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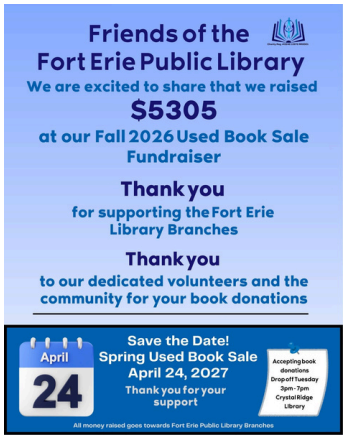
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FALL USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library's Fall Used Book Sale was a success, raising $5,300 and bringing total book sale revenue for 2026 to $11,000. Thank you goes to the more than 40 volunteers who contributed their time and energy over the three days. Special thanks to Julia and Hugh for their ongoing efforts moving donated books to the Crystal Ridge Library basement throughout the year. Thanks also to the volunteers who for the past five months were busy behind the scenes organizing, sorting and packing the 1000s of donations received from our generous community. Preparations are now underway for our Spring Used Book Sale, taking place on Saturday April 24th, 2027.

GIVING TUESDAY

On December 1st this global initiative brings people together to give back and support causes close to their hearts. It encourages donations, volunteer efforts, and acts of generosity that make a positive impact in communities worldwide. For the Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library, Giving Tuesday presents a wonderful opportunity to advance our mission of supporting library services for Fort Erie residents. We hope to raise $2500 this year, all funds raised will go towards supporting the Teen Innovation Hub, helping us provide more books and resources for young readers in our community.
You can donate online securely through Canada Helps - link is available on our webpage (www.fepl.ca/friends) or by dropping off a cheque at any of the three Fort Erie Public Library branches.











MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - JUDE

Jude joined the Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library in late 2023 and quickly became an invaluable member of the Friends. In January 2024, Jude took on the role of Treasurer, bringing her attention to detail, organizational skills and positive attitude to the position.

Jude's commitment extends well beyond her role as Treasurer. Jude is always willing to lend a hand and can be found volunteering at many of the Friends events, including the Crystal Beach Waterfront Supper Market, the End of Summer Parade, Used Book Sales, Trivia Night and Bingo fundraising shifts. Jude also played an instrumental role in getting the process started for the Friends' fundraising partnership with Delta Bingo.

Whether she is working behind the scenes or helping out at a community event, Jude approaches every task with enthusiasm, care and a willingness to help wherever she is needed.

MARYANN & CHRISTOPHER MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

The Friends are proud to recognize the dedication and contributions of our volunteers through the Maryann and Christopher Madden Volunteer Recognition Award. This award pays tribute to Maryann and Christopher, founding members of the Friends who generously shared their time and were passionate advocates for our local libraries.

The award recognizes a volunteer whose commitment, enthusiasm and leadership have made a meaningful difference to the Friends and our community.

The nomination period runs from October 1 to November 30. Paper and electronic ballots are now available to members.

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Membership dues for the upcoming year are now due! You can renew at our next General Meeting on November 10th or you can renew online securely through Canada Helps - link is available on our webpage (www.fepl.ca/friends)

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of the Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **November 10th** 4pm General meeting Centennial Branch Library
- **December 1st** Giving Tuesday
- **December 8th** Christmas Luncheon

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