

Castlegar & District



Public Library

~ Minds Grow Here ~

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

MISSION STATEMENT

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



CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

2022 seemed to be a much more “normal” year for library patrons. It certainly was nice to be able to sit at a table again! The Board continued to have their monthly meetings by Zoom. We continue to

move forward in the four focus areas of our 3-year strategic plan.

Focus Area #1 Organizational Vitality

With a grant from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, the library purchased First Nation communities Read titles for children, adults and youth. As well, staff attended a webinar: Discovering and Evaluating titles for Inclusion in Library Indigenous Collections.

Staff attended the British Columbia Library Association online 2022 conference. One staff participated in a Canadian Mental Health Association course for those working with teens. Our library director participated in professional development from the Association of British Columbia Public Library Directors on Working with a Board and By-stander Intervention Training. As well, three board members attended a governance workshop in Nelson given by the British Columbia Library Trustee Association and the Kootenay Library Federation.

Thanks to the Columbia Basin Trust and a technology grant for non-profits, seven new staff computers were purchased.

Focus Area #2: Physical Space and Collections

New easy clean furniture was purchased with a BC Government Covid Relief grant. We will be getting a new roof but this was delayed due to supply chain issues and then the change in seasons. We put forward a request for a Columbia Basin Trust Sustainable Expression of Interest and had a site visit. We are hoping for help to cut our energy costs. Stay tuned!

Focus Area #3: Community Engagement

In the spring of 2022, we had a Speech and Hearing Month partnership with the Kootenay Family Place Speech Pathologist. The library had a newspaper article written and also social media coverage around this partnership. A special collection of children's materials were purchased to do a display.



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2022 Core Funders & Partners

Libraries Branch

Province of BC

Generous Summer Reading Club Sponsors

Dragon Flies and Fairy Dust
Shoppers Drug Mart
Heritage Credit Union
Kootenay Savings Credit Union
The Shop
Safeway
Crumbs
Home Hardware

Dairy Queen
Boston Pizza
Mallards Source for Sports
Canadian Tire
Marks Work Warehouse
Pharmasave
Kel Print

Below: Monty the dog visits the library.



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City of Castlegar

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Our Partners & Supporters

Friends of the Castlegar & District Public Library	Columbia Basin Trust
Kootenay Library Federation	Castlegar News
BC Library Trustees Association	Castlegar Community Harvest Food Bank
BC Library Association	Kootenay Family Place—Speech Language Pathologist
Donna Schmidt Lung Cancer Prevention Society	Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy
Canada Summer Jobs (HRDC)	Canadian Parents for French: Castlegar Chapter
Canadian Council of Archives—Young Canada Works	Kootenay Savings Credit Union

Below: Teen Friends of the Library window painting.



In the fall of 2022, our partnership with the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy resumed and the Parent Child Mother Goose resumed in the library. Also in the fall, the library worked with Kootenay Savings Credit union to create a financial Literacy Month display and boost resources.

Focus Area #4: Innovation and Programming

Our outdoor story time and craft bags was finally able to move inside again this year. Bat Packs donated by the Kootenay Library Federation were ready for loan in the winter of 2022. Corel Draw Graphics was purchased in the spring of 2022 with a digitization station available for public use. As well, the library purchased sixteen additional Launchpad tablets, the Lote Online Multilingual Story Database for Kids, and an additional \$3,000 investment in Overdrive Advantage ebooks and audio books for Castlegar cardholders.

The Board would like to express our gratitude to all of our funders for their vital ongoing support. We could not make the library the welcoming community space it is without your support. A big thanks to Friends of the Library for their ongoing fundraising endeavours and donations. You are also a big part of our ability to do what we do!

Last but not least, a big shout out to our library director, Kim, and the amazing staff who continuously give excellent service.

On Behalf of the Board, Nova MacDougal & Mo Forster



Above: CBAL, Lions Club & the Library share Family Literacy Week fun.

Library Board

Sarah Byers—Co-Chair-Area J Rep
 Nova MacDougall— Co-Chair
 Leeza Perehudoff—Treasurer
 Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff —City Rep
 Terry Gerling—Area I
 Jesse Ellis
 Wendy Hurst
 Geeta Gillespie
 Dianne Galloway
 Mo Forster

Olga Sherstobitoff—Recording Secretary



Egg Head generously donated by Grant Thornton



Speech and Hearing Month

Laura Zaytsoff & Registered Speech Language Pathologist
 Gent Harrison

Our Year in Numbers

- ◆ New items added = 4,520
- ◆ Program attendance = 2,289
- ◆ eBook & audiobook checkouts = 20,194
- ◆ Digital magazines borrowed = 2,974
- ◆ New library cardholders = 616
- ◆ In person visits = 75,729
- ◆ Public computer sessions = 4,064
- ◆ Materials borrowed = 97,526



Something for Everyone

Fiction & non-fiction
 Digital magazines
 Print magazines
 Newspapers
 LinkedIn Learning
 Radon Detectors

Outreach for seniors
 Downloadable eBooks & audiobooks—all ages
 DVDs
 Large print books
 Launch pads
 Bat Pack



BC Summer Reading Club 2022

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 2022

	2022	2021
Revenue		
Grants	\$ 639,248	\$ 619,773
Memberships and fines	7,012	5,508
Book and misc. sales	9,201	7,104
Donations and bequests	2,423	7,387
Interest	7,507	1,572
Gain on Disposal of Capital Asset	-	261
Donated services	<u>22,944</u>	<u>11,808</u>
Total	688,335	653,413
Expenses		
Bank charges	1,450	1,207
Books, periodicals, audio visuals	91,648	78,359
Insurance	1,500	2,325
Memberships and dues	1,255	1,205
Office supplies	34,706	42,278
Professional development	1,279	1,225
Professional services	3,500	3,300
Repairs and maintenance	49,554	36,568
Special events (Programming)	7,371	5,268
Subcontracts (Bookkeeping)	9,066	9,040
Telephone	3,163	3,161
Utilities	11,310	13,626
Wages and benefits	<u>452,791</u>	<u>409,456</u>
	668,593	607,018
Amortization	<u>10,964</u>	<u>15,603</u>
Total	679,557	622,621
Excess	\$ 8,778	\$ 30,792

Librarians

Kimberly Partanen Library Director
Julie Kalesnikoff
Vera Terpin
Laura Zaytsoff
Margaret Tessman
Alex Seaborn
Marcia Moore

Casual Librarian

Victoria Francis

Pages

Chanah MacInnis
Mercedes Phillips
Kiran Dias
Haylee McIvor

Summer Students

Cole Hoodicoff
Andrew Seredynsky

Gloria Currie Bookkeeper

2022 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 Winegarten

Friends of the Library

Gordon Turner
Bev Onischak
Terry Gerling —Board Rep
Juliet Genero
Linda Miller
Nova MacDougall



Above & Right: Crafting fun at A to Z Toddler Time.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As with many activities these days, 2022 was a hybrid year for our library. The year started with a dogged determination to offer outdoor story time for toddlers and preschoolers in all kinds of weather.



Staff continued to assemble and distribute popular weekly take away craft kits for toddlers through tweens, bringing families into the library.

In-person indoor programming resumed with 161 children and youth registering for our Summer Reading Club. Weekly programs and activities included science experiments, Popsicle stick bridge competitions, crafts, prizes and lots of reading. Contributing to the fun were special guests, including children's author Kathy Sager, WildsafeBC, and COINS (Circle of Indigenous Nations Society).

Fall and winter programs focused on literacy and social connection. The Parent Child Mother Goose Program for babies returned to the library in partnership with CBAL. Parents are meeting, talking, laughing and learning together. A to Z Toddler Time and Preschool storytime welcome children aged 3-5 in two weekly programs. Each session promotes social connection, literacy, early learning, creativity and fine motor skills through arts and crafts.

Reading Buddies brings children and teens together to build literacy skills in an enjoyable way. This program builds a connection with the library and all of the resources it has to offer. Youth have an opportunity for a rewarding volunteer experience and children improve their reading skills giving them confidence in the classroom.

Teen Friends of the Library gather once per week for activities that enhance the library. In the first season of this program, youth painted the library windows, created displays in the teen section, helped set up a library book sale, crafted, and learned more about what the library has to offer. This positive program is a safe space that brings youth out of their homes and meeting each other after pandemic isolation.

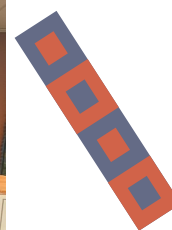
During the past year, local authors and experts returned for in-person readings. Topics ranged from retirement coaching, healing from trauma, surviving a collision with a drunk driver, coping with the loss of loved ones and growing up in a Doukhobor community. These events provide opportunities for members of the community to come together to learn, talk and share.

The library continued to build our digital collections to meet the needs of our patrons. We augmented our provincially shared Library-to-Go eBook and audiobook collection targeting new purchases that reduce wait times for our patrons. We subscribed to a multilingual online story telling resource called Lote4Kids connecting children with books in their own language.

With a BC Government Covid Relief and Recovery Grant, we replaced all of our old cloth furniture with vinyl and antimicrobial seating. The new seating is comfortable and easy to keep clean giving our patrons a more hygienic environment to relax and work. We purchased 16 new chairs, an easy chair, a love seat and a child sized couch.

The numbers tell us the Library is bouncing back! Over 4,000 more people visited us this past year, more than 5,000 additional items circulated, and 1,200 more folks used our computers in 2022 versus 2021. Many thanks to library staff, board members, Friends of the Library and our volunteers who work to provide quality library service that our community is proud of.

Kimberly Partanen



Left: Teen Friends of the Library.