

Paint and pass allows teens and tweens to leave their mark

Teens and tweens will have the chance to leave their mark during Paint and Pass at the Fort St. John Public Library.

Young artists will start with their own blank canvas and work on it for five minutes until the bell rings, then they pass their painting to their neighbour.

By the end of the night, they will have added their own artistic flair to 10 other

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paintings, and have their original piece to take home.

Paint and Pass for tweens aged nine to 13 will get to participate May 6 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Teens aged 13 to 18 will have their turn May 13 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

There are only 10 spots per session, so be sure to sign up quickly. For more information, call 250-785-3731.

—Aleisha Hendry



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Wild Things ran rampant through the library on Oct. 12. Part of Fort St. John Loves Families Week, the Wild Rumpus was a chance for kids and parents to hear stories, sing songs, and be as noisy as possible. **Pictured:** Lyndsay Beer and her two-year-old dragon, Asher, and Taylor Moseychuck with her three-year-old monster Isaac.

Friends of the Library in urgent need of board directors

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The Friends of the Fort St. John Public Library are in dire need of directors for its board.

The group does fundraising for the Fort St. John Public Library and needs five people willing to take on responsibilities of the non-profit by May 1 or the group will be dissolved.

“We made a motion that if we can’t find five directors to come on board and carry on with the Friends of the Fort

St. John Library Association, then we’re just going to shut it down,” said Theresa Mucci-Rogers, treasurer of the Friends of the Library. “We just have to find five new directors and revitalize the group again.”

The Friends have helped the library get new shelving, new chairs, iPads, security system and other needed items. The group is probably best known for its annual used book sale that takes up the concourse in the North Peace Cultural Centre.

Mucci-Rogers noted that

joining the non-profit as a director is about more than just taking part in the one event—there’s a lot more to being a director than just selling used books.

“It’s two-fold,” she said. “It’s finding directors to continue with the organization and non-profit and after that finding additional members and volunteers who can actually become active.”

The Friends need people who are willing take on specific roles and do the work necessary to ensure the

success of the group, said Mucci-Rogers. She suggests that those that just want to help out sporadically when they are available to talk to the library board itself and see where they could help out.

Acting chair of the Fort St. John Public Library board Andy Ackerman said losing the Friends would be a blow to the library itself.

“It would have a significant impact on us,” he said.

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“It certainly would impact on the projects that would normally help fund for us, so that means (those projects) would get delayed or not done at all until the budget is there for them.”

Friends has worked on modernizing the group, doing things electronically, getting on social media to help keep the history of the library and raise awareness of the needs of the library.

“The Friends have been there for us for a whole lot of years and they’re always there to support us, that’s why they’re called ‘Friends’ so I think with them not there, we’re not going to have that level of support,” said Ackerman.

Those interested in taking on a director role with the Friends of the Library can email friendsoffsjpl@gmail.com.

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Logan Wheat was one of many kids that had a truly dreadful time, a word which here means just awful, at An Evening of Unfortunate Events at the Fort St. John Public Library last week. Kids had to channel the skills of the Beaudelaire Orphans to solve a puzzle and set a trap for the sinister Count Olaf and his villainous acting troupe.