

Friends with BenefitsA look at Friends of the Library Across Canada

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Friends of the Library Reporting Charitable Tax Returns 2006 Charitable Tax Returns

Province/Territory	# Friends /# CRA	% of Total in Study
Alberta	22/24	17.6
British Columbia	24/26	19.2
Ontario	63/66	50.4
Manitoba	2/2	1.6
Newfoundland/Labrador	1/1	0.8
New Brunswick	1/1	0.8
Nova Scotia	3/4	2.4
Prince Edward Island	1/1	0.8
Quebec	4/8	3.2
Saskatchewan	3/3	2.4
Yukon Territory	1/1	0.8
TOTAL Number	125/137	100.0

This table shows the number of Friends groups used in the study , the Province the groups were from and what portion of the total study they represented. Column #Friend/#CRA refers to the number of Friends groups studied compared to number of Friends groups registered with Canada Revenue Agency. Some were eliminated due to missing data

Friends of the Library Total Revenue Reported in Charitable Tax Returns for 2006

Total Revenue	Number Friends Groups	% of Total
\$734-\$2,012	16	12.9
\$2,121-\$4,172	26	21.0
\$5,341-\$14,831	28	22.6
\$15,332-\$49,935	39	31.4
\$50,222-\$97,272	9	7.3
\$122,609-\$267,195	6	4.8

**Top 20 Friends Groups in Canada based on Total Revenue
Reported for 2006 Charitable Tax Returns**

Rank	Friends	City	Province	Population	Revenue
1	Frds Vancouver P.L	Vancouver	BC	1953252	\$267195
2	Frds Ottawa P.L	Ottawa	ON	860928	\$226235
3	Frds Salt Spring Island	Ganges	BC	5000	\$219616
4	Frds Mississauga	Mississauga	ON	699700	\$175918
5	Thornhill Frds of L	London	ON	355900	\$127699
6	Frds of Toronto PL	Toronto	ON	2503281	\$122609
7	Amis de Biblio Montreal	Montreal	QC	3316615	\$97276
8	Frds of London P L	London	ON	353069	\$96572
9	Frds Milo Municipal L	Milo	AB	115	\$92009
10	Frds Lib and Archives Cnd	Ottawa	On	860928	\$82759
11	Frds Wildwood L	Wildwood	AB	450	\$82453
12	Frds Edmonton PL	Edmonton	AB	862544	\$72646
13	Frds Thunder Bay	Thunder Bay	ON	103247	\$65372
14	Fondation Biblio St Lambert	St Lambert	QC	21599	\$56467
15	Frds Ajax	Ajax	ON	90000	\$50222
16	Frds Huntsville	Huntsville	ON	6854	\$49935
17	Frds Lethbridge	Lethbridge	AB	74822	\$48276
18	Frds Winnipeg	Winnipeg	MAN	641483	\$45992
19	Frds River John	River John	NS	2399	\$44941
20	Frds Chesley	Chesley	ON	2010	\$43385

**Top 20 Friends Groups in Canada based on Assets
Reported for 2006 Charitable Tax Returns**

Rank	Friends	City	Province	Population	Assets
1	Frds Ottawa P.L	Ottawa	ON	860928	\$705030
2	Frds Wildwood P.L	Wildwood	AB	450	\$367330
3	Frds Beaverlodge P.L	Beaverlodge	AB	2264	\$283098
4	Frds Mississauga	Mississauga	On	699700	\$261393
5	Frds Lib and Archives Cnd	Ottawa	ON	860928	\$243243
6	Frds of Nanoose Lib	Nanoose Bay	BC	126384	\$202781
7	Fondation Biblio St Lambert	St Lambert	QC	21599	\$202393
8	Frds Huntsville	Huntsville	ON	6854	\$187712
9	Frds of Vancouver P. L	Vancouver	BC	1953252	\$181754
10	Frds of Edmonton P. L	Edmonton	AB	862544	\$163342
11	Thornhill Friends of Lib	London	ON	355900	\$126151
12	Society Frds of Saskatoon	Saskatoon	SASK	206800	\$118321
13	Amis de Biblio Montreal	Montreal	QC	3316615	\$93930
14	Frds KingstonFrontenac PLibrary	Kingston	ON	109431	\$71179
15	Frds of Westlock	Westlock	AB	5008	\$61933
16	Frds of Fort Frances	Fort Frances	ON	7972	\$59836
17	Frds of Beaver Valley Lib	Fruitvale	BC	2025	\$59691
18	Frds of Castlegar & District	Castlegar	BC	8354	\$57068
19	Frds Chesley	Chesley	ON	2010	\$55467
20	Grande Prarier P L Frds	Grande Prairie	AB	48850	\$50811

**Top 20 Friends Groups in
Canada based on Revenue per capita
Reported for 2006 Charitable Tax Returns**

Rank	Friends	City	Province	Population	\$/capita
1	Frds of Milo Municipal	Milo	AB	115	800
2	Frds of Wildwood	Wildwood	AB	450	183
3	Frds of Thorhild	Thorhild	AB	505	44
4	Frds of Saltspring Island	Ganges Saltspring	BC	5000	43
5	Frds of North West River Volunteer	North West River	NFL	551	34
6	Chesley Area Friends	Chesley	ON	2010	21
7	Frds of River John	River John	NS	2399	19
8	Frds of Youngstown	Youngstown	AB	170	16
9	Frds of BeaverValley Lib	Fruitvale	BC	2025	9
10	Frds of Salmo P.L.	Salmo	BC	1007	8.4
11	Frds of Beverlodge P.L.	Beaverlodge	AB	2264	7.8
12	Frds of Huntsville P.L.	Huntsville	ON	6854	7.3
13	Stettler Frds of the Library	Stettler	AB	5435	6.3
14	Frds of Emo P L.	Emo	ON	1173	5.7
15	Frds of Markdale	Markdale	ON	1409	5.5
16	Wiaraton Frds of the Library	Wiaraton	On	2322	5.2
17	Frds of Castlegar& District	Castlegar	BC	8354	4.9
18	Frds of Westlock P.L.	Westlock	AB	5008	4.8
19	Dwight Frds of Lib	Dwight	ON	3570	4.5
20	Frds of Innisfail Lib Soc.	Innisfail	AB	7316	4.3

**Table of Community Population and the Total Revenue Friends Groups raise
According to 2006 Charitable Tax Returns**

Population range	Number of Friends	Mean total Revenue +/- Std Deviation
115-600	6	\$36,581 (+/-)\$36,752
1007-1971	9	\$4,410 (+/-) \$2,896
2010-4944	24	\$9,783(+/-) \$12,009
5000-9533	18	\$28,406(+/-) \$48,333
10402-19194	12	\$10,846 (+/-) \$11,546
21599-56310	14	\$18,432 (+/-) \$14,606
62183-90192	12	\$20,353 (+/-) \$16,423
103247-355900	10	\$49,196 (+/-) \$35,114
504559-862544	6	\$106,262 (+/-) \$70,450
1.953M-3.32M	3	\$162,360 (+/-) \$74,848

Regression of Revenue by Population of Friends Groups across Canada bases on the Charitable Tax Returns from 2006

Figure 1
Population from 115 to 9533

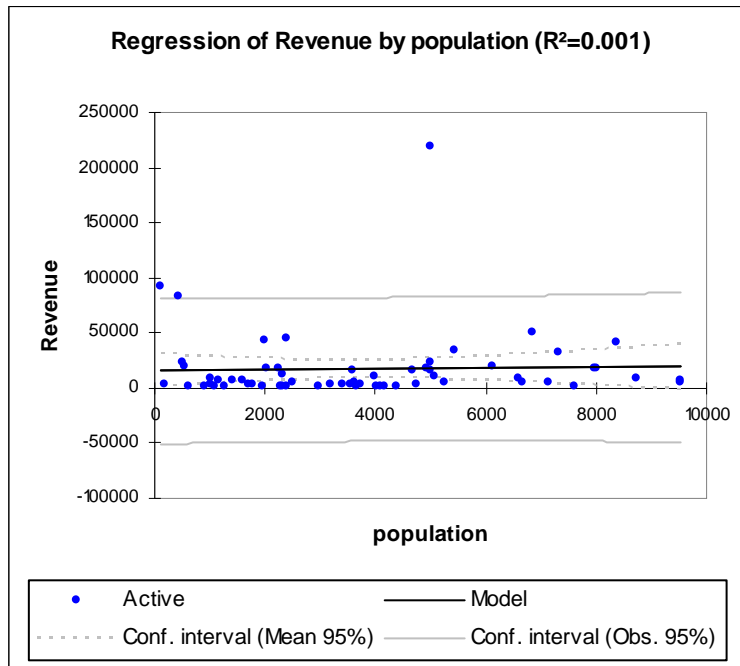
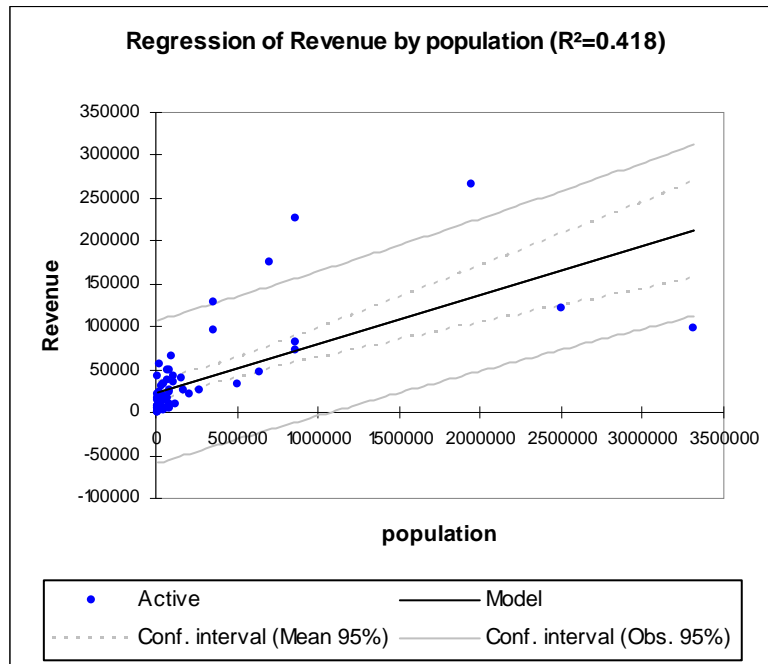


Figure 2
Population over 10,000



Findings & Results

1. There were 137 Friends of the Library or Amis de la Bibliotheque listed on Canada Revenue Charitable Tax Agency. Data was used where the information on Total Revenue was reported for 2006 and a population for the Community could be determined
2. Of the 125 Friends of Libraries reporting Charitable tax returns for 2006 in Canada ,half (63) were from communities with populations under 10,000
3. Half the Friends of Alberta Libraries were from communities under 10,000, Half the Friends of British Columbia Libraries were from Communities with populations under 10,000 and likewise for Ontario.
4. The top 20 Friends groups based on Dollars per capita were from populations under 10,000
5. There was no correlation between population and revenue raised by Friends for communities under 10,000
6. There was a highly significant $p < 0.0001$ correlation between population size and the amount of Funds raised by Friends groups. In general the larger the population base the more money raised.