

FRIENDS OF THE WHISTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY (FOWPL)  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JULY 31, 2021

The year 2021 continued to be impacted by the COVID 19 Pandemic; however, the FOWPL adapted to the additional challenges and was successful in a number of Fundraising Events. General meetings were held once a month via Zoom and were well attended.

**FUNDRAISING EVENTS:**

50/50 Raffle: The Directors embarked on a lengthy procedure to establish the possibility of raising money for The Whistler Public through a 50/50 Draw. Many documents were filed with The BC Gaming Regulators and with the establishment of a new Gaming Account with the TD Bank, The Friends of the Whistler Public Library Society was granted a Gaming Licence. We hired Raffle Nexus and Bambora Payment Processor to manage our Raffle. The Raffle was very successful with \$15,000.00 of tickets being sold. One lucky winner went home with \$7500.00! After expenses, The Friends garnered \$5700.00 in profits.

Spring Book Sale: Although the annual book sale was altered due to COVID restrictions and health protocols the Book Sale was a huge success! Books were collected through one site and then sorted in two locations, with only two or less sorters. Collection of books was limited to Fiction, with the exception of Cookbooks and Biographies. Mystery Bags were created for Adults, Children (Babies & Toddlers, Primary, Intermediate), and Young Adult. *Mystery Bag of Books* were sold online for \$15.00 each using the Eventbrite platform. A total of \$ 2,355.00 was raised. Included in this number, forty were donated Children bags which were then distributed to various Whistler schools and community centres.

Plant Sale: Due to continued restrictions on large gatherings the annual Plant Sale was not possible; however, a few lettuce and herb pots were available to members @\$20.00 each. The Friends raised \$510.00 through the sale of these pots.

Bulb Collection: Volunteers collected, dried and prepared bags of bulbs for the annual Fall Bulb Sale that is extremely popular with Whistlerites. Bulbs were generously donated by the Resort Municipality of Whistler, The Fairmont, The Brew Creek Centre and Pika Landscaping.

## **PROGRAMS:**

The FOWPL supports many programs, however; due to continued Health Restrictions regarding the Pandemic many of these programs did not run or ran virtually. Therefore, funding was not requested for this year, but we are confident that next year many of these programs will start up again. Programs that we have supported in the past are: Armchair Tours, Film series, Games Night, Books for Babies, Whistler Children's Chorus, Teen Book & Writing Club, and Photography Classes.

All the money raised from our 50/50 Raffle is designated for The Library's Wonderlab project. The project involves providing patrons the opportunity to use laptops anywhere in the Library and ensuring that our Library offers high-level technology to our users.

## **ADVOCACY:**

The Friends of the Whistler Public Library continues to advocate and support The Whistler Library by stimulating public interest in our library and by helping to share information about the many Library programs, events, services, projects and needs. FOWPL continually publicizes events through bulletins, posters and the media to promote fundraising events. This year we initiated a presence using Social Media to promote and advocate for The Whistler Library:

[Friends of Whistler Library - Posts | Facebook](#)  
[Jennifer Black \(@friendsofwhistlerlibrary\) - Instagram](#)

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Our membership continues to grow through many of our members promoting the FOWPL with their families, friends, neighbours and community groups. Everyone is welcome. Members are contacted regularly through email regarding upcoming events, meetings and important notices. The Whistler Library website lists our contact information and reports.

[whistlerlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:whistlerlibraryfriends@gmail.com)

## **MEETINGS:**

Normally meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month, September to June, at 4:30 pm in the Library. All members are notified of the meeting via email. Unfortunately, due to the Pandemic, in-person meetings were not allowed and we have held meetings via Zoom. We are happy to report that we have had much success with the Zoom format. However, we look forward to meeting in person sometime in the future.

- ❖ This report was prepared by Roberta MacQuarrie and reviewed by Susan Annand, Alice Mastalir, Rury Nakagawa, Marianna Orr, and Ernest Smerchynski (Friends of the Whistler Public Library Directors for 2020/2021)








# VIRTUAL USED BOOK SALE

MAY 3 ONWARD

Scan QR Code to purchase  
your \$15 Mystery Bag:



Bags will be available for pick-up on  
May 20, 21, and 22. You'll receive  
full details after purchase!

All proceeds to benefit the Whistler Public Library

