

Hello Friends of the Library,

Spring has arrived! We are busy planning several new and interesting events for you to enjoy in 2017! As always, we appreciate your attendance at these events in support of our Library.

This year the Library's Reading Rules program will be the beneficiary of our fundraising efforts. This summer program provides school age children with reading instruction which reinforces and enhances their literacy skills over the summer months. Reading Rules is available to children in our township and will run during July and August at the South Elmsley and Elgin library branches.

Our first fundraiser will be a Fashion Show featuring the spring and summer clothing line of Portside Boutique. We are pleased that the newly renovated Opinicon in Chaffey's Lock will be the venue for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon. Along with a variety of gorgeous fashions, the event will also include refreshments, door prizes and draws. Join us at the Opinicon on Sunday, June 25th, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 and may be purchased at any of the Rideau Lakes Public Library branches or by emailing the Friends at, friends.rideaulakeslibrary@gmail.com. Tickets will be available April 18th. Please note that this event will be held in the Alford Room and Lounge, which are upstairs.

We also plan to hold a local authors afternoon during Library Week in October. This event is still in under development, and more information will follow as it becomes available.

Finally, we will host a Local Food Fair at the Portland Community Hall in December. Local producers will be invited to set up displays at the hall to showcase and sell their products. If you are a local producer or know of someone who might be interested in taking part in this event, please let us know. Gifts of foods from around the area would provide a wonderful treat for friends, family and yourself during the holiday season.

If you are not yet a member of the Friends of the Rideau Lakes Public Library, please note that you can join us for a one-time membership fee of \$10.00. We appreciate all of your support and hope to see you at our 2017 events

Your Friends of the Library Executive