

NEW LIBRARY NEWS

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A word from the chair...

Exciting days lie ahead for residents of Kentville and Kings County! The **Friends of the Kentville Public Library Society** has been hard at work and our dreams for a *new library* are taking shape. Now it's time for *your* input!

We are pleased to announce that we have chosen MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Limited as the firm to design our new library. Brian MacKay-Lyons is an internationally acclaimed architect who has chosen to come home to Nova Scotia to design community buildings like ours. His experience working with public groups on collaborative design was one of the factors in our choosing him. Through his enjoyable, interactive workshops, he has a chance to hear from the community about their goals for the new library.

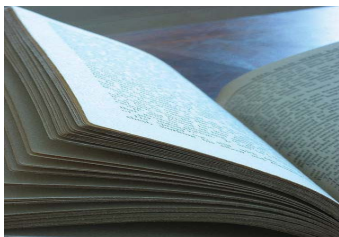
Our new library will be a gathering place as well as an information centre. Experts tell us that a sense of belonging to one's community is an important part of personal happiness. Our up-to-date library will help us achieve that. We need your help to make sure this project will reflect the heart of our community, so come share your ideas and help us in choosing a location and designing the building.

The public is invited to a **Library Design Workshop, facilitated by the architects, March 25, 2008, 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm, at NSCC Kingstec, Kentville.** This will be your chance to hear from the architects and share with them your ideas, in an informal workshop atmosphere. This is a meeting not to be missed!

You can also help by completing the brief survey, on the back, which will help us prepare for the workshop.

I look forward to seeing you!

Frances Schagen, Chair
Friends of the Kentville Public Library Society



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Announcement!

MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Limited has been chosen to design the new library. This firm focuses on design excellence, creating buildings that not only act as cultural landmarks, interpreting and invigorating their context, but also gracefully project the identity of the patrons who commission them.

MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Limited have built an international reputation for design excellence confirmed by over 75 awards, including five Governor General's Medals and the American Institute of Architects' Honor Award. In addition, the firm's work has been featured internationally in over 200 publications and 80 exhibitions. Online, visit www.mlsarchitects.ca

What Matters to You in a New Library?

As we prepare for the Library Design Workshop with the architects March 25th, the Friends would like to hear from you about certain key issues. Please take a few minutes to *fill out the survey below and return it* to the Kentville Library or:

Friends of the Kentville Public Library Society
P.O. Box 37
Kentville, NS B4N 3V9

You may also download the printable survey from our website:

www.kentvillelibrary.org

Important Dates

Monday, Mar. 24, 2008 6:30pm

Friends of the Library monthly meeting. Everyone welcome.

Monday Apr. 28, 2008 6:30pm

Friends of the Library monthly meeting. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday Mar. 25, 2008 7-9:30pm

Library Design Workshop, NSCC Kingstec, Kentville. **Don't miss it!**



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What Matters to You in a New Library?

Please rate, from 1 to 9, the following in the order that they matter to you most for your new library (1 is most important - 9 is least important):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking distance from town core | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor gathering space | <input type="checkbox"/> Availability of coffee, tea and snacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant | <input type="checkbox"/> Local art displayed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy research | <input type="checkbox"/> Community displays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Performance space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting space for your group | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational space |

Plan to attend the **Library Design Workshop** to help us choose a location and design the building.
March 25, 2008 Library Design Workshop
7-9:30pm at NSCC Kingstec, Kentville