



A Message from the Linden Library Committee

The Linden Library Birthday Book Programme

“I didn’t know we had this book.”

“This is perfect ... it’s just what I need!”

Comments like these are often overheard in the library as students discover the gems on our shelves. (Honest. We’re not making this up.) We are small, and will never be the only library a student needs. But, increasingly, we are becoming the first place a student will look for material. This is due, in large part, to the generosity of our donors.

The Birthday Book programme is the foundation of our new book purchases. It is a special way for families to honour their daughter’s birthday by making a gift to the Library in her name. When a family makes a donation to the Programme, the money is used to enhance the Library collection. For the most part, this means we buy books. At special “Book Choosing” events, students are invited to select a book (or books) from our new purchases. A bookplate bearing your daughter’s name and birthday is then placed inside the book.

The Linden Nancy Ruth Library is unique. We do not try to replicate what is typically available in a public library, but seek out books that are inclusive of women and reflect a global diversity of cultures and opinion. The materials we purchase support the curriculum in many respects and promote excellence in academics and girl-centred pedagogy.

People tell us they support the library so strongly because they know how important it is. There is an abundance of research evidence that shows a direct correlation between library use and student achievement. In a world where information is the most important resource, a library is a critical part of learning. Computers are an important resource. (In fact, Linden’s library computer with its high-speed Internet access is an important element of student research.) But it is not enough to be able to Google, copy and paste. Computers cannot replace books and will never do so.

Making even a modest donation to the Birthday Book Programme creates a lasting and valuable contribution to the education of all the young women at the Linden School. If you would like to participate, please complete the tear-off form below and enclose it with your cheque. Please indicate on your cheque that you would like the funds to go to the Birthday Book Programme. Post-dated cheques are acceptable. You may also make donations online by visiting our website: www.lindenschool.ca.

We look forward to another successful year working with your daughters in the library. Thank you for your contribution.

Please return this form with your donation when returning other registration materials.

Please register my daughter in the 2008-2009 Linden Birthday Book Programme.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Birthday: _____
day / month / year

I enclose a cheque payable to the Linden School for:

\$25 ____ \$35 ____ \$50 ____ Other ____

Tax receipts are available for donations over \$10. Please check here if you’d like a receipt ____