



# Salt Spring Literacy

*Learn. Grow. Succeed.*

*Salt Spring Literacy is a not-for-profit agency promoting literacy on Salt Spring and the Southern Gulf Islands.*

## News and Views

**November 2016**

### **An Exciting Partnership**

Finding a sponsor to cover the book sale's expenses has been at the top of our wish list, so we are extremely pleased to announce that the Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island responded to our request to be the book sale's sponsor with a resounding "Yes!" Their generous contribution of \$2,500 is expected to cover most — if not all — of the expenses of putting on the sale this year. Rotary is a perfect fit for us because literacy is one of the international club's main areas of focus.

Local club members will have an info table and volunteers at the giant book sale. Please drop by and say hello and thank you to them!



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### **It's Giant Book Sale Time Again!**

This year marks the 10th annual sale originated by the Community Education Society of Salt Spring Island and organized since 2012 by the Salt Spring Literacy Society.

The first sale in 2007, was a modest affair held at Meaden Hall, in which donors were asked to bring their books to the hall a few days preceding the sale. Now the sale is a months-long endeavour, with collection and sorting beginning on June 1st for the sale in November. We hear that the quality of books this year is better than ever! Tell your friends and family members to mark their calendars and make sure they don't miss it.

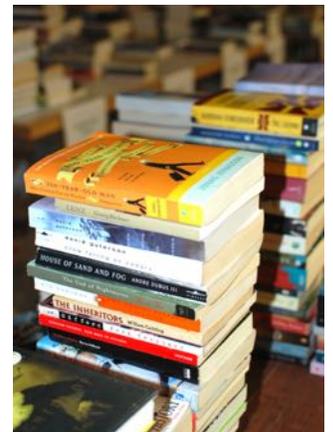
**When:** Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Nov. 18, 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** SS Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**What:** Possibly the best used book sale in the region, with many books being 'as new' or gift quality. Prices from 50 cents for kids' paperback books to \$1 for pocketbooks to \$2 for quality paperbacks and hardcovers. As always there will be a section for extra-special individually priced books.

#### *Special thanks go to:*

- Kim Ballantyne, coordinator of the book sale
- Jill McIvor and Wendy Vine, the head sorters
- Ed Walkner, for taking care of the recycling and much heavy lifting
- All of our dedicated donation pick-up and sorting volunteers
- Island Savings, BMO, CIBC & Rock Salt for hosting collection boxes
- Country Grocer for hosting two drop-off events
- Barnaby Fell of Black Sheep Books
- John Reid for use of the spacious hut



*Piles and piles of books ready for packing for the sale this year!*

### **Salt Spring Literacy Board and Staff**

<b>Gail Sjuberg</b>	Board Chair	<b>Eva Kuhn</b>	Board Treasurer
<b>Pat Campbell</b>	Board Vice-Chair	<b>Cathy McCluskey</b>	Board Member
<b>Connie Brett</b>	Board Secretary	<b>Deb McGovern</b>	Board Member

**Stella Weinert** - Literacy Outreach Coordinator  
**Louise Shelly** - One to One Program Coordinator  
**Inma Segura** - Administrative Assistant

## Giant Book Sale Member's Preview Night!

If you've been to our preview night in the past two years, you know you won't want to miss this year's event on **Thursday, Nov. 17** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Farmers' Institute.

We serve wine and delicious appetizers and dessert treats, and you can peruse the sale books and purchase your two favourites ahead of the Friday morning sale crowd.

C.C. Humphreys, the actor and author who has many claims to fame and whose latest historical thriller published by Penguin Random House is called *Fire*, will be our literary guest, giving a short presentation at about 7:15.

This event is available only to SS Literacy Society members, but one-year memberships can be purchased at the door for \$10. Invite your friends to join the society!



Left: Sorters Wendy, Nighean, and Jill with books at the hut readying for this year's sale.  
Above: Volunteer Fair participants at the library, including SS Literacy's Stella Weinert.

## We've got Jewels Too

Last year, under the leadership of SSSL board member Pat Campbell, the Jewels for Literacy project was added to Giant Book Sale events and it outshone all expectations.

This year, more space has been created for the used jewellery sale with more jewels donated, including inventory from artists and people in the jewellery business. Thanks to JFL volunteer Mary Grove, who acquired a stock of batteries, watches will be available for purchase this time.

## Annual General Meeting

We held our 2016 annual general meeting on Sept. 15 at the Shared Space Community Hub in Merchant Mews, with 14 people attending. One reason we moved the AGM from its usual June date to September is to get it closer to the book sale, when most people take out and renew memberships.

The Shared Space hub is a terrific meeting spot operated by the Shared Space Salt Spring Society and Volunteer and Community Resources. If you belong to a group that needs to rent an affordable meeting room (with two sizes available) or a virtual office, check them out at [sharedspacessi.org](http://sharedspacessi.org).

Volunteer and Community Resources has also been offering workshops and other events to support local non-profits, including a Volunteer Fair at the library on Oct. 14, which SSSL participated in. Get on their email event notification list by emailing [admin@vcrsaltspring.org](mailto:admin@vcrsaltspring.org) or phoning 250-931-0039.

## One to One

Our fantastic One to One children's literacy program is off to a great start in Salt Spring's elementary schools for its second full year. This year, Louise Shelly — one of Salt Spring Literacy's founders and a much-loved educator — is coordinating the program for us. With Literacy Outreach Coordinator Stella Weinert aiming to reduce her work hours somewhat, having Louise rejoin the team as One to One program coordinator was an ideal step.

We have room to accommodate more volunteers for this program, which requires listening to children read and gently coaching them. Training is provided and the rewards are immense! More easy reading books are also needed. Please contact Louise at [Ishelly@saltspringliteracy.org](mailto:Ishelly@saltspringliteracy.org) or leave a message at SS Literacy at 250-537-9717 if you are interested in helping out.

## New Board

Board members acclaimed to new terms at the AGM were Connie Brett and Cathy McCluskey. They join continuing members Deborah McGovern (who was appointed to the board in June to take the spot vacated by Shinobu Murata), Pat Campbell, Eva Kuhn and Gail Sjuberg.

At our Oct. 20 board meeting, executive positions were confirmed, with Connie continuing as secretary, Eva as treasurer, Pat as vice-chair and Gail as chair.

If anyone has any questions about SSSL or has an interest in joining the board in the future, please feel free to contact Gail at [sjuberg@shaw.ca](mailto:sjuberg@shaw.ca).

