



***Hello Members of the Friends of the Rideau Lakes Public Library,***

*Summer is almost upon us. The gardens are blooming and the air is definitely warmer. It's a great time to relax in the "hammock" with a good book.*

*In April, our application to the Rideau Lakes Township for a grant in support of the library's "Reading Rocks" program was successfully funded for \$500. Together with \$1000 from our past fundraising events, our contribution of \$1500 will be given to the library in June to help offset the cost of delivering this summer remedial reading program open to children from the Township. This program will help local children to gain reading confidence, combat summer reading loss and nurture a love of reading.*

*In May, we held our "Dewey Divas and the Dudes" presentation at the South Elmsley Municipal Complex. Two publisher representatives, Lahring Tribe and Rosalyn Steele, presented their best book picks for 2016. An added and unexpected bonus was that everyone who attended went home with a new book. The Divas suggested reading list has been posted on the library website as "Dewey's Book Pick List".*



*Our next event is "An Afternoon with Maggie Wheeler". This event will take place on Sunday – July 10<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5 PM at the Cove Inn, Westport. Admission is \$10 at the door. There will be refreshments, door prizes and a cash bar. As well, Maggie Wheeler will have her books for sale. She will donate 10% of books sold to the Rideau Lakes Public Library.*

*As author and historian, Maggie Wheeler has spent over a decade showcasing the social, cultural and psychological impact of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Projects on Canadians affected. She is the author of the best-selling "Lost Villages" historical murder mysteries, which have garnered a nomination for the Ontario Premier's Awards for the Arts, an Ontario Provincial Hansard, and the "people's choice" Seeker's Award for Literary Artist of the Year 2013. Since 2001, her work with the Seaway history has kept Maggie on the public speaking circuit and in the media at local, regional, national and academic levels. Her most recent contribution is the "Lost Villages" article for Historica Canada's The Canadian Encyclopedia – the official national online resource for all things Canadiana. This summer she is working on her fifth Lost Villages novel with the generous support of the Canada Council of the Arts. Find out more about this author at*

[www.maggiewheeler.com](http://www.maggiewheeler.com)

*We are in the early stages of planning for our fall fundraising event. We will be showing a documentary about a family who moves to the Yukon for nine months, "off the grid", to leave the tech world behind and return to nature in hopes of reconnecting with each other. This event will take place on Sept. 11, 2016 at the Elgin Community complex. Stay tuned for more details.*

*Don't forget to pick up a few bookmarks at your local library branch to distribute to friends and neighbours in your community. Encourage them to join our organization. If you have any ideas for events or if you would like to volunteer with any fundraising activity, please email us at [friends.rideaulakeslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.rideaulakeslibrary@gmail.com).*

***Happy Reading! The Friends Executive***