

FRIENDS OF THE WHISTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Fall 2017 Newsletter

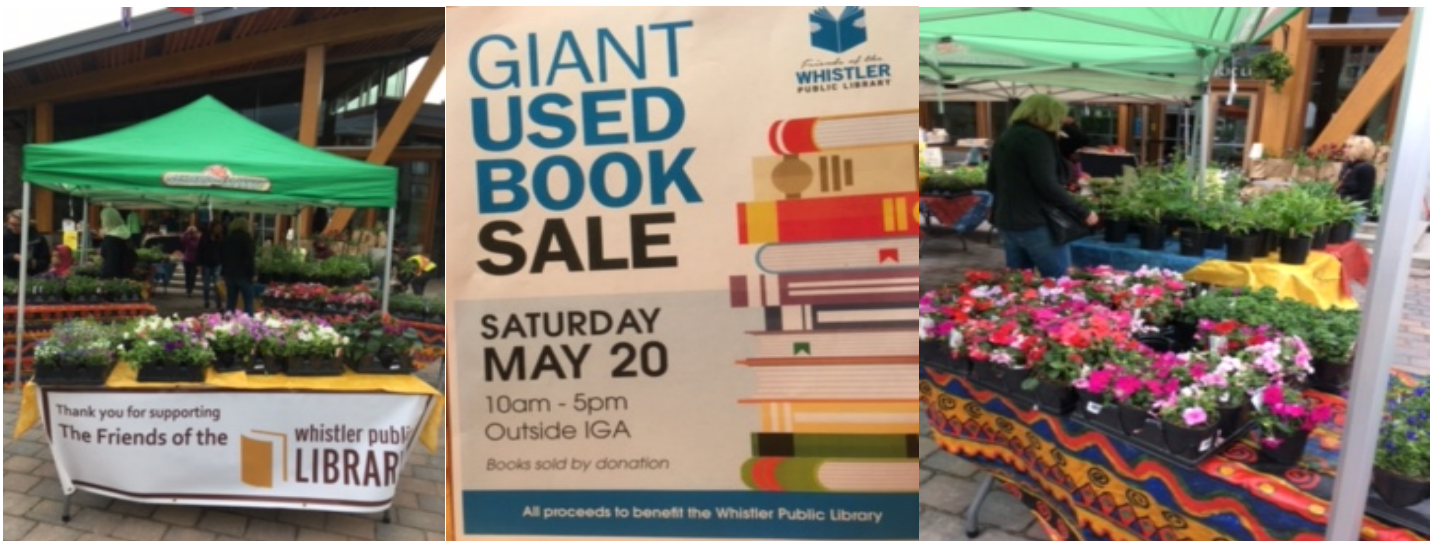
The Friends of the Whistler Public Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the library by assisting the staff and board in a variety of ways.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The Friends held a very successful Used Book Sale on the May long weekend. Our appreciation to IGA Marketplace, TD Canada Trust, Nesters Market and the Library for the continuing use of their space. Special thanks to our “33” wonderful volunteers who collected, sorted, transported and sold books and to the the Calladine’s for providing our worksite.

Our annual Plant Sale was held June 3rd on the Library Plaza. Plant donations from Nesters Market and bulbs from the RMOW, Out On A Limb Landscaping and Brew Creek Lodge were gratefully accepted.

Kudos to Christy Auer and Jessie Pendency for their organizing and gardening magic and to our volunteers, all of whom contributed o the sale’s success.



CONTRIBUTIONS

The Friends continued to pay for the maintenance of several large plants that were purchased when the Library opened.

Our annual December purchase of poinsettias and a large Christmas tree gave the WPL a very festive look that was most appreciated by our patrons and staff. Thank you to Maureen Chaddock and Moe Richmond for their assistance. Nesters Market points were used to purchase refreshments for the tree decorating party and supplies for the Gingerbread House making.

The FOWPL contributed towards the entertainment and Cake for 2016's 30th Birthday Celebration and purchased this year's cake and gelato.



PROGRAMS

Books For Babies: provides each new Whistler baby a book bag, musical CD and board book along with library program information. This program brings parents back to the Library, introduces them to the importance of early literacy and supports them as parents.

Film Movement Series: monthly screenings of critically-acclaimed, award-winning international films after which the DVDs are added to the collection for borrowing.

French Conversation Group: The nine-week sessions run in the Fall, Winter and Spring for adults interested in learning (or improving) the French Language.

Games Night: popular board games nights are held twice monthly from October to April. Thank you to our 'games guru' Ernest Smerychynski for his games expertise and for sharing his collection of strategy games and to Moe Richmond for her assistance and participation. Our appreciation to Nesters Market for providing their point program to purchase refreshments.

Photography Classes: the beginner workshops instruct participants on using the manual settings on their cameras and on taking the best possible photos. New Fall classes will be on iPhone photography.

Armchair Tours 2017/18: local photographers sharing stories and photos of their recent travels.

Summer Reading Program: the WPL hosted a variety of summer reading activities. Each participant of the programs; Kindergarten Readiness, Grades 1 and 2, Grades 3 and 4 and the Write It, Read It Club all received a book prize.

Film Series 2017/18: WPL's adult and youth services purchase film licences to show Hollywood film releases, foreign films and documentaries. Chosen films include titles that weren't shown at Whistler's movie theatre, those featured at the previous year's Film Festival and screenings of Best Pictures nominees from the year's Academy Awards.

The exceptional support of the Library staff is critical to the success of the above projects and events and the Friends wish to recognize their ongoing assistance.

UPDATES FROM WPL STAFF

September 23, 2017

"The first step is creating a community that believes in acceptance and respect for others [is] doing things like creating resources and safe spaces to be, or by painting crosswalks rainbow. If there's one thing I want these crosswalks to achieve, I hope they make at least one person feel a little less alone and a little more normal." - Payton McPhee, Whistler Secondary School student

"Allow these crosswalks to be a positive reminder to be the best we can be." –Dean Nelson, CEO, Whistler Pride

ENRICHING COMMUNITY LIFE ENHANCING THE RESORT EXPERIENCE

- On September 13, library staff and members of the Board met, and with guidance from Caroline Bagnall, created a new purpose statement: **"Create opportunities for connection and discovery"**
 - The following week, Caroline, staff, and Board members decided on five new values— **Barrier-free; Excellence; Learning; Adventure; Responsiveness**—and to align our goals with five strategic community priorities
 - A new exhibition, **We Heart Local Art**, featuring works by Rebecca Piper, Kim Maitland, and Jessa Gilbert, is on display in the Library
 - Our popular French and Spanish conversation groups returned this September—both classes were full, with waitlists!
 - Be sure to check out the October programming line-up! Upcoming events include **Star Wars Reads Day** on October 7th and a **Young Writers Workshop with Susin Nielsen**, Saturday, October 14th. Programs for adults include the return of both **Barbed Choir** and **Games Night, Microsoft Word for Beginners**, and **Brewing 101 with Coast Mountain Brewing**. Be sure to check our website for details!
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INSPIRE WONDER

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19,303 people visited the library in August—5% more than the YTD average

1,069 children participated in Summer Reading Club programs over the summer

Visitors borrowed **17,387** physical items last month, almost 7% more than the YTD average

And last but not least, thanks for YOUR support!

Sincerely,

Lindsay DeBou, Susan Annand, Marianna Orr, Alice Mastalir, Annette Miller, Alix Nicoll (Directors of the Friends)

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