

## BROOKE FORBES LEGACY FUND - CARPORT SALE NEWS - JULY 2014

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Dear Friends of Brooke and Friends of Friends of Brooke,

Thanks to the wide variety of things donated by the Friends of Brooke in Vancouver, the 2014 Brooke Forbes Legacy Fund Carport Sale raised **\$789.90** for the Fund, bumping our total to more than \$51,000!



In keeping with Brooke's love of stories about all things and in particular about everyday life, here's a sampling of what we heard and observed:

- The first story has to go to Tony. Tony collects CD's. Lots of CD's. Thousands of them. So many that he has no time to listen to them. He was with us for most of the sale meticulously choosing which CDs to buy. In the end, he purchased about 180!
- Our regular used book store owner was back. He usually buys several boxes of books and spends well over \$100. This year was different, he didn't even fill up one box and spent much less. He said his customers of late are always pointing out that ebooks are cheaper – even though they still find a book they want to buy in his store. He has to keep his inventory down so he's buying less. He finds the switch to online reading “a bit depressing.”
- On the topic of a bit depressing, one regular customer wanted to know what we knew about cuts at the CBC. (We talk about Brooke and her career at CBC during the Sale. Her obit from the Globe is posted in the carport in case anyone wants more details. You can see it on the left of the photo above.) He wanted us to pass on his thanks for all the good work the CBC staff do. He was skeptical about the CBC reaching its audience on hand-held devices, at which point another customer said he uses cbc.ca all the time and “It's fabulous!”

- A rather large, loud and jolly man with an Irish accent headed straight for a miniature golf bag that happened to have a mickey of whiskey in it. He told everyone at the sale that being Irish he has a nose for whiskey and smelled it as soon as he entered the Carport!
- Our first sale went to a woman who found the exact edition of A Child's Garden of Versus by Robert Louis Stevenson that her father used to read from when she was a kid in the early fifties. Her mother had accidentally thrown out her dad's copy so she was thrilled to find another one. The inscription in the book says "To Donna. From David. Christmas 1943."
- Only in Vancouver, you say? We had several runners stop by and make purchases that we held for them to pay for and pick up later. In one case, the mom and dad were running and the two kids were riding their bikes. They were delighted to have us set aside the fairy/mermaid/ farm Playmobil combination, particularly the dad who thought it would keep his daughter busy for hours on end.
- And finally, just as we were packing up to donate the items that didn't sell to the Vancouver Public Library and the Sally Ann, a man came buy and bought up most of the kids toys that were left. He said he and his wife regularly send packages of toys to the Philippines. He said whatever they send, gets played with in one fashion or another. FYI: the number of Filipinos immigrating to Vancouver is on the rise and we certainly saw that this year with a good portion of our customers being from the Philippines.

As you know, the funds raised go towards supporting minority youth discovering the joy of making radio. We are funding interns doing community radio at Raycam again this year. We originally thought we'd be working with Co-op Radio but they were moving to a new location and couldn't take on the project this year.

If you'd like to donate to the Fund, you can go to the online giving portal at the link below and your tax receipt will be emailed immediately: <https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=2022&AID=2174>

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Carport Sale a success. We'll be in touch before the end of the year with more details on this year's recipients and news of who will be receiving the funding for 2014/15. Hope you are all having a wonderful summer.

Cheers,

Joan (Andersen), Syd (Portner) and Sid (Sawyer)  
The Carport Sales Team!

