



**COMMUNITY SUPPORT** 



### Charity

Friends of the Thunder Bay Public Library

#### **About**

The Friends of the Thunder Bay Public Library promote and support library services, providing vital resources like early literacy packages for new families. Their efforts, backed by community and charitable gaming, nurture a lifelong love of reading.

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# Friends of the Thunder Bay Public Library Champions of Early Literacy

# Supporting a Lifelong Love of Reading

For decades, the Friends of the Thunder Bay Public Library have been dedicated to promoting and supporting library services in Thunder Bay. This group of passionate volunteers works tirelessly to enhance the library's offerings, raise funds for special projects, and foster community engagement. Their efforts ensure that the library remains a vital resource for all residents, from young children to seniors.

# **Empowering the Community Through Literacy Initiatives**

The Friends of the Thunder Bay Public Library play a crucial role in supporting the library's early literacy programs. Through their fundraising efforts, they have provided essential resources, such as the Welcome



**1,200**BABY BOARD BOOKS

**Participating Gaming Centre** 



Baby package, which includes a free board book and a booklet filled with early literacy tips for new parents. This initiative, funded through proceeds from Superior Shores Gaming Centre, encourages families to visit the library, participate in literacy programs, and build a foundation for lifelong learning.

# **Transformative Impact on New Families**

One of the most impactful projects supported by the Friends is the Welcome Baby package. In 2023, they used funds raised through charitable gaming to purchase 1,200 baby board books for new parents across Thunder Bay. These books, along with early literacy tips, are provided at no cost to families through partnerships with local hospitals and midwife clinics. This initiative not only fosters early literacy but also helps new parents connect with the library and find support during a crucial stage of their child's development.

# **Celebrating Community Support and Contributions**

The success of the Friends of the Thunder Bay Public Library is made possible by the unwavering support from volunteers, donors, and the community. Funds raised through the partnership with Superior Shores Gaming Centre have been crucial in sustaining their programs. The Friends extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributes to these efforts, emphasizing that ongoing community and charitable gaming support are essential to their mission.

## **Nurturing a Culture of Learning**

The Friends of the Thunder Bay Public Library exemplify the power of community support in promoting literacy and education. As they continue to support the library's mission, they look forward to new opportunities to serve and enrich the lives of Thunder Bay residents.

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