

Thank you !

This issue says a big "Thank you" from Stratford Public Library.

Our community partners, volunteers and our friends often go unnoticed (but not by us!) - but we wouldn't be the same without them. SPL is able to provide the excellent level of library service you have come to expect, thanks in part, to strong community support.

We want to be sure that you feel appreciated!



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Library Hours

Sunday	Closed
Monday	1pm-9pm
Tuesday	10am-9pm
Wednesday	10am-9pm
Thursday	10am-9pm
Friday	10am-6pm
Saturday	10am-5pm

Library Closed

All Statutory Holidays
 Wednesday July 1
 Canada Day
 Monday August 3
 Civic Holiday
 Monday September 7
 Labour Day

We also thank the various levels of government for financial support, who most recently:

- increased our base funding to include PLOW as an ongoing library program,
- funded extra computer programs to seniors, adults, and recently laid-off workers,
- allowed us to hire students to run the summer programs, and who in turn receive valuable on the job training, mentoring and experience.

The Library, in turn, supports groups and events around Stratford and Perth County. SPL :

- distributes brochures and puts up posters on the Library's community bulletin board,
- helps with planning community events, and takes part in parades,
- and provides resources, children's activities, stories and crafts outside the Library, as staff is available.

Library and PLOW staff have been involved with the *Stratford Garlic Festival*, the *Mitchell Riverboat Festival*, *Stratford Summer Music*, *Milverton Fall Fair*, *Savour Stratford*, *Calling All Three Year Olds* (kindergarten registration) and *Canada Day* festivities in downtown Stratford, to name a few.

WHEW!

We value our community partners.

We know you value your Stratford Public Library!

DISCOVER MUSIC @ your library

Explore new music.
 Enjoy old favourites.
 Browse our collection of cds.

Read about musicians.
 Watch a musical.
 Dance

If music is a mystery,
 Agent 009 and the
 TD Summer Reading Club
 can help.

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net·work (net'wɜrk')
 a group, system, etc. of interconnected or cooperating individuals

Staff Notes

Katie Van Bakel and **Teri-Lynn Jordan** have joined SPL staff for the summer. They are busy preparing programs for the TD-Summer Reading Club and other fun for children and families.

Details are available on our website. Please call to register for all summer programs.

Cynthia Klassen, new to our circulation staff, is also an artist.

Check cynthiapaints.blogspot.com for some of her art.

Staff Development Day on June 1 focused on "Bridges out of Poverty" with speaker Dale Howatt. We are mindful that *libraries help in tough economic times*.

SPL is a proud member of:

- **The Stratford & District Chamber of Commerce**, and the
- **Stratford & District Leisure Activity Council**.

In this room are 20 dreamers:

They dream about a new library,
They dream about a garden full of flowers,
They dream about going up in a hot air balloon,
They dream about falling from high towers.
They dream about being late,
They dream about being lost,
They dream about missing the cue to step on stage,
They dream about romance, roses.
They dream about owning a windmill.

Wendy Morton, Poetry Stratford May 2009

Save the date for the FRIENDS' ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Saturday October 24
at the Rotary Complex, Stratford.

Thank you !

- Volunteers from **The Stratford & District Horticultural Society** give our front garden a spring overhaul and plant the urns beside the front doors - we are a community in bloom!
- Many more **volunteers** provide thousands of hours each year helping to keep our books in order, repairing materials, helping with recycling, and much more (see page 4).
- Thanks to the **Stratford Junior Indians** for supporting our summer programs and for sending Chris, in his baseball uniform, to be a guest reader for *Whale of a Tale* story time - a great role model!
- We are excited about the **local artists** who are helping with the summer programs - thanks for your talent and support.
- **The Friends of SPL** are helping with the summer program wrap-up in August. They are already planning the fall Book Sale! Thanks for all you do to support SPL programs and the magazine collection.
- **The SPL Foundation** has kept the wheels on the PLOW van turning, along with other community partners. Literacy matters!
- **Community Living Stratford & Area** partner with the ongoing Thursday Theatre movie program.
- **Poetry's Table**, the **Good Book Group** and the **Thursday Noon Hour Club** all are volunteer driven. Thanks for helping to make SPL a lively and dynamic place to be!

READING IN THE PARK WITH PLOW

Locations in and around Stratford throughout the summer. Call or check the website www.pcin.on.ca/plow.htm



The **Stratford Public Library Foundation Board** held its 10th Annual General Meeting on May 20, 2009. Guest speaker Mayor Mathieson spoke about the importance of volunteers in the community of Stratford and benefits that the community receives from its committed citizens.

Guest speaker Sharon Malvern spoke of the commitment Rotary has to promoting literacy, the Rotary Club of Stratford's dedication to PLOW and of her experience as a founding member and chair of the Foundation.



The Foundation also celebrated its success in meeting its goal to successfully fund and support PLOW over the past three years.

Sally Hengeveld and Trish MacGregor thanked PLOW supporters and shared their experiences with PLOW programs. PLOW is now a program funded through the Stratford Public Library's operating budget.

Thanks to all of the staff, board members, and community for their support!

Alexandra Bignocolo, President



CALLING ALL DETECTIVES - Free

Summer fun follows **Agent 009** when children sign up for the free **TD Summer Reading Club** (TD-SRC).

THE CSI* MAGIC SHOW (*Conjuring Scene Investigation)
The Magic Guy, Peter Mennie, helps launch TD-SRC.

WEEKLY SUMMER FUN PROGRAMS

Children (ages 5-12) will be sure to have summer fun in the Library, with different themes each week! Cost \$2.00/week. (Registering for the TD-SRC is optional.)

THURSDAY THEATRE

Family friendly movies are shown at the lower Optimist Hall, 72 Water Street. Showtime is 1:30pm. Admission \$2.00 includes a snack. With Community Living Stratford & Area.

FAMILY NIGHTS

Thursday evenings are special for families in July and August, with low or no cost. The fun begins at 7pm, Thursday, July 16 in the Library Auditorium! Check for other dates and events.

SPECIAL FRIDAYS

Special art and activities on Fridays feature some local special guests. Cost is \$12 or less (varies by activity).

Register in person for **Summer Fun @ SPL**.

Space is limited for some programs.

Check the Library website or call for details.

The Friends of SPL

A year in the life of the Library...

A new project for the Friends over the next year or so, is a photo-diary of SPL in action. It will be an education/awareness tool for advocacy on the part of Friends and others. It will also give future generations an accurate record of "how it used to be".

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VOLUNTEER PROGRAM NEWS

During the recent National Volunteer Week, April 19th to 25th, the Library held its sixth annual **Volunteer Appreciation Reception** in the Library auditorium. Guests included Library volunteers, and members of the boards of the Library and the Library Foundation, as well as the Friends of the Library.



While all were celebrated, **34 volunteers were specially recognized for 1, 2, and 5 years of service**, with Mayor Dan in attendance to help with the honours.

Do you have a desire to volunteer, and wish there was something you could do from your own home to help? Well there is!

Information Perth, an important source of community information for our county, needs additional “Community Database Editors.” www.informationperth.ca

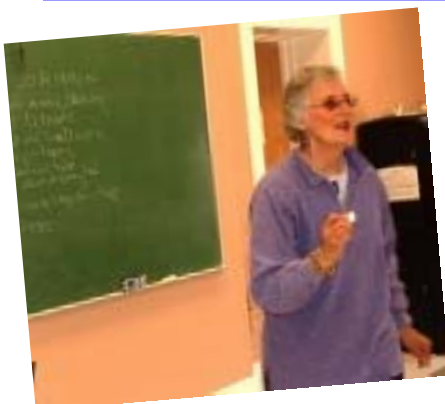
All you need is:

- a computer with high speed access;
- a telephone; and
- an interest in seeing our community information kept up-to-date and relevant.



You can view the job description via the link to the volunteer page at www.stratford.library.on.ca.

For further information on this or any other library volunteer opportunity, please contact Kate Schillings : 519.271.0220 ext. 35 kschillings@pcin.on.ca



Poet **Wendy Morton** writes on-the-spot audience-participation poetry. She is also responsible for many *Random Acts of Poetry!*

SPL Foundation Annual General Meeting
Board members and guests enjoy refreshments.