



# Newsletter

## Winter 2009

Winter is upon us again and what a winter it has been! The perfect weather to curl up in front of the fire with a good book or get together with friends to play a DVD game or watch a movie. Many people are looking for more economical forms of entertainment and the Library supplies so much of this for us.

### **BOOK SALE - SEPTEMBER 2008**

The September 27-28 book sale took place at the Nellie McClung Branch. Although it was much smaller than the blockbuster event in May we raised \$4,147.00. This was the first book sale for Jim Scott, our new Book Sale Coordinator, and Deborah Begoray, our new Publicity Coordinator. Congratulations to you both. And many thanks to our corps of tireless volunteers who unpacked and packed up books, kept the tables stocked, and manned the sales desk. Without all of you our sales would not be the success they are.



*Volunteers setting up the book sale*



*Customers browsing the tables*



Friends would also like to thank the sponsors of the Book Sale for helping to make the whole event possible:

*Metro-Waste Paper Recovery Inc.*

*AJM Campbell*

*Munro's Books*

*Rogers' Chocolates*

*Thrifty Foods*

*Country Grocer*

*SaveOn Foods*

*McDonald's*

*William Head Work Release Programme*

*Archie Browning Arena*

### **GOUDY BRANCH OPENING**

The new Goudy Branch at 755 Goldstream Avenue in Langford opened in October. Along with other Library staff, the Library Board and City of Langford staff Friends attended a preview of this innovative new branch on October 22. While it is small in size, the Goudy Branch incorporates everything a library needs with a great selection of books, DVDs, games, and computers, in a wonderfully bright and inviting environment. Unique features include the ability to check out a laptop computer or play games on the in-house Wii.

### **WISH LIST UPDATE**

At our annual general meeting in June, 2008, it was decided as part of our Wish List to direct a \$5,000 donation towards setting up depository collections in community shelters to support outreach shelters and other community organizations whose clients lack access to reading materials (as recommended by a Library staff committee). So far collections have been put in place at Streetlink, Sandy Merriman House, Dowler House, BC Families in Transition (formerly the Single Parents Resource Centre, the John Howard Society, The Mustard Seed, and Our Place.

## FAREWELL TO SUSAN HENDERSON

A heartfelt farewell to Susan Henderon, who was the Manager, Community Relations and our FOL Liaison for the past 7 years. We will miss you Susan. Good luck in your new position at the University of Victoria Library.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MANAGER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND FOL LIAISON

The new Manager of Community Development and staff liaison with the FOL is *Adrienne Wass*, [awass@gvpl.ca](mailto:awass@gvpl.ca). Adrienne started her position on January 5th and has the same phone number and office that Susan had. **Welcome Adrienne!**

### WRITER IN RESIDENCE - Meet GVPL's Writer in Residence - Susan Juby



*Carol Pickup and Susan Juby*

Come out to the welcoming reception for our **Writer in Residence, Susay Juby**, and meet Susan in person. Please join us at the Central Library Meeting Room for a special welcome reception on **Saturday, January 17 from 2:30-3:30 pm**. There will be cake and refreshments and we hope many of the Friends will be able to attend.

Susan has written several books, including *Getting the Girl: A Guide to Private Investigation, Surveillance and Cookery, Another Kind of Cowboy,* and *Alice, I Think*. For more information check out her web site at <http://www.susanjuby.com/index.htm>



*Did you know that the Libraries Without Walls program allows you to download books and talking books? Check it out at <http://downloads.bclibrary.ca/F583E63D-0595-4EAD-95B0-3584DD1E8B56/10/325/en/default.htm>*



*Gary Sherman reports that there were 960 hits on our website in October. Many thanks to Jeanne Kent for all the hard work she has put in updating it.*



**NEXT BOOK SALE** - Nellie McClung Branch, 3950 Cedar Hill Rd  
Saturday, February 7 – 5 pm-8 pm – \$2.00  
Sunday, February 8 – 9 am-1:00 pm; Free admission  
PLUS -1-2:30 – all you can carry for \$4.00

### ***NEXT BOARD MEETING***

The next Board meeting will be on March 10, 2009 at 5:30 pm at the Central Library