

Lindsay Brock

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To: Lindsay Brock
Subject: Forest of Reading - Festival of Trees

Hi Lindsay and Middlesex Co. Library Board Members,

I wanted to bring something to your attention regarding the Forest of Learning's, Festival of Trees event being held for area children in London on May 8th:

https://www.accessola.org/web/OLAWEB/Forest_of_Reading/Festival_of_Trees.aspx

Yesterday at our OLBA Council Meeting, I made suggestion that under Ontario Library Association's Strategic Plan's category "Transforming Ideas into Solutions", OLBA might like to make a contribution to allow some underprivileged children attend the Forest of Reading. I'm sure that some little ones, perhaps from single parent homes, may not be able to afford the registration or bus fee etc. Last year's event was a huge success and my own grandchildren who attended, just loved it.

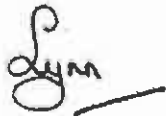
However Shelagh Paterson, OLA's Executive Director indicated that my suggestion might cause a glitch if a not for profit association were to make a charitable donation. So, long story short, one of OLBA's new council members, Kerry Badgely, suggested his foundation would entertain the request if an application were to be received. Kerry lost a daughter in an auto accident several years ago, and her use of the library and love of books prompted the formation of a foundation in her memory.

I'm sure there are children in Middlesex County who would love to attend this event, but who may not be able due to financial circumstances in their families, and so I wondered if Middlesex Co. Library Board would entertain the idea of sponsorship with funding through this grant. If you might be interested in pursuing this further, perhaps you could have a look at the process:

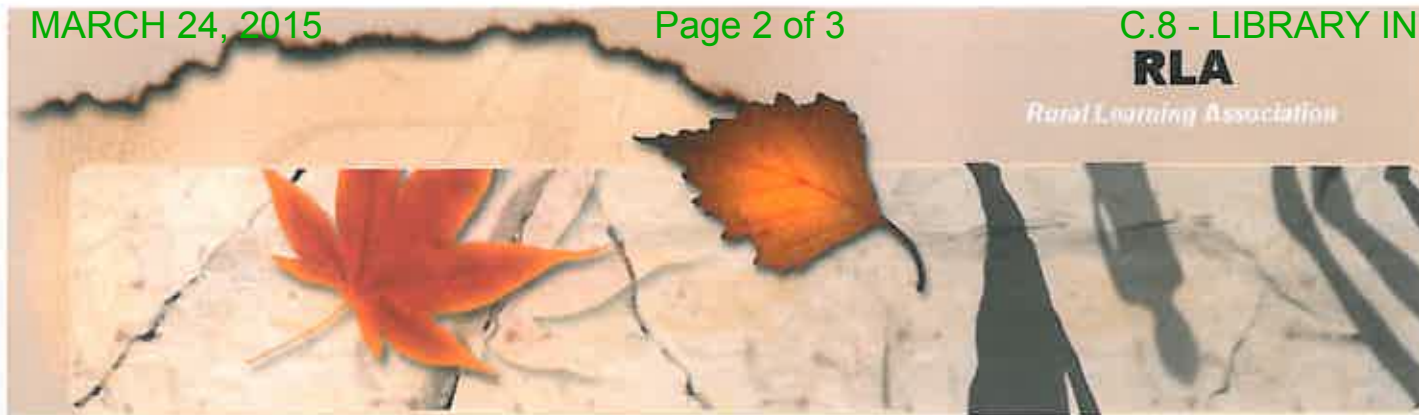
http://www.rurallearning.ca/pb/wp_1d55ec99/wp_1d55ec99.html

In closing, I'd like to congratulate the Board in its selection of Sandi Burgess as the new, County Librarian. I have had the privilege to work with Sandi for some time in the OLA world, and know her to bring many excellent skills to the table.

Warm regards,



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Sarah Badgley Literacy Fund for Rural Ontario Children

A grant of up to \$500 per year is available from the Rural Learning Association to Ontario rural libraries, and urban libraries that serve rural clientele. The purpose of the grant is to support children's literacy initiatives. Top consideration will be given to those libraries that promote the love of reading by using the grant for such things as Book Purchases, Literacy Programmes (story time, guest authors, etc.) and/or Equipment Purchases such as Lego, software and digital media. Connections to the actual literacy outcomes should be demonstrated in the request.

Libraries that the committee has selected as possible recipients of the Fund should include in their full proposals the following items: the potential benefit to the children in the community; a detailed budget; the level of need in the community; access to funding by other organizations; the relevance to literacy through the promotion of the love of reading using books, literacy programmes and/or equipment. The planned project should focus on a sustainability factor that has a long term impact rather than a short term effect. The final application should be no more than two pages long and is due by June 15th.

Sarah Rosalind Badgley

Sarah never learned to read, but she adored books. In July 2001, at the age of three, she was killed in an auto accident. Her parents, Susan and Kerry Badgley of Kemptonville, Ontario, initiated the fund through the RLA.

Rural Libraries

As community focal points, rural libraries perform a variety of functions. In addition to offering access to a wide range of reading material, they provide Internet access, make available audio-visual materials, provide local historical and genealogical services, offer children's programs, and provide services to tourists. In doing all of this, rural libraries serve as community gathering spots that allows residents to meet and exchange ideas. In short, despite shrinking resources, rural libraries perform vital social functions. One goal of the Sarah Badgley Literacy Fund for Rural Ontario Children is to enhance awareness of the valuable public service that rural libraries perform.

If you wish to donate to the Sarah Badgley fund to help us continue supporting rural library services, please contact us at rla@ruralllearning.ca.

Past Recipients of the Sarah Badgley Fund

Admaston-Bromley Public Library
 Alderville Learning Centre & Library
 Athens Public Library
 Atikokan Public Library
 Bibliothèque publique de Moonbeam
 Bibliothèque publique de Mattice - Val Coté
 Billings Township Public Library
 Bonfield Public Library
 Brighton Public Library
 Brock Township Public Library
 Castleton Public Library
 Clearview Public Library - Stayner Branch

Clarence-Rockland Public Library
 County of Prince Edward Public Library
 Edwardsburgh Public Library - Spenserville Branch

Application Schedule:

April 15: Submit Letter of Intent
(1 page maximum)

Should include the library's full name, address, email, brief description of its role in the community, and what the grant will be used for.

May 15: Applicants advised of results & full proposals invited from selected libraries.

June 15: Full proposals due (instructions on what to include will be provided to libraries selected).

July 30: Applicants notified of the results.

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Dubreuilville Public Library
 East Ferris Public Library
 Elgin County Library

Elliot Lake Public Library
 Emo Public Library
 Englehart Public Library
 Farquhar-Strickland Public Library
 Front of Yonge Public Library
 Georgina Island Public Library

Gore Bay Union Public Library
 Greater Madawaska Public Library
 Greenstone Public Library

Hilton Union Public Library
 Keewatin Public Library
 Lake of Bays Public Library
 Latchford Public Library
 Laurentian Hills Public Library
 Leonard Shore Memorial Library
 Manitouwadge Public Library
 Massey & Township Public Library
 Nation Municipality Public Library - Limoges Branch
 New Tecumseth Public Library - Alliston Branch
 North Perth Public Library
 Opasatika Public Library
 Pembroke Public Library
 Prince Township Public Library
 Powassan & District Union Public Library
 Rainy River Public Library
 Rideau Lakes Public Library
 Sheshegwaning Public Library
 Six Nations Public Library
 South River - Macher Union Public Library
 St. Charles Public Library
 Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry County Library
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 Temiskaming Shores Public Library - New Liskeard Branch
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