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PRESS RELEASE

The Friends of the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation receives a \$1,500 donation from the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation

Fredericton, NB – The Friends of the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation are pleased to announce receipt of a donation of \$1,500 for the purchase of library materials for the prevention of family violence. The donation from the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation will be used to purchase collections in both official languages.

The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation was created in 1985 and carries the name of the Hon. Muriel McQueen Fergusson in recognition of her outstanding contribution over many years in the field of justice and social activism. The primary goal of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation is to fund research into the causes, incidence and treatment of family violence, and to promote and sponsor effective public education programs.

“We are pleased to provide this grant to purchase library materials relating to family violence,” said Therese Murray, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation Executive Director. “These education and awareness efforts help strengthen the message of the Fergusson Foundation and its many partners working to end family violence.”

“We are thrilled to be able to work with the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation to ensure that information on the prevention of family violence is made available through the public library system” said Suzanne Duclos, President of the Friends of the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation.

The funds will be spent by New Brunswick Public Library Service (NBPLS), which is the provincial organization responsible for the management of the public library system including the development of library collections for the province’s sixty-one public libraries and four bookmobiles. NBPLS will invest these funds in new library materials in English and French on the prevention of family violence. These materials will be distributed to public libraries and bookmobiles throughout the province.

The public library system and the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation work in close collaboration to increase the financial support targeted to the purchase of library collections for public libraries and bookmobiles.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the Libraries Foundation, please visit our website www.librariesfoundation.ca.

If you would like more information about New Brunswick Public Library Service, please visit their website at www.gnb.ca/publiclibraries or contact the public library, bookmobile or regional office nearest you. You will find their contact information on the NBPLS website or by calling the provincial office at (506) 453-2354.

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In the photo, from left to right, Ms. Therese Murray, Executive Director of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation, presenting a cheque for \$1,500 to Ms. Suzanne Duclos, President of the Friends of the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation.