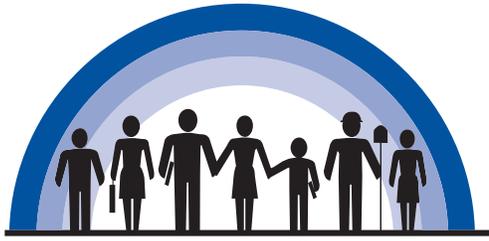


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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We hope this finds all of you well and we thank you for your continued support. We are doing our part to prevent the community spread of the virus by postponing our Speaking with Friends program until 2022 and cancelling our annual October Book Sale for 2021.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers for their part in our outdoor book sales, held at Covent Garden Market on August 21, September 18 and October 23. In the summer, Pop Up Book Sales were held at Beacock, East London and Byron branch libraries. We are pleased that the FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK STORE reopened on August 4, 2021. Store hours are Monday to Friday, 10 am–3 pm, and Saturday, 11 am–2 pm. We continue to pick up donations of material for the book store and book sales. Should you wish to have materials picked up, please call 519-661-2448.

The Book for Every Child 2021 campaign will be held from November 1 to December 10. Five London book stores are again participating. Financial donations are also appreciated and can be made online (at [ww.lpl.ca/bfec](http://www.lpl.ca/bfec)) or in person at any London Public Library location.

Please read more details about these programs in the newsletter. We extend our sincere thanks to you for your continued support and patience during this time. If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact us by mail, by phone at 519-661-2446, or by email at [friends@lpl.ca](mailto:friends@lpl.ca). Visit our website at [www.friendslondonlibrary.ca](http://www.friendslondonlibrary.ca)

Thank you, again.  
Carmen Sprovieri, President

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK STORE

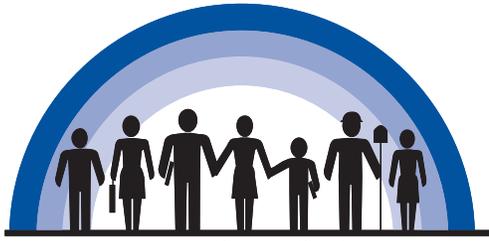
After being closed for sixteen long months due to COVID-19, the Friends of the Library Book Store reopened on August 4, 2021. Store hours are Monday through Friday, 10 am–3 pm and Saturday 11 am–2 pm.

The book store is well stocked with newly donated materials, including current releases, music CDs, DVD movies and jigsaw puzzles. We have hundreds of children's books, a great variety of cookbooks, popular fiction, and many items that are gift quality will be featured in the weeks leading into the Christmas season.

All volunteers at the book store are fully vaccinated and COVID safety protocols are being followed. The Friends of the Library Book Store is located in the Central Library on the ground floor. Two hours free parking is provided when you validate your parking ticket at the front desk of the Library.

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## A BOOK FOR EVERY CHILD 2021

This is the 30th year of London Public Library's A Book for Every Child program. Each year, thousands of books are distributed, through schools and community agencies, to children who might otherwise not have a book of their own. This year's campaign will run from November 1 to December 10.

Friends of the Library facilitate the participation of local book stores in the A Book for Every Child campaign. Five London book stores are once again participating: The Book Store at Western, Chapters – South London, Coles Masonville Place, Indigo – North London, and the Oxford Book Shop. These stores offer a 20% discount on books purchased and donated to the campaign in the store. Friends of the Library volunteers pick up these books and deliver them to the Library.

Financial donations to A Book for Every Child can be made online (at [www.lpl.ca/bfec](http://www.lpl.ca/bfec)) or in person at any London Public Library location. With financial donations, Library staff can select books for all ages, from babies to teens, and can take advantage of vendor discounts. Many people choose to make a donation to A Book for Every Child in memory of someone, to celebrate a special occasion, or as a unique gift. A card can be sent on your behalf. Donations can be made year-round to this program.

Nov. 1 - Dec. 10

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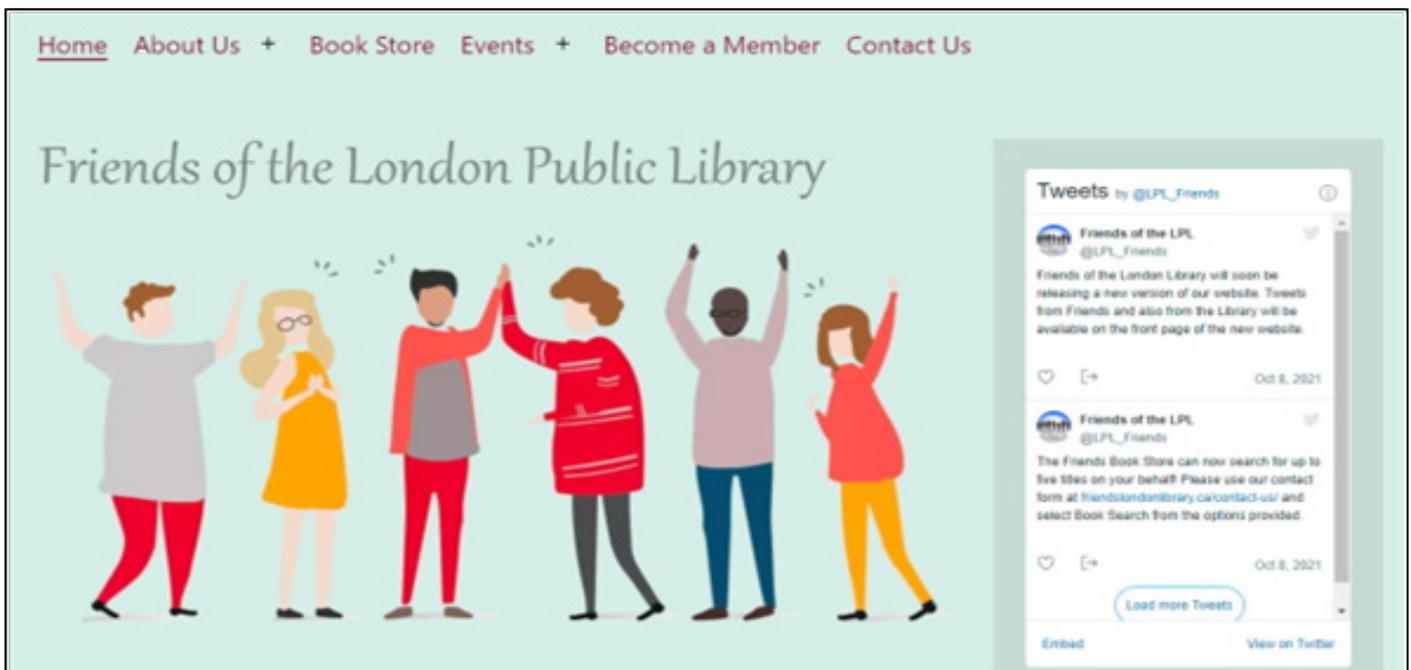
## INTRODUCING THE FRIENDS' NEW WEBSITE

A fresh new look for The Friends' website!! You will find all the information from our previous website in an attractive new format. In addition, our readers receive the very latest news messages posted on our Twitter account which now appears on the front page of our website. You can use the scroll bar to read earlier messages or simply click on any of the Tweets to be taken directly to our Twitter account where you can also see all messages from other contributors.

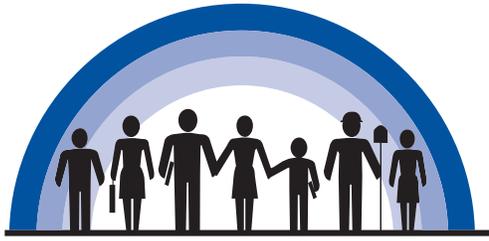
The front page of our new website also displays all the latest Tweets from London Public Library's Twitter account, so you receive all the latest news in one convenient place!

We recently introduced an update to our website contact form where you can make a request for us to search for up to five items in the Friends Book Store. We will check the store shelves for specific titles of books, DVDs, puzzles, etc.

The new website has been designed to be easy to view on all devices, from desktop PCs to tablets and smartphones. Check it out: [www.friendslondonlibrary.ca](http://www.friendslondonlibrary.ca)



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## DONATING MATERIAL TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Many of the items we sell in the Friends of the Library Book Store come to us as donations received from the public. Your donations of books, music CDs, DVD movies, magazines, puzzles and games can be dropped off at the Friends Book Store at Central Library. Donated materials cannot be dropped off at library locations at this time due to COVID safety protocols. Please bring your items to the book store or, if you have a large quantity of items to donate, you can arrange for Friends' volunteers to pick them up. Call the message line at 519-661-2448 and a volunteer will call back to arrange a convenient pick up time. Please note: We are unable to accept soiled, damaged, mouldy or damp items, books that are marked by highlighter or pen marks, outdated information (non-fiction), encyclopedias & text books more than 5 years old, or older magazines. Your donations directly support your public library as all proceeds from book store sales are donated to the Library.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Members of the Friends of the London Public Library have been incredibly supportive through 2020 and 2021. Early in the pandemic, the Friends Executive decided to extend 2020 memberships to the end of 2021. Membership renewals were not sent out in December 2020. Despite this, it has been heartening that we have continued to receive new memberships and donation support these past months. With a return to a "new normal," we will be sending out membership renewals in late November for January to December 2022. We are grateful for your past membership with the Friends and look forward to your continuing support.