

Presidents Report for Annual General Meeting May 10, 2016. Activities in 2015

Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library Registered Charity # 824813976 RR 0001



Fundraising

We held these fundraising events:

Fundraising BBQ at Sobey's in May.

Fundraising BBQ at Walmart in August, for which Walmart provided matching funds in 2016.

We sold Colouring Books throughout the year, comprised of sketches donated by Margaret Feaver, available at library branches and all our community events.

We applied for a grant from the Retired Teachers of Ontario. We were unsuccessful on this first application, but were encouraged to apply again in future years, and have already done so for 2016.

We applied to the Italo Canadian Club for a fundraising pasta dinner night, following a successful evening in December 2014, and were given one for January 2016.



Donations to FEPL

We donated a toddlers' Intelligent Interactive Play Wall, part of the indoor play space at Crystal Ridge branch. It was unveiled in June. This was our first donation and the cost was \$4974.



Library Promotion/Community Advocacy

Attended town council budget committee for presentation of library budget proposal in February.
We held a Friends table at library St. Patrick's Day program in March.
We promoted library programs and Friends at the Douglas Heights Senior Services Expo in April.
Held a Friends table at the Volunteer Appreciation Concert at Stevensville Hall in June.
Displayed library and Friends materials at the Bridgeburg Market in July and again in September.
Held a Friends table at library music program in December.



Membership

We held our Cupcake Celebration decorating contest and membership drive lunch on October 17, There was a contest with prizes, music, lunch, and children's activities. We have 40 current memberships, of which 8 are family memberships.



Additional Activities

Held a social with Friends, library staff and board members in January.
Joined the Friends Of Canadian Libraries (FOCAL), in April.
Presented letter of thanks to Crystal Ridge branch head Jean Christie at her retirement in June.
New membership brochure prepared in June.
Assisted with the Quilt Show held by FEPL and Museum at Stevensville Hall in September.
Toured Niagara On The Lake Public Library and met with their volunteer coordinator about fundraising there in September 2015.
Packed mittens and books donated at the library for Community Outreach Program Erie Christmas baskets at our December meeting.