



FRIENDS

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2010

Volunteer at Duncan J. Schouler Schools this year.

An Adult Reading Program was initiated this year as there is a real need within our community. There are many reasons why adults can't read. Some have fallen through the cracks in school, or had a difficult childhood and did not master the basic skills to be able to read and write. Many young adults in our community had to stop school to have a child and find it difficult to continue their education. A number of these people already come to the library to use the computers to cruise the internet. A brochure was created and distributed to advertise this program and let them know that it is free and available to anyone who wants to improve their skills. The program imitates the Later Literacy program that has been very effective with young adolescent learners but has been adapted to interest and support adults. The most important part of the program is the one to one reading situation and the ongoing reading practice using levelled books. This Program was able to get off the ground with the help of the Rotary Club of Smiths Falls who gave a donation to the Friends for this express purpose.

If you know of an adult who would benefit from literacy support, please contact Lorraine Allen at 613-284-0572.

This year, as in the past, we have held Fundraising events in order to continue on with these programs. The funds that are raised are used to get things for the Li-

Some of the Fundraisers that we have done in the 2009 - 2010 year were:

Curling Bonspiel

Saturday morning of October 31st, 2009 saw eight teams participating in the Friends 2nd Annual Curling Bonspiel, or lovingly called Funspiel.



Those that were there enjoyed the competition and camaraderie. Afterwards a marvelous lunch was served, winners were announced and prizes given out.



Trivia Challenge

The Trivia Challenge was held on February 14th, 2010. The number of teams that entered the Challenge this year was down. There were only thirteen teams that participated. However, fun was had.



Ed Lawrence



A new fundraiser was held this year. Ed Lawrence, who is a retired Head Gardener to six Governors General and a gardening guru on CBC Radio's "Ontario Today" was our

guest speaker.

This event was held on Sunday, May

spoke about plants in general, pruning, etc., and had the audience laughing. After a question and answer session he then autographed his latest book for those who wished it.



Book Sale



Our Annual Book Sale, which is one of the friends biggest fundraiser for the Friends, was to be held on

June 6th this year during the Doors Open weekend. However, because it decided to rain that day the Sale was postponed to the following weekend June 13th.

With permission of the Town we were able to close off the portion of Daniel Street in front of the Library for this sale. Many tables were set up and loaded down with hundreds of books of all sorts for people to sort through.

Funds that were raised were used to assist the Children's Summer Programs, and much more.



The web address is:
www.smithsfallslibrary.ca



The Friends meet once a month except during the summer. We hold these meetings at the Library on the second Wednesday of the month. If anyone is interested in becoming a Friend you can either contact Tom Foulkes at 613-283-2706, or the Library at 613-283-2911. Our next meeting will be held on September 15th at 7:00 p.m.



Who Are The Friends

The Friends of the Smiths Falls Public Library is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to promoting the cause of the library, particularly literacy and to assist the library in maintaining its high profile as a provider of education, research, enjoyment and recreational experiences.

The Friends help to fund programs which might not normally be covered in the library's operating budget. Members of the Friends organization are volunteers who assist in providing basic library resources from books to enhanced computer access for the public. They invite others to share in their love of reading and learning.

Annual Membership

Individual	\$5.00
Senior	\$4.00
Family	\$10.00
Patron.....	\$50.00
Corporation/Clubs	\$100.00