



**FRIENDS OF THE WHISTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JULY 31, 2019**

The Friends of the Whistler Public Library (FOWPL) provided the funding for furnishings and a variety of the Whistler Public Library's Programs (WPL) for 2018/19.

PROGRAMS:

French Conversation Group: Participants use the courses to learn a new language, to prepare for foreign trips or to enable them to speak French to visitors in their service industry jobs.

Photography Classes: These two-part Photography For Beginner Courses were offered almost every month this year. Community members who have cameras with manual settings, were instructed to help them better understand how their cameras work and to take the best possible photographs.

The above programs consistently have full registration plus a wait list.

Armchair Tours: In 2018 over 500 people attended these monthly events at which local photographers shared stories and photos of their adventures and travels.

Film Series: Funding to purchase the annual film licences allow the WPL to show the majority of Hollywood film releases, as well as many foreign films and documentaries. Chosen films include titles that weren't shown at our Whistler movie theatre or had a short run, films featured at the previous year's Film Festival, the Best Picture nominees for the year's Academy Awards and children's movies.

Games Night: Popular board game nights are held twice monthly from October to April. Our appreciation to Ernest Smerychynski for his game expertise and for sharing his collection of strategy games and to Moe Richmond for her assistance. New volunteers and participants are welcome as the number of 'gamers' continues to grow. We hosted 65 guests at the Welcome Week event and frequently had 30 to 40+ players. Thank you to Nesters Market for providing us the Point Program to purchase refreshments.

Books For Babies: Provides each new Whistler baby a gift that includes a book bag, a board book, a music CD, parent pamphlets and library program information. This program provides new parents and babies with materials that promote emergent language and early literacy, while extending a warm invitation to families to visit the library. It also provides them with an introduction to the programs and services that the WPL can offer to support them.

Whistler Children's Chorus (WCC): This group is a non-audition community choir that welcomes children in grades 1 through 7 with any level of musical knowledge and ability. The WCC meets weekly during the

school year and each hour-long rehearsal teaches members about music theory, singing techniques, performance and working well with a team.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

- . The FOWPL donated \$2000 to support the purchase of furnishings for the WPL's phase one space changes.
- . The Friends continued to pay for the maintenance of the large **Plants** that were purchased when the library opened.
- . **Author Visit** - Susan Juby helped to facilitate the Write It, Read It Camp in August.
- . **Birthday** cake, gelato and some entertainment funding for the annual August celebration.
- . **Nesters Market Points** were also used to purchase supplies for the Gingerbread House Making Event and refreshments for the Summer Reading Program.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Coat Check at The Whistler Blackcomb Foundation's 'Winetastic' - The Friends were very pleased to receive \$1372 in coat check donations.

Book Sale 2019

The FOWPL held a successful Used Book Sale in May. Thank you to the generous Whistler community who by donating and purchasing books help us raise \$4093. Special thanks to our 34 enthusiastic volunteers who promoted, collected, sorted, transported and sold books and to Kima and Tony Grieve for generously providing our work site. Our appreciation to IGA Marketplace, Nesters Market, Creekside Market, TD Bank and the WPL for use of their space and to The Pique News Magazine for promoting the event.

Plant Sale 2019

Our annual June Sale was held on the Library Plaza. Plant donations from Nesters Market, bulbs from the RMOW, Out On A Limb Landscaping, Brew Creek Lodge and the Fairmont Chateau Whistler, plus perennials from many Whistler gardeners were gratefully appreciated. Kudos to Christy Auer and Jessie Pendygrasse for their organizing and gardening magic, to Janice Lloyd for providing our bulb clean up site, and to our super volunteers, all of whom contributed to the sale's success. \$2364 was received at the Plant Sale and an additional \$300+ is expected from the sale of Bulbs this Fall.

Cornucopia 2018

The WPL was the charity recipient for last year's Fall food and wine festival. The FOWPL assisted the Library Board with the silent auction and coat checks. Over \$30,000 was raised for the Library.

Donations

\$120 in donations were thankfully received.

The outstanding support of the Library Staff is critical to the success of the above projects and events. The Friends wish to recognize their valuable assistance.

MEMBERSHIP:

Our ongoing goal is to grow and diversify our membership so that we have representatives from all facets of the Whistler Community. Our plans include members promoting our organization with family, friends and neighbours; advertising; and continued outreach to community groups such as our schools' PACs.

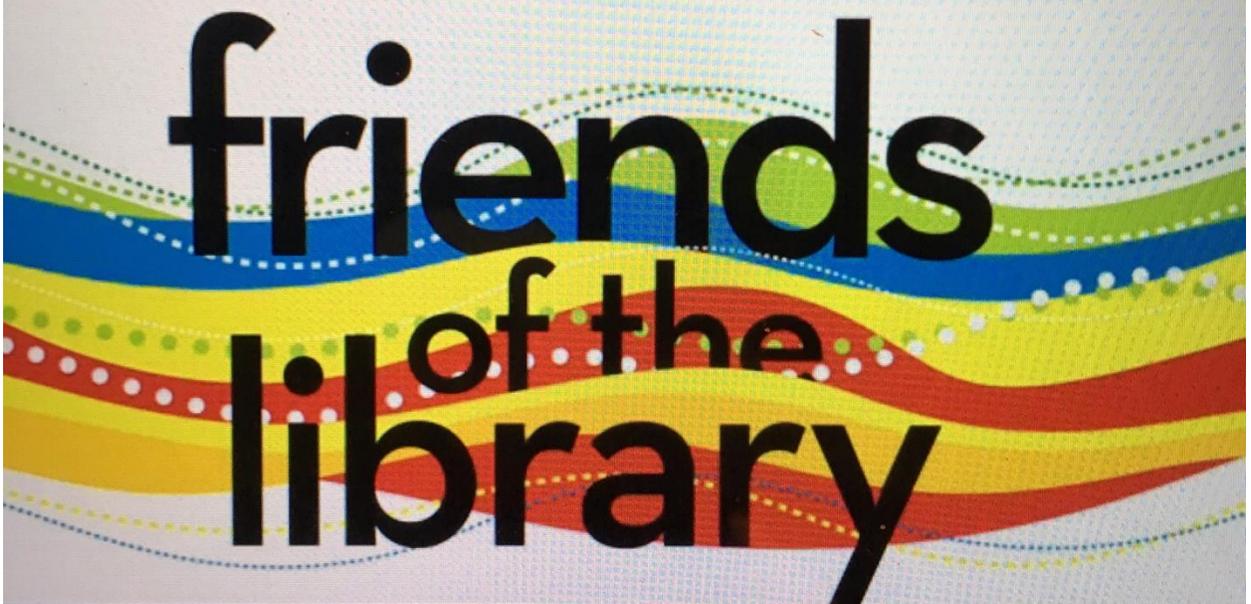
MEETINGS are open to all. They're held on the third Wednesday of the month, September to June, at 4:30 pm in the Library. Meeting notices are sent to members the week before.

Submitted by

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The logo features the text 'friends of the library' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The words are arranged in three lines: 'friends' on the top line, 'of the' in a smaller font size on the middle line, and 'library' on the bottom line. The text is overlaid on a background of colorful, wavy horizontal bands in shades of green, blue, yellow, and red. Dotted lines in various colors (green, blue, yellow, red) follow the curves of the bands, creating a dynamic and vibrant design.

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