

# Friends of the Beaconsfield Library

No. 24



## March 2017

### President's Message

Although my elders told me repeatedly, when I was a young girl, that time speeded up as you age, it is only now that I fully comprehend. The years whip by with alarming rapidity, and none of us is getting any younger. So, what we need, what the Friends need, is new blood and younger participation. Many of our present volunteers are feeling their years and can no longer heft boxes of books with the same gusto they once did. Please encourage your younger friends and neighbours and their friends to become involved. Alas, our membership stands at only 78 at the moment, down from the 99 of a few years ago, but perhaps if each of you talked about the tremendous force that the Friends has been over the last 15 years and the incredible number of things that the Friends has funded to make the library a better place (to the tune of about \$100,000) you could entice them to become a Friend and perhaps even to serve on our executive. We need people with new ideas, new perspectives and new energy!

If you are looking for a way to make a difference in your community, the Friends of the Beaconsfield Library is a great way to become implicated. If anyone out there is newly retired, and looking for a way to help your community, consider joining our executive. It is not a huge commitment as we meet only 6 or 7 times a year. You CAN make a difference!

Our AGM is taking place this year on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm at the library. I urge all concerned citizens to come out and give us your input. Share your ideas and hear what new things are happening at the library and what things they propose to purchase in the upcoming year with Friends' money. I would like to remind you that in order to vote you must be a member in good standing for 2016-2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the present executive members for all their hard work, dedication and support. I also wish to thank all of you who worked at

### Annual General Meeting



Wednesday March 29, 7:00 p.m.

General public invited to attend.  
Only members may vote

**BECOME A MEMBER  
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

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the book sale in October. Thanks to your efforts we raised \$3697 for the library. Thank you as well to all who helped with the German Coffee Party and the India Tea Party, especially Nini Singh, who gave 25 years to this delightful endeavour. We lost executive member Micheline Wormell to cancer this year. She was a tireless worker, full of spirit, energy and fun. We will miss her; we mourn her passing and offer our condolences to her family and friends.

In closing, I urge you to support your library – use it widely and often. Remember how important the printed word is (whether on paper or digitally), how a library can help people learn on their own, support their studies, and contribute to democracy. A library is an important place, and often in today's world, the hub of the community. Reading is not dead – in fact, the younger generation is constantly reading online, on Facebook, and technology holds enormous importance in our lives. We are fortunate to have an excellent library with excellent librarians who can help you find the right book or teach you about new apps. Check it out!

Beverley Gilbertson,  
President

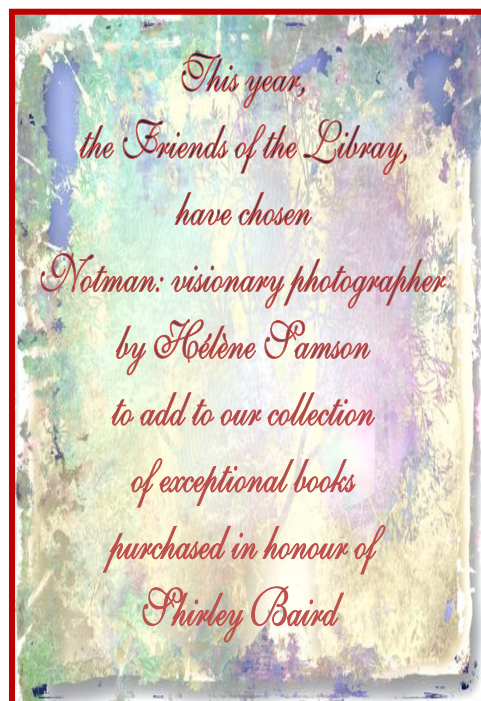
### Membership Update

The Friends of the Beaconsfield Library's membership year, ending September 30, 2016, culminated with a total membership of 78 members. This reflected a 17 member decrease from the previous year. Currently the membership for 2016 - 2017 stands at 70 members. We are grateful to all renewing members for their continued loyalty and warmly welcome our new members. Members who have not renewed as yet are strongly encouraged to do so, enabling this important group to continue to provide valuable resources and support to your Library.

The Friends' Executive Committee remains hopeful that with your support we will exceed last year's membership total. Please help us to make other members of the Beaconsfield Community aware of our important work and to encourage them to become supporting members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Maxwell  
Membership Secretary

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**Financial Report**

**INCOME/EXPENDITURE**

August 27, 2016 – January 3



**INCOME**

Membership.....	1,140.00
Book Sale.....	3,820.70
India Tea Party.....	363.00
German Coffee Morning.....	168.25
Donations.....	758.80
GIC Interest.....	74.66

**TOTAL INCOME.....6,321.41**

**EXPENDITURE**

DVDs/Magazines/Books.....	4881.39
Book sale expenses.....	576.51
Administration.....	431.67

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....5,889.57**

Bank balance  
August 31, 2017.....7,190.42

Bank balance  
January 31, 2017.....7,622.26

GIC 1 year@ 1.35%  
(Maturity May 2017)..... 4,500.00

GIC 1 year@ 1.55%  
(Maturity October, 2017..... 5,500.00

Janet Radhakrishna, Treasurer

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**SPRING BOOK SALE**

*In the Library Discovery Room*

Friday, April 21: from 5 to 6 p.m.  
(pre-sale for Friends of the Library!)

**Everyone Welcome**

Friday, April 21, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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**HEARING HEALTH**

*April 19 at 1:00 pm in French*

Sébastien Tremblay, audiologist, will explain presbycusis (loss of hearing caused by aging) and professional deafness (loss of hearing caused by noise at work).



**Library Report**



Thanks to your generous donation, we have purchased new large print books in English and French just before the holidays. New books in Spanish were also added to the collection. Overall, a total of 4 880\$ was spent this year to purchase new documents for the library. This was an excellent opportunity for us to update these three collections. Since we have put these new books in circulation, our loan statistics for the large print books have gone up by 75%! THANK YOU to our Friends!

Spring will be an interesting season at the library. We have an exciting new program, Techno Squad, that will be launched in May. We will start offering technology workshops for seniors on various topics: smartphones, emailing, tablets, basic computer, etc. All the details will appear in the April issue of Contact. (Pssst!!! We are also recruiting tech-savvy volunteers for this program who will give tips and tricks to other seniors during the workshops. If you are interested, please contact me by email (elizabeth.lemyre@beaconsfield.ca) or by phone (514 428-4400, ext. 4474).

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the library this Spring!

Élizabeth Lemyre  
Head Librarian  
City of Beaconsfield

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**MEET DOMINIQUE DEMERS**

Monday, April 17, 1:30 pm in French  
Dominique Demers, writer, speaker and educator, has produced more than 50 works of fiction for children, adolescents and adults. Ms. Demers is also a news journalist, teacher at the University of Quebec in Montreal, screenwriter of feature films and storyteller on Radio-Canada television; she will talk about her career and her life.

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What types of events would you like the Friends to organize for you?

Send us your ideas to

beaconsfieldfriends@gmail.com

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**OFFICERS:**

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Nancy Lloyd, Nini Singh  
Pat Spencer



*Your Executive at work*



*New and reupholstered furniture gifted by the Friends of the Library*