

FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the LLF board, I would like to share a number of exciting events undertaken by the Foundation this fall term.

Back in September, Loyalist Golf & Country Club hosted the 2021 version of the Sandra Davison Memorial Golf Classic. The event was a great success due to the support of our sponsors, donors of auction items and our crew of resourceful and dedicated volunteers. Thanks to you all! We are looking forward to 2022, when the tournament moves back to the month of June.

The LLF continues to discover new and different ways to inspire excellence in education due to the pandemic. To recognize continuing pandemic challenges, we have moved away from our traditional project-based grants in favour of funding board-wide initiatives addressing our areas of impact (Literacy & Numeracy, Science & Environmental, Visual Arts & Music, Health & Wellness and Technology).

As an example, the LLF is proud to invest \$60,000 to launch 'Books are Back!,' a literacy program to further support Indigenous Education, Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity throughout the Limestone District School Board. These classroom book sets are not textbooks, but important topical stories that would otherwise not be provided by government funding. All students should be able to read stories that affirm their lives and experiences, and the lives and experiences of others. 'Books are Back!' will build rich, Grade 4-6 classroom libraries to instill a lifelong love of reading.

From "Books are Back!" and an upcoming speakers series, to additional winter and spring possibilities, the Foundation needs your help to continue the delivery of these essential initiatives. To make your donation, go to <https://llf.limestone.on.ca>.



Adam Young,
Chair, LLF Board of Directors

LLF GOLF CLASSIC - SEPTEMBER 23, 2021



Lots of ingredients made the LLF's Sandra Davison 2021 Memorial Golf Classic at Loyalist Golf Club, an immense success, but the weather wasn't one of them. Or, maybe it was! Persistent rain and chilling winds just couldn't dampen enthusiastic tournament sponsors, golfers and volunteers, whose efforts raised a remarkable \$55,000!

One unique ingredient deserves special mention. Two talented LDSB students helped out on a "Swing Away Hole" by hitting each golfer's tee shot, for a donation. It led to spirited competition, lots of laughs and fascinating conversations. "It was really fun," said Evan Gaffney, a Grade 8 student at Southview Public School. He's been playing golf for 3 years and has a handicap of 4. "I met so many new people, all of whom were really nice and some who knew my parents", he said. Carter Hartwick, a Grade 9 student at Napanee District Secondary School, with a handicap of 6, also hit the golfer's first tee shot, saying it was "really cool". Both boys signed up for the Golf Classic next year! The student "Swing Away Hole" emphasized an LLF focus on student experiential learning.

BOOKS ARE BACK!



Students gravitate to new books and new stories - especially if they are windows into perspectives and lived experiences of others. Contemporary stories that stimulate positive discussion and empathy in equity, inclusion, resilience and understanding.

Books are Back! will build rich classroom libraries for independent reading. These are not textbooks, but important topical stories featuring high quality, literacy authors' works at appropriate reading levels not provided by government funding. These books range from graphic novels, small chapter books, to full length novels with complex plots and sophisticated themes.

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As part of this project, French Immersion classes will receive English books to support English to French Immersion educators' class libraries. It is the hope of both the LLF and the LDSB that this will support students who are developing a love of reading in both French and English. Support for French books for classroom libraries continues to be a priority and will be made available to French Immersion educators as funding allows.



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