



*Friends of the
Library*
Smiths Falls Public Library

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Public Library is a non-profit
charitable organization promoting
the causes of the Library through
fundraising and advocacy

July 2024

Summer Newsletter

Successful Annual Book Sale



Although the weather looked uncertain the morning of June 8th, thousands of books were sold and over \$2,000 was raised. The leftover books were delivered to community charities for their bookshelves.

Thanks go out to all those who volunteered their time including the Friends of the Library board members, their spouses, friends and children, as well as library staff and volunteers. We also thank the Smiths Falls Curling & Squash Club for loaning their tables and road sign and the Harmony Seniors Club who provided tables and a canopy.

Newcomers Event – Smiths Falls

We shared a booth with the Smiths Falls Library on June 22nd at the Arena. It was an excellent opportunity to meet people who are new to the area and interested in the library.

Children's Furniture for the Library – Update



In June, the Friends of the Smiths Falls Library presented a cheque for \$5,000 to the Smiths Falls Library toward the purchase of Children's Furniture.

Approximately \$100,000 is required by the library to purchase movable shelving, tables, chairs, and fun elements. As of early July, 20% of the goal has been reached.

Donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a receipt for Income Tax purposes. If you choose to donate \$1,000 or more, you may choose to have your name added on a permanent book spine on our Wall of Donors. For additional information, visit the Library's website at:

<https://www.smithsfallslibrary.ca/donate/>

Fundraiser – Music Team Trivia and Dance Night @ Rosedale Hall, Montague

This successful fundraising event, organized by the Smiths Falls Library Board, was held on June 15th. Ten teams participated and \$1,185 was raised which went directly toward the new children's space at the Smiths Falls Library.

Thank you to Montague Township for providing use of the hall at no cost and those who donated DJ services, bar services, snacks and prizes.

Visit [smithsfallslibrary.ca/friends-of-the-library](https://www.smithsfallslibrary.ca/friends-of-the-library)

To find out more about who we are and how you can help



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School Breakfast Program

The school year has ended and our Breakfast Program volunteers are enjoying a well earned break. We served breakfast to the students at Duncan J. Schouler Public School on Tuesdays and Fridays for the 2023/24 school year.

The highlight was the volunteer tea put on at the school to thank us. The following is part of a poem written to thank us:

In Duncan J, where dreams unfold
Volunteers arise, with hearts of gold.
You step into the fray, with smiles so bright,
To make a difference, with all your might.

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2024/2025 year, please contact us at the email address below.



Patient Pastime Library

We provide activities and books to the "Tea and Toast" cart operated by the Ladies Auxiliary in both campuses of the Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital.



Film Night International 24/25 Season

The Friends of the Library and the Smiths Falls Community Theatre work together each year to help bring the best of Canadian and international films to Smiths Falls through TIFF's (Toronto International Film Festival) outreach programme.

FNI resumes in the Fall with the first of six films showing on Thursday, October 10th.

Single tickets \$12 are available at the door and Series passes will be on sale beginning Sept 1st.

The full list of dates for the season (Subject to change):

- Oct 10/24
- Nov 28/24
- Jan 23/25
- Feb 27/25
- Mar 27/25
- Apr 24/25

New! Find us on Facebook at:



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Looking Ahead ~ Save the Date

Film Night International @ Station Theatre
(53 Victoria Ave)

👉 10 Oct (2 pm & 7 pm)

Check out the Film Night International Smiths Falls Facebook page for upcoming film titles

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By Email: Email us at friends@smithsfallslibrary.ca. Include your name, address, phone number, and the type of help you would like to provide.

Meetings: We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Smiths Falls Public Library (except July and August) - Currently in the former post office building at 30 Russell Street, East.

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