

Dear Friends of KPL:

This past year has been a reflective year for the Foundation as we have spent time in establishing a clearer vision and goals for ourselves, in anticipation of what may become a new and more invigorated role for the KPL Foundation in supporting a major capital program for a new main library.

KPL Foundation continues to support several vital initiatives at KPL. These enhancements include the following:

- Books and AV materials in 21 languages
- Literacy and ESL materials for adults
- Library Links for Life book deposits with support of Kiwanis Club of KW
- Creative Spark program for grade 1 children
- Autism Materials from Waterloo-Wellington Autism Services
- Writer-In-Residence program from Edna Staebler Endowment
- Homework Centre Resources
- Teen Health Resources - both books and AV materials
- Literacy Materials for grades 7, 8 and 9

KPL Foundation has identified goals for itself in an effort to increase its visibility and donor base. KPL Foundation has recently completed a redesign of its logo and marketing materials that

will be part of a new campaign in 2005. The Foundation has established targets to increase its donor base and total donations. In addition, the Foundation has established goals to update its communication to our donors, join the Speakers Bureau and enhance its Board



KPL Foundation President Michael Schmitt (left) presents annual cheque to KPL 2004 Board Chair Bryan Isaac.

of Directors. KPL Foundation, volunteers and library staff organized our very successful spring event that recognized both donors and volunteers to KPL. More than 120 people joined us at the Victoria Park Pavilion in May to celebrate our appreciation of their contributions to KPL.

Our social agenda this year ended with a highly successful CBC reading of "A Christmas Carol" held at our own KPL Auditorium on December 7, 2004. Our CBC guest reader was Ted Barris, well-known author and commenter. Joining him were Janine Grespan of CKCO, Reid Spencer, Jonathon

Harrison and Brian Otto. Many thanks are extended to Brian Otto and Sherry Erb who choreographed this wonderful evening.

Most recently KPL Foundation applied for and received a grant from the K-W Community Foundation to expand our bilingual children's collection. We are awarded \$9,000 to begin a series of collections of bilingual children's literature in the various languages of new immigrants that make their way to our city. This is an exciting project that will enhance the literacy skills and language acquisition skills of these new Canadians and their parents. We are appreciative of this grant from K-W Community Foundation for supporting this identified need in our community. Additional details are provided in an article on page 4 of this newsletter.

In closing, I would like to thank our 2004 Foundation Board members, Ann Kennaley, Pat Wagner, Sally Hahn, Ruth Gutpell, Peggy Walshe, Sherry Erb, Sonia Lewis, Gloria Grigas, Leslie Zawadzki and Lesa Balch.

Sincerely,



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Annual Spring Event
to Honor

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Mark your calendars for
Thursday, May 26, 2005
Invitations will be sent.

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First Language Links for Children

The KPL Foundation continues its tradition of providing funding for library materials in languages other than English by establishing a new program called, "First Language Links for Children".

This program will support the acquisition of books in the languages of families that are currently settling in Kitchener. Reading native language materials leads to the enhancement of English language acquisition and family literacy.

The K-W Community Foundation has

given the KPL Foundation a grant of \$9,000 to make children's books in the languages of recent immigrants available at our community libraries and to further develop the collections of multi-lingual materials at the Main Library.

Children's materials will be purchased in three languages of recent immigrants to the City of Kitchener, including Chinese, Farsi and Hindi. By October 2005, you will find children's books in Chinese at Pioneer Park Community Library, children's books in Farsi at the Country Hills Community Library and children's books in Hindi at the Forest

Heights Community Library. Two years ago, a German collection was established at the Grand River Stanley Park Community Library. Books in all of these languages, plus many others, continue to be available for families at the Main Library.

Contact the KPL Foundation to provide your additional support for "First Language Links for Children".

Lesa Balch
Manager
Collections, Planning & Technology

Grace Schmidt Room

In the fall of 2004, a generous bequest of \$5,000 was left to the Grace Schmidt Room by the late Marion Schweitzer. Mrs. Schweitzer was a teacher at Kitchener Collegiate Institute from 1934-1955. During those years, she taught with Grace Schmidt's sister, Sally, so Mrs. Schweitzer knew Grace and Sally well.

The Grace Schmidt Room has been a valuable resource for local history

researchers, newspaper reporters, genealogists and students for over twenty years.

The combined collections of the Kitchener Public Library, the Waterloo Historical Society and the Waterloo Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society offer a wealth of material such as books, newspapers, photographs, maps and archival documents.

One of the most valuable and heavily used resources in KPL's local history

collection is the *Kitchener-Waterloo Record* microfilm. Mrs. Schweitzer's generosity allows us to replace this worn and aging collection which will benefit researchers for years to come.

This project is just one of many that demonstrate how your donation dollars to the Kitchener Public Library Foundation enrich this community.

Susan Hoffman
Librarian, Grace Schmidt Room