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Below: Grab & Go Bags



Castlegar & District



Public Library

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020

MISSION STATEMENT

YOUR SPECIAL PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY TO
EXPLORE, CREATE, SHARE IDEAS,
INFORMATION & HAVE FUN.

CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

2020 is a year that will not soon be forgotten. The COVID-19 pandemic came as a surprise and brought with it challenges that have never been faced by the library before. And yet, through these challenges, the library staff quickly adapted to ensure it could still serve the community. In the spring, although the library closed their doors like everywhere else, they made a quick pivot to enhanced online services. Once the initial shutdown subsided, curbside pick-up allowed books to be circulated once again. And, when it became safe to do so, the library re-opened with COVID-19 safety protocols in place. There are many accomplishments the library completed in 2020 that address the four focus areas of our strategic plan. Some examples include:



Focus Area 1: Organizational Vitality – Supported the development of library staff through participation in many virtual professional development opportunities.

Focus Area 2: Physical Space and Collections – Increased the Overdrive collection (e-books and audiobooks), and made improvements to the small meeting room through furniture purchases.

Focus Area 3: Community Engagement – Communicated with the community at regular intervals over various channels (social media and newspapers) to inform patrons as library services evolved in response to the pandemic.

Focus Area 4: Innovation and Programming – Created *Virtual Story Time with a Grab and Go Twist*, providing families with activities to take home and virtual programming for toddler, preschool, and school-aged children. Over 1,300 grab and go bags were distributed in 2020.

The last Library AGM was in person just days before the pandemic started. Since then, the Board quickly adapted to Zoom. Although we all miss seeing each other in person, we have worked hard to maintain strong relationships to support the library's needs throughout the pandemic. We are very proud of our diverse Board, including having two young adults who bring their youthful energy and perspectives.

Thank you to the Friends of Library for your continued support. Your fundraising activities on our behalf are appreciated. And even though most activities in 2020 could not go as planned, we are still so very grateful for your contributions.

Thank you to all of our funders. Your support is vital to ensure we are able to remain a special place in the community.

And most of all, thank you to our Library Director Kim and the fantastic staff who kept library services running throughout the pandemic. These services helped many people get through 2020. Your hard work and dedication are commended. Your tireless energy and innovative thinking allowed the library to continue to serve the community – turning challenges into opportunities.

On behalf of the Board, Jayme Jones and Sarah Byers

Facts & Stats 2020

- ◆ New items purchased = 2,858
- ◆ Virtual story time views = 4,957
- ◆ Grab & go craft packs prepared = 1,380
- ◆ eBook & audiobook checkouts = 20,289
- ◆ Artist showings = 5
- ◆ High-touch cleaning sessions = 1,326
- ◆ Curbside service circulations = 4,091

Something for Everyone

Fiction & non-fiction	Small engine repair databases
Digital magazines	DVDs
Print magazines	Large print books
Download eBooks & audio	Books on CD
books for adults and children	Programs for all ages
Newspapers	Outreach programs
Learn with Lynda.com	And MORE...



Virtual Summer Reading Club

Location & Hours

1005-3rd St.
Castlegar, BC V1N 2A2
Monday-Thursday 9-6
Friday 9-5
Saturday 10-5
Sunday—Closed

Castlegar & District Public Library
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements 2020

	2020	2019
Revenue		
Grants	\$591,056	\$610,036
Memberships and fines	2,983	8,196
Book and misc. sales	6,799	13,033
Donations and bequests	5,818	2,927
Interest	1,663	1,992
Donated services	<u>17,359</u>	<u>25,899</u>
Total	625,678	662,083
Expenses		
Bank charges	1,123	1,325
Books, periodicals, audio visuals	73,143	91,665
Memberships and dues	1,001	1,146
Office supplies	26,355	33,616
Professional development	0	1,190
Professional services	3,413	3,675
Repairs and maintenance	41,257	50,268
Special events (Programming)	3,754	7,425
Subcontracts (Bookkeeping)	9,245	9,345
Telephone	3,165	3,154
Utilities	10,592	12,356
Wages and benefits	<u>399,668</u>	<u>409,412</u>
	572,716	624,577
Amortization	<u>17,555</u>	<u>18,834</u>
Total	590,271	643,411
Excess	<u>\$35,407</u>	<u>\$18,672</u>

Library Board

Jayme Jones—Co-Chair
 Sarah Byers— Co-Chair-Area J
 Leeza Perekhodoff—Treasurer
 Dan Rye—City Rep
 Terry Gerling—Area I
 Jill Seaborn
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 Nova MacDougall
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 Kim Thien

Shemmaho Goodenough—Past
 Treasurer
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Bev Onischak
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 Trish Glass

Egghead

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Below: Covid-19 Hearts



Window Art: Laura Zaytsoff

2020 Volunteers

Joy Andersen
Dianne Boyd
Geri Bryden
Sue DeWolf
Gayle Edwards
Janelle Ellis
Rosemary Enefer
Sandra Foster
Trish Glass
Joan Grigsby
Brenda Letcher
Diane Marno
Joan Mason
Marilyn Miraglia
Lynne Miskell
Julie Morrison
Cindy Mussio
Naida Patterson
Bev Salmon
Judy Sayers
Bev Sharp
Alan Sheppard
Nel Vandergaag
Tracy Winegarden

Librarians

Kimberly Partanen Library Director
Julie Kalesnikoff
Vera Terpin
Laura Vander Hoek
Laura Zaytsoff
Margaret Tessman
Alex Seaborn

Casual Librarians

Marcia Moore
Jennifer Stew

Pages

Gemma Van Doesburg
Jessica Smithies
Channah MacInnis
Olivia Newman
Amy Chang

Summer Students

Victoria Francis
Sayma Hussain

Below: Curbside Take Out



DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Photo Credit: Chelsea Novak, Castlegar News

Every year I begin my Annual General Report by looking at statistics. How much did we do of everything? Circulation, people through the door, programs, internet usage, etc. These numbers measure our success. 2020 was the year that never was in terms of the usual things I count, so what are our wins in this unique year?

When the library closed on March 17th, our focus shifted to ensuring community members knew what electronic resources were available and how to access them. We enabled a self-registration option for people to sign up for a library card remotely and created an online form for people to ask for assistance. We compiled resource-rich newsletters for our adult, children and youth patrons with detailed access instructions so that our cardholders could get the maximum benefit during our closure.

With grants from the BC Government and the Kootenay Library Federation, we boosted our eBook and audiobook collection for all ages to meet the increasing demand. Castlegar patrons borrowed 20,289 eBooks and audiobooks in 2020, an increase of over 4,000 items in 2019.

Our children's librarians began to record stories for children immediately. Their stories have 4597 views and counting. Engaging take-home crafts paired with the stories disappear quickly. 1,380 bags went home with families in 2020.

Beginning June, we launched a Curbside Service. Staff pulled and packaged over 4,000 library items for pickup at our front door. It was gratifying to see how happy our patrons were to receive their books. It was a true pleasure to connect with our members again.

We were fortunate to receive both Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs grants in 2020 to fund two Summer Reading Club Coordinators. We felt it was vitally important for our community to take advantage of the online Summer Reading Club portal developed by BCLA and employ post-secondary students for the summer. Although we did not have in-person programs, students engaged children and youth via Zoom and distributed 600 craft bags for kids to pick up and take home. The craft bags brought families into the library and encouraged them to check out materials.

The library hosted five individual artists in 2020. As a central, busy, public space, the library is a popular venue for artists to show and sell their work. Patrons appreciate the ever-changing displays and often discuss the work with staff. We featured pastel on canvas, pencil drawings, jewelry and miniatures, aviation art, local landscapes, photography, and paint pouring this year.

A 2020 report would not be complete without mentioning our hourly cleaning schedule. On the hour, every opening hour, staff disinfect all high touch surfaces and clean every keyboard, mouse, chair and counter after each use of our public computers.

My deepest thanks to the library staff for continuing high-quality library service through unprecedented times. You have met every challenge we have faced with a dedication to community service.

Our library board is a stellar group of community members. They have been supportive, responsive and thoughtful in the library's approach to navigating the pandemic. My appreciation goes out to Jayme Jones for 4 productive years on our board. Your leadership has been an asset to the library. We will miss you.