



## **FRIENDS OF THE HALIBURTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### ***FACTS FROM FRIENDS - April 2011***

- **You are invited to the Friends AGM and Members Event !**
  - **Where - the Common Room of the Minden Cultural Centre**
  - **When - May 13, 2011 at 1:00 pm for the Annual General Meeting, followed by:**
  - **Who - Robert Rotenberg, the celebrated Canadian mystery writer, author of *Old City Hall*, who will be introducing his new book, *Guilty Plea*, which is being released on May 2, 2011.**
  - **Why - To help celebrate the work of Friends and enjoy a great afternoon with Robert Rotenberg.**

Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Go to Robert's web site [www.robertrotenberg.com](http://www.robertrotenberg.com) for more information about his new book. Our event is prominently announced there under News & Events.

- **The Friends AGM and Members Event with Robert Rotenberg is FREE for the members of Friends**, or \$5.00 to the public. Memberships can be purchased at the door for only \$5.00. Our Members Event is a good time to renew your membership for 2011, if you have not already done so. If you are unable to attend on May 13, but wish to renew your membership, please print out the attached membership form and mail it, with \$5.00, to Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library, Box 119, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0. Renew your membership, support your Friends and continue to receive our newsletter.
- Other Friends dates to remember are:

- June 18th 2011 - Friends Book Sale at the Dysart library, part of the Rail's End Trash and Treasure Sale
- Oct. 30, 2011 - Our 6th Gala with guest speaker, Frances Itani, author of *Deafening*, *Remembering the Bones*, and a new novel, *Requiem*, coming out in September.
- Looking for an Easter gift or a gift for a friend? The Friends have a selection of gift Book Baskets for sale at the Dysart Library. They include attractively wrapped baskets of gently used books suitable for men, women, or children, as well as for mystery readers and other reading enthusiasts. Check out the selection and choose one for an inexpensive gift.
- Cindy Trapp is giving a series of financial workshops at the Minden Hills Library, sponsored by the Friends.
  - Thur., April 28, at 6:30 pm - Planning for Your Child's Education
  - Thur., May 28, at 6:30 pm - Women and Money.

Please register for these sessions by calling the Administrative Centre of the Haliburton County Public Library at 705 - 457- 2241. If you missed Cindy's workshops last year this is a good opportunity to participate now.

- Thanks to all who helped in our fundraising efforts this past year. Your fundraising dollars have been put to good use.
  - Stanhope and Cardiff libraries now boast enhanced Children's Areas with bright new rugs, bean bag chairs and a book display cart.
  - New paperback spinners were provided to libraries in Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East.
  - Additional copies of in demand, popular and award winning books, such as *The Best Laid Plans*, by Terry Fallis, this years Canada Reads Winner, were purchased.
  - Funds were given to expand the Book Bags sets, available to all the County's Book Clubs. Elly Malcomson, our new Book Club Liaison, will be promoting these Book Bags and working with Book Clubs to create more.
- And speaking of books -
  - *Midnight at the Dragon Cafe* by Judy Fong Bates, our author at last year's Gala, was chosen this year for the Keep Toronto Reading One Book Campaign. Congratulations, Judy!
  - A new weekly column in the Voice, entitled Haliburton County Reads, features an adult and children's title, along with a book chosen by a local celebrity. This column compliments Bessie's Books and Coles' Notes columns in the Weekender, keeping all of us informed of interesting reads. Happy Reading.