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## LADIES ON LITERATURE



Fourteen fabulous women who love their wine...and their shoes... as much as their books, LOL is back for a second season!

The Ladies on Literature wrapped up our first season in a manner fitting for a book club as passionate about wine and a good time as we are reading. In support of Project Literacy—and in a fine display of shoes—many of us showed up at Words and Wine, PLKS's 25th anniversary celebration held in June, at Kelowna's Laurel building.

A non-profit organization, PLKS provides free tutoring in reading, writing, and math to needy individuals in the community. Pleased to support Project Literacy, some

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LOL members act as tutors and all generously donate funds, collected at our monthly meetings.

So, what does this have to do with shoes?

Also in the spirit of giving, the LOL have added an interesting element to our get-togethers: a sexy shoe exchange of sorts.

It all started when one of my best friend's was given a pair of prancy stilettos worthy of some serious dancing—or maybe just sashaying across the bedroom floor—by one of her best friends. When said shoes did not fit, my friend-disappointed but determined to find worthy feet—sent them to me.

I squealed with delight at the purple-heeled sight of the Marciano's, but

sadly they were too big. In a bid to find them a pretty place in some Cinderella's closet, I brought them in a gift bag to an LOL meeting. Around the room the shoes went to the sound of appreciative gasps followed by wishful murmurings, until, at last, they landed in Cindy W's lap. And fit her feet. Perfectly.

Cindy saves the shoes for special occasions—like the PLKS fundraiser—but her husband would be happy to see them anytime.

You never know what may happen at an LOL meeting. Join us online at [shannonlinden.ca](http://shannonlinden.ca) to see what we're reading, sipping, savoring, and yes, what shoes we're exchanging. Welcome back to our second season!

[www.shannonlinden.ca](http://www.shannonlinden.ca)

# Moon Festival, September 30th at Rutland Centennial Hall



On the evening of Sunday September 30th, look up. According to the ancient Chinese lunar calendar, this night marks the 15th day of the 8th month (the 8th full moon) in the Year of The Dragon. Look up and check-out the breath-taking bright full moon that's hanging low in the dark twinkling skies

The Chinese Moon festival, also called the Mid-Autumn Festival, is associated with legends is full of colourful characters, dramas, dances, feasting, moon gazing, storytelling, and, of course, making and tasting moon cakes!

There are hundreds of varieties of moon cakes with different styles of pastry, wrapping and rich, dense fillings of nuts, bean or lotus pastes, dry or fresh pork meat. A whole egg yolk is often placed in the filling to symbolize the moon. Moon cakes can be made at home, but today, they are usually purchased from Asian food and grocery markets.

Moon Festival originated in China and is celebrated in many South East Asian countries. In late evening of this holiday, families typically sit together on their patios to appreciate the beauty of the full moon, to tell stories of ancient tales to the children, and to enjoy a variety of moon cakes.

Our Canadian version of Moon Festival will be held at the Rutland Centennial Hall on Friday Sep. 28 6-9pm, two days ahead of the actual holiday to maximize participation. We would like to share cultures, traditions and stories about the moon with all other communities. For those pre-registered to tell a moon story or how to celebrate moon in your culture, such as the Harvest Moon, on the stage of our event, we will reward you a moon cake! There will be stage performance, dancing, singing, poem reading with subject of moon, as well as onsite activities for whole family enjoyment - cultural and historical exhibition, children story telling contest, ethnic food booths, moon cake sampling and more.

Come and join us for moon gazing!

This event brought to you by Okanagan Chinese Canadian Association, Intercultural Society of Central Okanagan (ISCO) and Okanagan Korean Culture and Knowledge Society (OKCK). Free Admission. No reservations necessary. FMI occa@hotmail.ca

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