

Between the Lines

Salt Spring Island Public Library

Volunteers Newsletter

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March 2014

Volunteer Profile

by Rasma Bertz



Nan Lefebure

Having grown up in Ottawa, Nan attended Queen's University in her birth town of Kingston. With her geologist-husband Dave, she moved out to BC in 1984, and by 1991 they were in Victoria. In 1999, Dave's dad bought property on Salt Spring for the family, some of whom were close by in Chemainus and Victoria. Eventually, this property became solely the home of Nan and Dave - still very much a place for family gatherings, reunions and the important things in life. Some of these important things are also key inspirations in Nan's life; namely, her three children and her grandchildren. As she says: *'they are our amazing hostages to fortune'*.

Around the same time Nan started volunteering at the library, I found out, from a friend and former St Margaret's pupil, that Nan had retired from the school in Victoria after eighteen years of teaching there. Nan and I started working together on the Wednesday desk when the library was in the trailers. Since then, I've moved upstairs while she places herself in the most understaffed desk slots, and we pass by like ships in the night.

Nan feels it's a privilege to help coordinate the volunteer workforce that makes the library hum and be the warm, beautiful, important hub for the community. She is constantly looking to welcome new people onto her rosters, especially to fill some of the large gaps in the weekly schedule. Her job is a challenge because life happens to all people, so there is a constant coming and going. She also still fills a desk position, finding it fun not knowing where she'll be needed, meeting and working with different people, and where she admits a love of being surrounded by books.

The author that tops Nan's recommended reading list is Canadian, Louise Penny - *'a rare talent'*. Nan believes her books (to be enjoyed chronologically) should be mandatory reading for all Canadians. Also recommended are Kate Atkinson's *Life After Life*, and Deborah Harkness' vampire/witch trilogy with its rich historical context. Nan predicts a great summer reading ahead of her

What's happening at your library?
Find out at the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 27, 2014
Library Program Room
3:00 p.m.

All library cardholders are welcome to attend and are eligible to vote at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.



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with new releases from both Penny and Harkness.

Somewhat more intriguing is another book, being written right now by Canadian author, James FitzGerald. Projected to be released around 2016, *Dreaming Sally* is the story of a tragedy that occurred in 1968 on a young people's tour of Europe. Nan describes the trip as the best of times, the worst of times; definitely memorable! FitzGerald was one of Nan's co-travellers, so not only does this book have a local connection, but it promises to be a fascinating read.

When not working as the Volunteer Coordinator at the library, Nan's other main commitment to the community is as a driver for Meals on Wheels. As a relative newcomer to Salt Spring, it has taken her down roads she never knew existed, and allowed her to get to know some delightful older folk. Nan, herself, is an easy person to like, with her life rich in experiences and love. She certainly makes our lives much simpler with her organizational skills and her lovely laugh.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

for the Board of Directors
Salt Spring Island Public Library



Are you interested in a position on the Library Board? Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, with a break in December and July; plus committee meetings.

For more info, contact

Les Brost at 537-5455 email: lesbrost@telus.net or
Roz Hobbs 537-8926 email: to rhobbs@telus.net



Chief Librarian's Report

by Karen Hudson

The Salt Spring Island Public Library has been operating with a strategic plan developed in 2006, with changes added in the past few years. The Board, staff, volunteers, and a community representative came together on

December 3, 2013 to develop the Salt Spring Island Public Library Strategic Plan 2014 – 2016. This plan will be presented to the community at the 2014 SSIPL AGM on March 27th.

Please email me if you would like to see the plan in its entirety and if you can't wait until the AGM but don't want to read forty pages, here are some excerpts:

Our Vision:

Where all can learn, explore and connect in a welcoming environment.

Our Mission:

We exist to provide inspiration, resources and expertise to enrich the cultural, social and intellectual lives of Salt Spring Islanders.

Our Values:

Responsiveness: Anticipating, being aware of and acting on changing community needs

Collaboration: Working with individuals, groups and organizations to make a difference to the community

Volunteerism: Training and supporting people who give freely of their time and skills is key to our success

Community: All are welcome and we are committed to addressing their expressed needs

Innovation: Embracing change is essential to a quality services by providing a supportive environment for those seeking new ways to achieve their goals

Strategic Priorities:

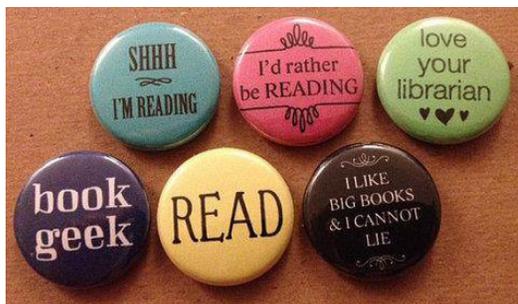
Our Volunteers: Training, recruitment and retention of our volunteers is critical to our success

Our Funding: Sustainable funding models will allow us to deal with economic fluctuations

Our Technology: Education in and maintenance of our technology tools can maximize our connections

Our Community Outreach: Partnering and collaborating with other organizations improves our connection and value to the community

Our Leadership: Proper governance and effective management operations will increase our efficiency and effectiveness.



Source: Goodwill Librarian



Librarian's Report

by Danielle Hubbard

The estimated value of volunteers at the Salt Spring Library for 2013 is \$472,056. Impressive! This includes time contributed by desk staff, shelvers, upstairs volunteers, and other key positions. Clearly our library would not be

able to operate without the generous assistance of our volunteers.

We are actively seeking more volunteers to join our team, as covering all shelving and circulation shifts is an ongoing challenge. If patrons inquire about volunteering at the library, please do encourage them! Invite them to complete a volunteer application form (from the supervisor's desk) and return it to the library. If you have interested friends or neighbors, invite them as well! If you yourself are free and interested, please consider adding your name to the spares list to help fill in for absences.

Another pressing volunteer need we currently face is mail delivery. Richard Moses has done a fantastic job for years, transporting library parcels to the post office every day. Now that Richard has left this position, we are looking for other able-bodied volunteers with access to a car who would be interested in making the package run to the post office on Tuesdays and / or Fridays in the afternoon. If this sounds like you, please speak with Danielle or Karen.

Take a Look!

EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

LEARN HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE

We are aiming to teach elementary bridge for beginning players. The qualifications for learning include the ability to hold 13 cards fanned out (preferably in one hand) and the ability to do simple sums.



Every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon
April 25 - June 20

For registration please contact
Jean Elder 537-0897 or
Ruth Hopping 537-9682

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CHESS and SCRABBLE CLUB

every Monday
Room 103
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.




All ages and levels of experience are welcome. No registration, and no need to bring your own boards.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

It's so simple! Just...



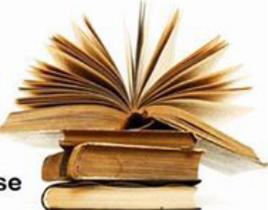
Keep connected with library events. Learn about upcoming author readings, children's programs, computer workshops, artist presentations, and so much more.

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Reading IS reading, regardless of how we do it.