

Mr. Dewey and Friends

Newsletter of the Friends of the Guelph Public Library

Let's Work TOGETHER to Make this Happen!

In January of this year, in the heady days when Guelph could still lay claim to a daily newspaper, Community Columnist Scott Butler published a piece that can only be described as 'nailing it':

<http://www.guelphmercury.com/opinion-story/6219450-new-central-library-needs-to-be-priority/>.

In it he summarized the painful history of discussion over two decades surrounding the need to replace the crumbling main library. That discussion was highlighted recently by City Council's removal of a small library capital reserve fund as part of 2016 budget debates.

Mr. Butler points out that the newly elected Federal government will be making large sums of money available over the next four years for infrastructure. To be the recipient of grants from this initiative it will be necessary for the responsible level of government (the City in this case) to demonstrate enthusiasm and support for the concept and to present a well-advanced plan. A new main library is a painfully obvious candidate for such a program. Mr. Butler urges Council to work with the Provincial and Federal government representatives to make this happen.

In response to this editorial, the Mayor wrote a blog post <http://mayorguthrie.com/2016/02/04/whats-been-happening-with-a-new-downtownguelph-library-guelph-guelphlibrary/> articulating a combination of actions he feels have been supportive of the library and rationales for those that have not.

In his turn, City Council member Mike Salisbury wrote a lengthy blog post entitled *'I couldn't have said it better myself'*, supporting Scott Butler and refuting claims of City support with an exhaustive and thoroughly researched list of actions, motions and media quotes dating as far back as 2011.

<http://ward4guelph.ca/follow-up/>.

If you have not read these pieces, **I urge you to do so.**

The very real opportunity to be provided by the Federal Government in the immediate future makes it essential that we find a way to put these differences behind us. The proposed Federal infrastructure money will be a once-in-a-generation opportunity, and will almost certainly require support from all three levels of government.

In the past two decades there have been repeated studies of the need and the best possible location for a new main library. A main library in the 21st century is a

community centre and the hub of a sophisticated information system. Its function is not at all the function of a branch library. It is the headquarters that makes the system run, and one of its many functions is to facilitate the carefully defined services the branches provide.

As has been demonstrated repeatedly in other communities, a modern main library in a downtown core is an economic benefit. The current main library building is a completely inadequate structure, conceived when modern information technology was barely a dream, and built when the city was less than half its present size. Repeated studies in Guelph have demonstrated clearly that the Baker Street property, with its planned mixed development, is absolutely the correct location. The Library website reads, in part: "The New Main Library is the primary component in the plan, approved by City Council in 2009, that gives the Library a prominent and very visible location on Wyndham Street. In 2011, a Hamilton Architecture firm, Garwood-Jones and Hanham in collaboration with Fore-Site Facility Planners, from New York City, [was] hired to complete a Building Program and Functional Plan for the new Main Library. This document provides information on the **BUILDING** - recommended square footage of all space needs, with a cost estimate of the project, as well as information on the **FUNCTIONS** - what types of functions or spaces make up the library and where they should be located. This is the first step, making the library Project ready, in a nine step process. This document is **not** the design phase but provides important information for when the step of hiring an Architect is reached."

https://www.guelphpl.ca/about/uploads/reportspubs/Baker_Street_Redevelopment_Council_presentation1.pdf

It is essential that we begin immediately to move through the next steps to make this project 'shovel ready'. There is no need for further studies or reviews. It would be unthinkable not to take advantage of this funding opportunity when the need is so clear. We need to pull together as a community and demonstrate that we have the vision to make this happen.

Virginia Gillham, Chair

Friends of the Guelph Public Library



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AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016. 7:30 PM
2nd FLOOR AUDITORIUM MAIN LIBRARY

COME AND HEAR
THE LIBRARY PERSPECTIVE
OF A SENIOR CITY OFFICIAL

The AGM of the Friends of the Guelph Public Library
will take place at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 20.

We are very pleased to have, as our featured speaker,

Derrick Thomson,

Deputy CAO for Public Services for the City of Guelph.
Culture, Tourism and Community Investments fall within

Derrick's portfolio of responsibility.

Mr. Thomson has been involved with Library
Development in other municipalities and he is
involved in unfolding Library issues in Guelph.

**Come and hear the perspective
of a very senior City staff member
on this issue that is so central to
our organization.**

THE 2015 BOOK SALE

With your help and support, we did it again.

The 2015 book sale was the biggest and best yet.

Thanks to the generosity of the Ireland family, we had the largest space we have had to date; 25,000 square feet of display space plus enormous amounts of peripheral storage and working space in the former Home Hardware Building Centre location on Speedvale Avenue. The committee loved it, and the shoppers loved it. It was big and bright and clean and allowed for wide aisles and leisurely browsing. Big shout out to the Irelands!

Thanks to the generosity of the donating community, we offered more than 107,000 books and related items for sale...all in or close to pristine condition!

Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of the shoppers we sold 74% of the offering. We grossed nearly \$120,000, and netted more than \$111,000!

Thanks to more than 200 enthusiastic volunteers, the whole thing ran like a well-oiled machine. For more than two months leading up to the sale, people donated, received donations at the site, picked up donations, sorted donations, cleaned and readied the sale site, made signs, hauled furniture and equipment, dealt with waste disposal, sought and scheduled volunteers, mounted a huge marketing campaign and did dozens of other things to make it work. At the time of the sale, people scheduled and supervised more volunteers, monitored and replenished the displays, tallied and received the cash, served refreshments and generally supported both the shoppers and the other volunteers. After the sale, another crew of volunteers counted leftovers, packed up, cleaned up, sent the good leftovers where they were needed and moved the furniture and equipment to a generously donated storage space.

As the result of the revenue from the sale, there is money to support ongoing Library projects, and a growing investment at the Guelph Community Foundation to allow for a generous gift when the sod is finally turned for a new main Library.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

2015 Book Sale Committee

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The 2016 Book Sale

Yes. There will be one!
No. We do not have a site yet.

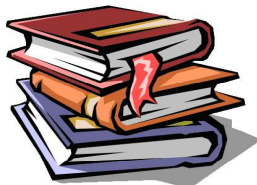
Ever the optimists, we have chosen dates.... **October 21,22,23/2016.**
The Core Committee has begun preliminary discussions and are busily tweaking procedures in response to the feedback from the Anne MacKay session in January.

Mark your calendar for the sale dates

Be prepared to talk it up among your friends and to pass along electronic information that may come to you. Without a local, daily paper, the challenge of publicizing has become greater.

Give some thought to what you might be able to do to help.. In addition to sorting and presiding at the sale, there are other pre and post sale tasks both big and small that will need volunteers.

More information will be forthcoming soon.



THE PERENNIALY POPULAR **'GUELPH READS'**



RETURNS MAY 25, 2016!

If you are not familiar with this event, you should know that it is a shameless emulation of (and even better than) the CBC's *Canada Reads*.

Each member of a panel of prominent Guelph citizens chooses a book to defend. All panel members have read all of the books. Each defends his or her own choice as Guelph's 'must read' of the year.

At the end of the presentations, audience members vote for their choice. The votes are tallied during a refreshment break, the winner is announced, door prizes are awarded and it is all wrapped up in about two hours.

For the second year, well known Guelph citizen Marva Wisdom will be panel moderator. In the past, politicians, civic figures, media personalities and local activists have been panel members. This year's list of invitees is no less interesting. They are: Judith Carson, president, Guelph-Wellington Seniors' Association; Brenda Lewis, Jazz singer; Phil Allt, City Councillor; Scott Butler, head of Policy and Research for OGRA (the Ontario Good Roads Association), one of Canada's oldest and largest municipal organizations.

The books to be debated will be announced very soon.

Watch for more information.

This is a fun evening you don't want to miss.

Become a Friend

As is noted elsewhere in this issue of Mr. Dewey, and has been widely reported in the media, the new, Liberal Federal Government is resolved to make billions of dollars in funding available to provinces and municipalities over the next ten years, to address infrastructure needs while at the same time creating jobs and economic benefit.

<http://www.liberal.ca/infrastructure-plan>. This includes a proposed \$20 billion for 'social infrastructure', described as "things like affordable housing, child care spaces, **communities centres, and more**".

Information on projects to be considered refers routinely and repeatedly to 'shovel ready' projects **prioritized** by constituencies. A Globe and Mail article <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/where-will-125-billion-in-infrastructure-spendinggo/article28228477> recently quoted Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi as having said "funding will flow to shovel-ready projects that cities and provinces identify as priorities.. He said the government is asking cities and

provinces to finalize the list of priority projects so they can be quickly reviewed and green-lighted for funding." A large number of Guelph citizens feel that replacing the crumbling, inadequate main library is a priority; however it will be necessary for City Council to be willing to prioritize it and assist in making it 'shovel ready' if funding is to be made available. There have been innumerable plans and studies of the subject over the past two decades, and in 2011 the GARWOOD-JONES & HANHAM project

<https://www.guelphpl.ca/about/uploads/reportspubs/11506FinalReport.pdf>

gave us a Building Program and Functional Plan including schematic drawings as the first step in a delineated nine step process to make the project shovel ready. **Citizens who feel this project is a priority must urge Council to expedite the process.**

This opportunity will not come again for many years.

As part of the project to make this a municipal priority, The Friends of the Guelph Public Library, need to re-energize their advocacy conversations, and take every opportunity to correct misconceptions.

Become a card-carrying member

of the Friends of the Guelph Public Library if you aren't one already, and urge your friends to become members too. There is strength in numbers and greater strength in greater numbers

Speak out to correct misconceptions.

The belief that libraries are primarily buildings full of books, and that the main library is just like the branches only larger, is unfortunately widely held. The comment is made frequently that creating another branch would be far less expensive and would do what is necessary. We need to stop referring to the Main Library as a 'branch'. It is the trunk!! The entire administration of a sophisticated information system resides in the main library. Most of the professional librarians, including the subject specialist reference librarians are in the main library. The development and administration of the entire collection for the entire system takes place in the main library. The technology that supports the electronic catalogue and the many online databases is mounted and maintained in the main library. The specialized collections including the city archives, the business collection and reference materials beyond basic dictionaries, are in the main library. The services that the branches provide, including acquiring materials not sitting on their shelves, are all administered from the main library. The programs offered by the branches are planned in the main library.

The belief that a new main library would be an expense the City cannot afford, is incorrect. Studies and wide-spread experience demonstrate that a major library in a downtown core is, and attracts, economic benefit.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/industry-news/property-report/libraries-lend-a-hand-to-development/article21428477/>

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/industry-news/property-report/want-to-lure-development-downtown-build-a-library/article21428672/>

Experience shows, routinely, that when a new library is opened the use level rises dramatically from that of the building it replaced. In 2014, there were no fewer than 372,000 in-person visits to the main library. All of those visits would be in the downtown core if the City were to proceed with the plan to anchor the Baker Street development with the new main library. How can we even consider not pursuing that kind of opportunity?

Talk to your City Council representatives!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The Friends of the Guelph Public Library exists because of its many, hardworking volunteers. In this and future issues of Mr.Dewey, we will be introducing readers to some of them.

2016 will mark the 5th anniversary of volunteering for the Book Sale, for **REGAN AVIS**. This energetic, hardworking volunteer has turned her hand and her considerable talents to just about every conceivable sale-related task. In addition to devoting innumerable hours to sorting, donation retrieval and various on-site tasks during sale days, in 2015 Regan volunteered to analyze the thousands of tally sheets representing the transactions of Book Sale customers, and produced a report of detailed statistics including wonderful, coloured graphics.

We talked with Regan about her interest in our cause:



What first attracted you to volunteer for the book sale?

The books!

I heard about the sale after it had already happened so I decided to see if there was some sort of mailing list I could sign up for to learn about the next one. While I was on the website I saw the option to volunteer so I did.

How many years have you been involved?

Since 2012

What is your favourite part of being involved in the book sale?

I love the feeling of being able to point out an item that a shopper didn't know they were looking for but absolutely adores. Being on the floor during the sale weekend to help shoppers to find items and keep tables tidy is a lot of fun.

What else have you done for the book sale besides sorting the donated material?

I picked up donations from the GPL East Side Branch and from individual donors. I've done at least one shift in every sale weekend volunteer role, floor/table monitor, tally, and cash. I've done the evening shifts cleaning up after the sale. This year I did analysis on the Tally Sheet information.

Are there are other areas of either the book sale or the broader activities of the Friends of the Library that interest you?

My goal for this year's book sale is to donate more books than I bring home.

What are your interests and activities unrelated to the book sale?

I've been a member and volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada since I was 6 years old. I love reading and watching stories (books/TV/movies/theatre). I go ice skating on my lunch break from my job as an IT Business Analyst. I'd like to do more travelling.



The Guelph Public Library has a NEW



Guelph Public Library
 Explore • Connect • Thrive

Acknowledging after 20 years that the present day logo no longer reflects the current vision of what the library is, and continues to be, for our community, a new logo was needed to reflect that the business of the Library today has evolved to become so much more than books.

Months of extensive market research, engagement with the Library board and staff and the entire community, identified the key values which produced a logo that represents an energetic coming together of ideas, people and opportunities.

A Library press release explains the features of the design:

“The new logo suggests a process of discovery, from traditional resources such as books (solid rectangular shapes) to all sorts of additional values – either literal resources or ideas (rectangles and circles in different shapes and sizes). It celebrates our differences while illustrating our strength when we are together as one. The “G” connects us to our City and the purple shade is vibrant and bold while respecting tradition of our ‘royal’ city.

The tagline **Explore Connect Thrive** was constructed from the frequently used words and phrases heard in the research.

Explore	Connect	Thrive
“invites our community to make use of our resources – physical, virtual and human – to learn and discover.”	“underscores our role as a gathering place, a hub for people to share their ideas as well as connect with the outside world using our technology services.”	“reinforces our commitment to provide the resources, services and leadership to help our community remain resilient, strong and prosperous.”

Together, these action words communicate a process of discovery and fulfillment for every member, and our promise to our community.

It was very important to us to let our community tell us about our ‘brand’ – not just our logo, but our purpose, promise and personality.

From the help of our community, **our new logo truly represents the Guelph Public Library.** personality.”

J.O.E. and J.O.E. Coffee

Have you enjoyed a cup of coffee in the downtown main library?

Did you have a drink and a cookie during the 2015 book sale?

Both of these pleasantries were made possible by the friendly folks who operate Joe Coffee. J.O.E. stands for **Jobs, Opportunities and Enterprise.**

It is the project of a group of families who are developing job opportunities for young adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Karen Calzonetti is the leader, manager and mentor for this group, and she seeks out meaningful job opportunities with local businesses and organizations. An expanding group of pleasant, happy and very teachable young people is benefitting from the program, but the biggest benefit is probably to you as the satisfied consumer and to the broader community where the abilities of these young people are used productively.

Bravo to the originators and supporters of this program!





Ben Lorimer Tech B@r Assistant

by Susan Ratcliffe

“I want to help people make whatever they dream”.

Do you want to make a miniature statue of yourself?
Ben can help you do it.

Do you want to replace a broken part of your washing
machine or lampshade?
Ben can help you do it.

Do you want to learn to make your own webpage, game
or your own miniature building?
Ben can help you do it.



Ben Lorimer is presently a 4th year student at the University of Guelph studying Microbiology and Computer Science. Since he was in high school, he has been interested in changes in technology, especially the 3D printer and its evolution over the past fifteen years. He would like to focus on organs and how 3D printing can help with diseases; for example, he says it is now possible to take a liver cell from a diseased person and use a scan of it to print a whole new liver, thus avoiding the need for a donor and a transplant. The first use of this technology has been with a 3D printed ear.

In his work at the library, he likes to help the public to understand what the technology is, teach them how to use it and how to make their project a reality.

Another feature of the Tech Bar is the Raspberry Pi computer, a credit card-sized computer that now sells for as low as \$5.00. It was originally designed for use in Third World countries, but is used to teach children and young adults how computers work, how to program and how to create their own websites and games. He explained that it is a fun way for children to learn as the Pi is designed for tinkering.

The Tech Bar was installed at the Main Branch in the summer of 2015 with a special grant from the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport. As well as the 3D printer and Raspberry Pi, it has a selection of tablets, laptops, E-readers and iPads. Ben can help the public to learn to use these devices and make a decision of which one is best for their needs. In the future, he hopes to be part of an upgrade that will bring more technology - even a 3D printing pen that will allow users to write in three dimensions.

Ben works 12 - 15 hours a week. You can drop in to see him, call the library or email him (blorimer@guelphpl.ca) and book an appointment - a moment when you can make your dream project come true. The 3D printer will be in the Children's Department for March break. Bring your children to see it work - and perhaps imagine their own dreams. Ben is an enthusiastic teacher with lots of ideas to share.

Come to the main library and learn from Ben.

Dreams know no limitations



Alex Christie, great grandson of A.B. Petrie, making a 3D printed part of the replica of the Petrie building he is creating.

Guelph's unique Petrie Building was built in 1882 for **Alexander Bain Petrie**, a local pharmacist and one of the city's most successful and influential businessmen. Designed by Guelph architect John Day, this four-storey structure features an ornate façade of stamped galvanized iron that is further distinguished by a large mortar and pestle pediment. It is one of only three documented buildings in the country erected prior to 1890 with full sheet-metal façades. In March, 2015 Tyrcahlen Partners, Guelph developers with a focus on heritage restoration and adaptive reuse, announced an agreement to purchase the Petrie Building with the goal of rehabilitating both the pressed metal facade and the interior spaces.



Imaginative 3D Creations from various locations...

Dreams can be Innovations.



Assistance devices



Design aids



Scale models



Model body parts
for medical research
and training



Household items



Large or small, actuality or fantasy, multi-coloured or monochromatic, complex or simple --
with a 3D copier and scanner

DREAMS CAN BECOME REALITIES

The Friends say

Good-bye and Thank You

VIONNA MAYE



Vionna Maye was a cheerful and invaluable member of the Book Sale core committee for many years. She routinely contributed good, thoughtful ideas to committee discussions; other volunteers knew her as the person who fed us and generally made things pleasant. Vionna looked after hospitality for the sorting volunteers, and ran the Book Sale Cafe for a number of years. The committee missed her terribly when she stepped down after the 2014 sale. They were saddened to learn she was ill and shocked by her death in December, 2015.

WENDY YOUNG



Wendy Young was a respected Teacher-Librarian with the Upper Grand District School Board, and one of the pioneer organizers of the Friends of the Guelph Public Library Book Sale. Beginning with the first sale ten years ago, and continuing for as long as her health permitted, she partnered with Val Morse to organize and superintend the Children and Young Adults collection. When she felt she could no longer make that level of commitment, Wendy continued to volunteer as she could, and she was there for the monumental 2015 sale.

Wendy died, far too soon, on January 14, 2016 after an heroic 15 year struggle with Myeloma. She leaves her husband, Paul Young, her two daughters Erin and Julia, their husbands, and four granddaughters. Her gentle, positive nature and her immense knowledge of children's literature are sorely missed.

Mona Kraft, mother of Steven Kraft, died at home in late January. A funeral service was held on February 2, 2016. Details online at <http://hoffmanfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1048/Mona-Kraft/obituary.html>.

The Friends of the Library have made a memorial donation to the Library's endowment fund in memory of Mrs. Kraft and express condolences to Steve and to Mona's family and friends.



We Hope You Will Become a Card-Carrying Member of the Friends of the Guelph Public Library

This is the spot in Mr Dewey where you usually find a form to allow you to become a member of The Friends of the Guelph Public Library, or to renew your current membership. It is not there this time, because one of the topics at the AGM on April 20 will be a discussion of membership parameters, dates and fees. You will be able to join or renew at the end of the meeting, and beginning immediately the next day.

WE REALLY WANT YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

Please sign up or renew under the new guidelines in April.

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The newsletter of the Friends of the Guelph Public Library is published three times annually: Spring, Fall and Winter. Next issue: Fall 2016

Submissions, photos and comments are welcome. They may be delivered to the Friends mailbox at the Main Library or branch libraries clearly addressed to "Friends of the GPL Executive".

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