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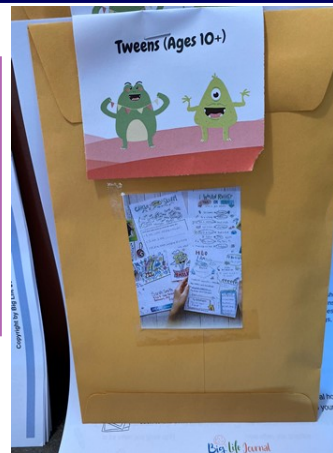
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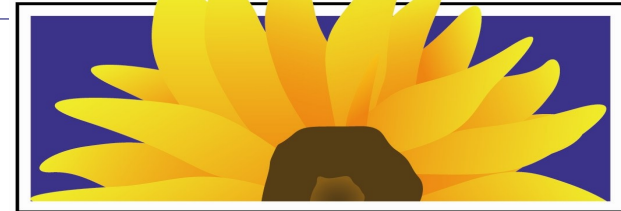


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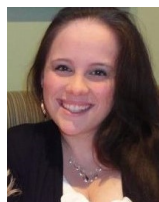
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~ Minds Grow Here ~

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

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



CO- CHAIR'S REPORT

2021 continued to present challenges due to the pandemic and the Public Health Orders. A hybrid model of programming was maintained throughout the year. The library staff rose to the challenge and offered exceptional, innovative programming for our community. Zoom meetings continued for the board of trustees. We finally met face to face at the staff/board holiday bowling party in December.

The BC Restart Plan in June allowed for spaced seating in the library. Volunteers returned the first of November. This year the library was nominated for a community social award through the Chamber of Commerce. Even though we didn't win, it was still an honour to be nominated. The front steps were redone, thanks to the city, and now look great.

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We continue to move forward in the four focus areas of our strategic plan.

Organizational Vitality: ongoing curating of an Indigenous Library to Go eBook Collection, continued professional development opportunities for staff, BCLA 2021 online conference.

Physical Space and Collections: new chairs purchased with donation from Friends, meeScan self checkout system implemented.

Community Engagement: library volunteers returned, bags given out at the Farmer's Market which had the library logo on them, newspaper articles, virtual story time, outside story time and grab and go bags.

Innovation and Programming: summer reading club hybrid model (virtual and in person outdoors), author readings resumed, adult summer bingo, purchased lendable technology (18 Playaway Launchpads and 2 Victor Readers).

The Board would like to express our gratitude to all of our funders for the vital ongoing support. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for helping to make the library a better community space.

This past year has been a difficult one for the library director and staff due to the increased frustration society as a whole is experiencing. The Board would like to thank you for your diligence and compassion towards patrons and non-patrons. On behalf of the Board, we look forward to a more "open" 2022.



Our Year in Numbers

- ◆ New items added = 3,899
- ◆ Program attendance = 1,757
- ◆ Grab & go craft packs prepared = 3,335
- ◆ eBook & audiobook checkouts = 19,740
- ◆ Digital magazines borrowed = 2,463
- ◆ New library cardholders = 403
- ◆ Public computer sessions = 2,845
- ◆ Materials borrowed = 92,223



Giving Tree

Something for Everyone

Fiction & non-fiction

Digital magazines

Print magazines

Newspapers

LinkedIn Learning

Radon Detectors

Outreach

Downloadable eBooks & audiobooks—all ages

DVDs

Large print books

Launch pads

Bat Pack



2021 Summer Reading Club

Location & Hours

1005-3rd St.

Castlegar, BC V1N 2A2

Monday-Tuesday 10-6

Wednesday-Thursday 10-8

Friday—Saturday 10-5

Sunday—Closed

Castlegar & District Public Library
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements 2021

	2021	2020
Revenue		
Grants	\$619,773	\$591,056
Memberships and fines	5,508	2,983
Book and misc. sales	7,104	6,799
Donations and bequests	7,387	5,818
Interest	1,572	1,663
Gain on Disposal of Capital Asset	261	0
Donated services	<u>11,808</u>	<u>17,359</u>
Total	653,413	625,678
Expenses		
Bank charges	1,207	1,123
Books, periodicals, audio visuals	78,359	73,143
Insurance	2,325	
Memberships and dues	1,205	1,001
Office supplies	42,278	26,355
Professional development	1,225	0
Professional services	3,300	3,413
Repairs and maintenance	36,568	41,257
Special events (Programming)	5,268	3,754
Subcontracts (Bookkeeping)	9,040	9,245
Telephone	3,161	3,165
Utilities	13,626	10,592
Wages and benefits	<u>409,456</u>	<u>399,668</u>
	607,018	572,716
Amortization	<u>15,603</u>	<u>17,555</u>
Total	<u>622,621</u>	<u>590,271</u>
Excess	<u>\$30,792</u>	<u>\$35,407</u>

Library Board

Sarah Byers—Co-Chair-Area J Rep
 Nova MacDougall— Co-Chair
 Leeza Perehudoff—Treasurer
 Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff —City Rep
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Egg Head generously donated by Grant Thornton

Friends of the Library

Gordon Turner
 Bev Onischak
 Terry Gerling —Board Rep
 Trish Glass



Above: New lendable launchpads.

Side:
 Laura, Julie & Bonhomme.

French book donation from Canadian Parents for French Castlegar Chapter.

Librarians

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

Casual Librarians

Marcia Moore

Pages

Gemma Van Doesburg
Jessica Smithies
Chanah MacInnis
Mercedes Phillips

Summer Students

Sayma Hussain
Mandi Knudsen

Gloria Currie Bookkeeper

2021 Volunteers

Joy Andersen
Dianne Boyd
Geri Bryden
Sue DeWolf
Janelle Ellis
Sandra Foster
Brenda Letcher
Joan Mason
Marilyn Miraglia
Diane Marno
Lynne Miskell
Cindy Mussio
Naida Patterson
Judy Sayers
Alan Sheppard
Tracy Winegarden



Reading Bingo Kobo Winner Trish Glass (Right) and retired Librarian Laura Vander Hoek (Left).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Looking back at 2021 the phrase that comes to mind is "*Stay the Course.*"



As covid continued to put limits on in-person programs at the library, our staff offered online and outdoor storytime making good use of the library amphitheatre in all kinds of weather. Laura and Julie dedicated themselves to preparing 3,335 takeaway craft kits for families last year, an epic task.

Summer Reading Club Coordinators held a hybrid (online/outdoor) program combined with weekly grab & go activity bags. The students arranged 5 special outdoor guests including Circle of Indigenous Nations Society's Liam Fitzpatrick, Selkirk Colleges' Takaia Larsen, Wild Safe BC's Lindsey Dewart, musician Steve Gosselin and Ryan Dutchak from the Doukhobor Discover Centre. The summer wrapped up with Mayor Kirk Duff handing out reading medals to the kids. Seventeen local businesses contributed prizes to the club, which added to the overall joy of the kids involved.

With a One-Time Technology Grant from the BC Government, we purchased 18 lendable tablets for our library collection. These pre-loaded tablets come full of skill-building fun and learning opportunities covering math, STEAM and reading. Tablets come ready to use and do not require an internet connection. We also added a new self-checkout station at our service counter giving patrons convenience and privacy.

The Kootenay Library Federation (KLF) partners continued to promote the Read Local adult book club and the Kootenay Teen book club. These online clubs are an interesting hybrid that combines a book club with an author reading. We were also excited to host popular mystery writer Iona Wishaw in partnership with the Creston and Rossland Public Library. In the fall Slocan Valley author Rita Moir held our first in-person author talk discussing her recent memoir *Not of Reason*.

I am pleased to see our statistics rebounding over last year. In 2021, we circulated 92,223 items, which is an increase of 22,000 over last year and 71,526 people came to the library, which is 18,000 more than 2020.

Our library year wrapped up with our Annual Food for Fines and Giving Tree events. Library patrons knit hats, scarves, mittens and soft animals generously decorating our Christmas tree. Our big food box was filled twice this year making 2021 our most successful food drive. The Community Harvest Food Bank distributes all items within our community.

My sincere appreciation goes out to library staff, our board and volunteers. Each of you collectively work towards making our library a treasured resource in our community.