

Giving - Smart and Meaningful

In conjunction with Smart Giving Plan Awareness Week, the Boyne Regional Library Renovation/Expansion Committee takes this opportunity to share stories of citizens who have given in support of this important community project. In addition, we share information about smart giving - tax benefits, and helping to create the future of the community.

In the photograph below, Neil Strachan(left), chair of BRL Board and member of the BRL Reno Committee, stands with Carman Concrete brothers Ron, Carl and Ted Doell. They recently donated \$12,000 for the expansion and renovation of the Library. When asked why they support this project they shared, "Our families and our employees' families are regular users of the library. We are happy to give back to the community as we feel the library is a great resource to Carman and the surrounding area."



The Renovation Committee recognizes Carman Concrete and the Doell families as Guardians of the Library Reno Project, and thanks them for their support.



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For the past four years our family has grown pumpkins and gourds for the purpose of a fundraiser sale in the fall. Ian and Danielle help plant the seeds in the spring and take care of the garden in hopes of a bountiful crop. It is fun for them to watch their plants grow, dig and play in the pumpkin patch. At the end of summer, they choose which local organization they would like to give their pumpkin sale funds to. This year they chose the library, they wanted to help do their part to make the renovation a reality, especially since it is one of their favourite places in Carman to visit. They had seen the pictures of what the library renovation included and were excited to know they would be helping the library to build a larger children's section filled with more books for all the kids in town.

On Saturday September 22, Ian and Danielle held their 4th Annual Pumpkin and Gourds sale in support of the Boyne Regional Library Renovation. Their sale was a huge success! Ian and Danielle raised \$1063.00 thanks to generous people of Carman and surrounding area. They were very proud and excited to know they were giving the money to a place that they and so many other children enjoy. They are excited to see the renovation become a reality, knowing that they did their part to help and to use the library for many years to come:

The Boyne Regional Library Reno Committee congratulates Ian and Danielle on the success of their project and thanks them for giving to the library.

These examples of giving depict the reasons for supporting important community projects such as the library - enjoyment of the library; giving back as a regular user to support an important community resource; excitement, pride, and joy in supporting a place they and their friends have fun, and the satisfaction of knowing that they are supporting the future of their community. These are all very powerful reasons to give.

An important aspect of giving is planning - planning for the projects you support, and planning in terms of the tax benefits of giving. For example, in 2017, on a taxable income of less than \$200,000, a donation of \$2,000 would have given you back almost half of that (\$886.80) in a tax break which would have come directly off your taxes for the year.

Planned giving means supporting and giving back to ensure the future success of your community, and it means understanding your particular tax benefits when you choose to give back.