



FRIENDS OF THE HALIBURTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

FACTS FROM FRIENDS - September 2011

This summer has been a rewarding time for The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library

- The Summer Fun program at the Haliburton County Public Libraries, which provided free activities for children ages 2 to 11, was a tremendous success. *Storyland*, *Explorers Club* and *Imagination Club* gave children opportunities to enjoy stories, crafts, games and songs. The Friends donated money to publicize this program and to buy the necessary craft supplies.
- The new "Friends Book Nook" at Minden Hills was open to the public on Thursdays in July and August. It was well received and well used by members and cottagers, who enjoyed being able to choose from a wide range of donated books. During regular library hour, books were also available for sale at the Friends Book Shelves in Dysart, Minden Hills, and a new one in Gooderham in August. The Friends realized \$848.00 from the sale of donated books over the summer.
- Friends theme Book Baskets were available at all the eight branches of the Haliburton County Public Library this summer. Selling from \$5.00 to \$10.00, we made just over \$100.00 from the sale of these popular gift items.
- Lynda Shadbolt of Haliburton Yoga offered yoga classes in the park in front of the Dysart Library during the summer from 7:30 to 8:30 am on

Tuesdays. Many people enjoyed their early morning workouts and the donations from this activity to the Friends amounted to \$ 500.16. Thank you, Lynda, for donating your time and training

- New donation boxes in all the 8 branches have also brought in revenues of \$140.00 over the summer.

Autumn brings new Friends activities

- The Friends 6th Annual Book Gala will be held on Sunday, October 30 at the Minden Hills Library at 1:30. Frances Itani, author of the novels, *Deafening* and *Remembering the Bones*, will be our guest author. She will be introducing her new novel, *Requiem*, which tells the story of a Japanese Canadian artist, whose child hood was spent in an interment camp in B.C Itani is a distinguished Canadian writer and a Member of the Order of Canada. Her novels, short stories and poetry have been acclaimed in Canada and internationally. We are very fortunate to have such an accomplished author as our guest at this years Gala. Don't miss this wonderful literary afternoon, a chance to bid on items in our silent auction, and enjoy refreshments. Tickets are only \$15.00.
- .We will not be having a Book Sale this fall. However you can continue to buy books at the Friends Book Shelves in Dysart, Gooderham and Minden Hills Libraries. The Minden Hills Book Nook will continue to be open on Thursdays - please inquire at Minden Hills for exact dates.
- Our theme book baskets are also for sale this fall in all the libraries. The baskets are donated by the 4C's in Haliburton and we thank them for their generosity. This allows us to provide our book baskets at a low price. We are happy to take orders for baskets on themes or by authors as a special gift for a friend or family member.
- New this fall, we are offering Haliburton County Public Library mugs for sale for only \$5.00. Look for them in Dysart, Minden Hills and Gooderham.
- Look also for the donation boxes in our libraries. Spare change can add up!
- Book clubs take note. The Haliburton County Public Library has increased their book club sets for your consideration. New sets include: *The Memory Keepers Daughter*, *Still Alice*, *The Best Laid Plans*, *The Sentimentalists* and many more. A set of *The Help* will also be available, funded by the Friends. Book clubs and reading groups interested in borrowing these book sets or any of the many other sets, can do so by emailing Catherine Coles at ccoles@haliburtonlibrary.ca .