



# Bridging Generations Spring 2012

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## Mark your Calendars:

Florio Bursary Deadline  
March 15th– May 15th

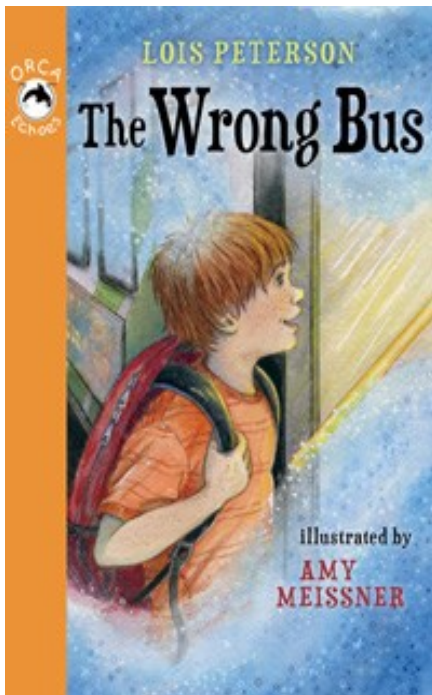
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More information will be  
available shortly!

## Hold the Date:

The Summer Volunteer  
Grandparents Picnic is  
scheduled for **Saturday,  
August 11, 2012** at  
Confederation Park in  
Burnaby.

## Program Update:

- A special thank you is extended to Volunteer Grandparents, Manny and Thelma, for helping provide program information at Barclay Manor in Vancouver. We hope that our presentation motivates some more seniors to get involved with our amazing organization.
- Media Update: In January of this year, a Volunteer Grandparent was interviewed for a short article that was published in Reader's Digest.
- Recently, we have applied for funding for one summer student through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. We anticipate that our student will be involved with planning the summer picnic this year.



We would like to thank author Lois Peterson for donating 10% of her royalties for the upcoming sales of her new book, *The Wrong Bus*. Books can be purchased for \$6.95 on the [Orca Book Publishers website](http://www.orcabooks.com).

On Saturday, April 14th, 2012 from 1-3pm the author will be having a book launch featuring *The Wrong Bus* and another book titled, *The Paper House* at the Newton Cultural Centre in Surrey. The event will include a drumming circle, a short reading, children's activities and refreshments. This is a free event open to everyone! There will also be a special draw for grandparents and grandchildren as both books involve child-grandparent relationships.

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## **Mary Florio's Bursary Fund**

Volunteer Grandparents and the Florio Family are announcing the opening of competition for the bursaries program, organized for grandchildren involved with our organization.

To be eligible, we require from participating Volunteer Grandparents to recommend a grandchild(ren), providing reasons in writing as to why it is necessary for them to receive financial assistance. No academic achievements are required, just a genuine interest and a need.

Please nominate your grandchild(ren) by submitting a letter of interest to :

**Volunteer Grandparents  
203-2101 Holdom Avenue  
Burnaby, BC  
V5B 0A4**

In the letter make sure to include: your name and phone number, the name and telephone number of your grandchild(ren), a description of your special connection, and how the financial assistance would benefit the grandchild (ren).

Deadline for submission is **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Grossi, Program Coordinator 604-736-8271. This competition is open from March 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Award winners will be promptly notified.

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