SEASON TICKET bookings begin: September 1, 2010

A Reminder that the Friends' AGM is coming up on June 9. Everyone is invited to attend and to stand for election to the Board or to nominate someone you feel would be an asset to the Board. Please contact Victor Allen for more information  
[vicallen@victoria.tc.ca](mailto:vicallen@victoria.tc.ca)

***DON'T FORGET THE BOOK SALE, MARCH 26 AND 27***



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