



# Newsletter

## Spring 2009

Spring has finally sprung! We are all so glad to see flowers and feel the warmth of the sun again. Now is the time to begin thinking about those summer reading books, which you can pick up at our next book sale in May.



### ONE DAY ONLY!

*Sunday, May 31, 9:00-3:00 pm*

Nellie McClung Branch

3950 Cedar Hill Rd. at McKenzie Ave.

*Sunday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm* • free admission

*Sunday, 2:00-3:00 pm* • \$4:00 to take away as much as you can!

Children's books and Adult Fiction!

*All proceeds support Library programs and services.*

### **BOOK SALE – FEBRUARY 7-8, 2009**

Linda Vance has a great story to share from the February book sale. The Friends had a large donation jar on the cashier's table. A family with a little girl of about six years old came to the table to and she asked what the jar was for. Linda explained that all the money we raised at the book sale helped the library, and many people were so pleased with their books they put extra money into the jar. The little girl took her change purse and emptied it into the jar - ALL the money she had! Linda and the other volunteers thanked her for her wholehearted generosity and complimented her father on raising such a kind and generous child. The little girl's smile was wide; she enjoyed her act of generosity and the acknowledgement she received. We could all learn from the lesson she taught us.

		
<p><i>Typical book sale set-up</i></p>	<p><i>Carol Martin helping set-up</i></p>	<p><i>Jim Scott putting out books</i></p>

Total sales for the February book sale were \$5,050.19, expenses were \$677.18, net proceeds were \$4,373.01. Friends would like to thank Starbucks and Vince for supplying the coffee.

### **LITERACY VICTORIA – BOOKMOBILE AND MOBILE COMPUTER LAB**

Friends' president Carol Martin, representing the Friends, attended the official launch in March of Literacy Victoria's new bookmobile and mobile computer lab service. The Friends donated books for the program as part of its Outreach Program. The service will be available every Monday for the homeless and low-income population. Literacy Victoria volunteers visit shelters and other facilities to help people

with reading, writing, math and computer skills. Similar projects have been used in other North American cities and have had a positive effect exposing people to books and computers - see Times-Colonist article <http://victoria.tc.ca/Community/Friends/index.html>

### **WISH LIST UPDATE**

In 2008 the Friends donated \$42,491.32 to the GVPL (total for the last ten years is \$490,634). Some of this went to fund:

Summer Reading Club	\$5,970
Wheelchair	\$230
Community Shelters Depository	\$4,738
Video gaming Collections	\$13,000
Media Equipment Table	\$295
Writer in Residence	\$10,000

### **FRIENDSHOP**

A special *Thank You* to Fredi McComb and all the other volunteers for the hours of the work they have put into making the Friendshop a success over the years. So far this year the Friendshop have raised \$3,821. The Friendshop is open at the Central Library, Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm and Saturday from 11am-2pm. Stop by and pick up a book, DVD, CD, or a magazine (or one of each!). You never know what treasures you may find and the proceeds go the Friends.

### **FRIENDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Friends AGM will be held Thursday, June 11, 7 pm at the Central Library meeting room. All are welcome. Come and learn what the Friends do and what our future plans are  
Run for office or just have your voice heard.

	<p><b>SEPTEMBER BOOK SALE</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2009</b></p> <p>Nellie McClung Branch, 3950 Cedar Hill Rd Saturday, September 26, 5 pm-8 pm – \$2.00 Sunday, September 27 – 9 am-1:30 pm free admission <b>PLUS</b> -1:30 - 3 pm – all you can carry for \$5.00</p>
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*Don't forget to check out the Friends website at <http://victoria.tc.ca/Community/Friends/index.html>*