



# ANNUAL REPORT 2012





## Message from the Board of Trustees

2012 was a very eventful year for the board of the Gibsons and District Public Library. One of our main objectives was to review the results of our December 2011 community survey and use them to chart the way through a strategic planning process. However those plans went on hold in April when our long-time Chief Librarian, Michelle Southam, resigned to pursue a job opportunity in Ontario and we found ourselves in the middle of a search process.

To provide library-specific HR expertise, the board hired Karen Dyck (retired Director of the Port Coquitlam Public Library) who had helped Sechelt Library to hire their Chief Librarian, Helen Prosser. Karen took on the work of advertising and preliminary screening, so that the board could concentrate on establishing our priorities and interviewing candidates. She also kept us on our toes with her keen insight and dry wit, and she brought lots of candy.

We owe a very large thank-you to the entire library staff for pitching in and running the library without a Chief Librarian from mid-May to the end of September, especially Eileen Hare and Mr. & Mrs. Library (Stu and Maureen Young).

Out of a truly impressive field of applicants (28), the Board Selected Tracey Therrien, former Library Director of the Smithers Public Library. We were delighted to welcome her to Gibsons on October 1, 2012.

Our deferred Strategic Planning process finally started in late November. Facilitator Sue Inglis held individual and group meetings with the board and staff to evaluate our current services and get input on future directions, and the process is continuing into 2013. Our plan will focus strategies for the next five years in a time of tremendous technological change and continuing economic challenge.

Talking of funding, we'd like to thank the SCRD for their support. Area F Director Lee Turnbull sat as the SCRD representative on this board for the last seven years, providing invaluable advice and advocacy on our behalf. This fall, she was replaced by Area E Director Lorne Lewis, who is also a long term member and supporter of this library. And a special thank you to Peter Longhi, chief building inspector, who has dealt with a number of long-standing repair and maintenance issues in our building. We are all tuned up with new gutters, a new outside paint job, and even great new windows that open.

Finally, we can't forget to acknowledge and thank our closest partner, the Gibsons and District Library Foundation, for their ongoing hard work and generous donations.

## Message from the Chief Librarian

2012 can be defined as the year of partnerships. Late in 2011 the library developed a new position; Partnership Coordinator. With this new position our goal for 2012 was to build and foster old and new partnerships in the community.

The library partnered with agencies such as Capilano University, Sunshine Coast Literacy Council, Gibsons Rotary, Telus, School District 46, Sunshine Regional District, ICBC, and St. Barts' Food Bank, to provide programming and services in the library and at various locations around Gibsons.

Examples of new and innovative programming included, developing and handing out recipes and nutritional information at a local Food Bank, providing a meeting space for Capilano University to instruct new comers on how to obtain drivers licenses, development of a women's writing group, partnering with the Regional District to provide workshops on energy savings and earthquake preparedness and participating in the School Districts' Coast Reads project. We also opened our patio to members and visitors encouraging them to enjoy the view, a glass of lemonade and of course a great read!

Our new Strategic Plan focuses on the importance of building partnerships and developing the library as a community learning place. I look forward to accomplishing those goals and believe that the hard work undertaken by the library staff, and volunteers in 2012 has laid a solid foundation for us to continue building on our past successes and help us achieve our mission of *'connecting you to the world of culture, knowledge and ideas'*.

I would also like to acknowledge Donna McMahon and Keith Reynolds, who have served the maximum eight-year terms as library trustees. Thank you for your dedication and valuable contributions to the library

Tracey Therrien





## Financial Highlights

**REVENUE 2012**

Grants from Province	\$61,488
Revenue from SCRD	\$507,751
Other Grants	\$28,674
Charges & Donations	\$12,484
Other Income	\$9,013
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$619,410</b>

**REVENUE 2011**

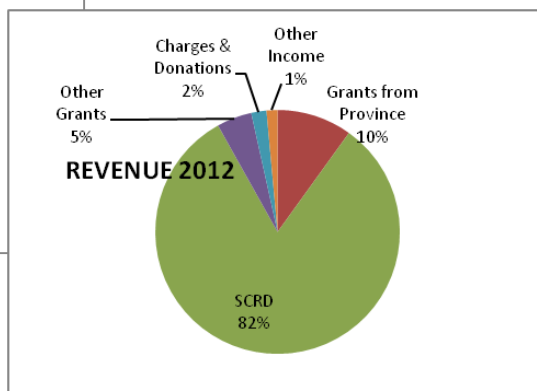
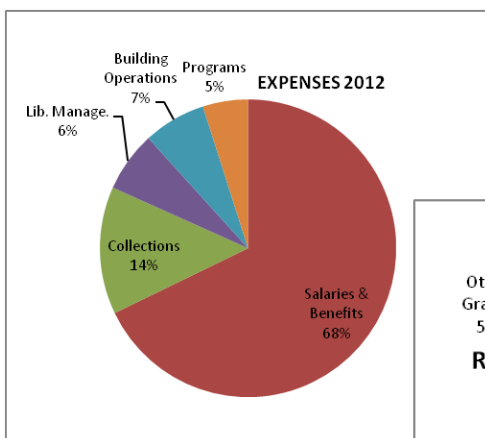
Grants from Province	\$61,511
Revenue from SCRD	\$502,832
Other Grants	\$20,548
Charges & Donations	\$14,783
Other Income	\$9,268
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$608,942</b>

**EXPENSES 2012**

Salaries & Benefits	\$415,932
Collections	\$85,186
Library Management	\$40,343
Building Operations	\$41,698
Programs	\$30,174
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$613,333</b>

**EXPENSES 2011**

Salaries & Benefits	\$397,829
Collections	\$78,096
Library Management	\$47,348
Building Operations	\$40,679
Programs	\$33,731
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$597,683</b>





## Year in Review



Library members:	7,169
Total circulation of all materials:	189,007
Circulation/open hour	86 items
In-person visits	83,500
In-person visits/open hour	45 visits
Public Internet sessions:	8,302
Public Internet usage/open hour	5 sessions
Library website visits	40,126
Total Library & Outreach programs	242
Program attendance	2936
Ebook & Audio-book downloads	6280

***Most loaned book: 50 Shades of Grey, E.L. James***

***Most loaned DVD: Midnight in Paris***





## LIBRARY STAFF

**Michelle Southam, Chief Librarian to June 2012**

**Tracey Therrien, Chief Librarian from October 2012**

**Lynda Kennedy, Partnership Coordinator**

**Eileen Hare, Office Administrator**

**Maureen Young, Circulation Manager**

**Heather Evans-Cullen, Children's Librarian**

**Lynda Carlson, Library Clerk**

**Tammie Leslie, Library Clerk**

**Susanne Larose Cloherty, Library Clerk**

**Laura Houle, Librarian**

**Stu Young, Librarian**

**Jocelyn Stewart, On-call Librarian**

**Carole Doerksen, On-call clerk**

**Lorraine McMillan, On-call clerk**

**Elaine Seepish, On-call clerk**

**Siobhan Smith, Sunday clerk**



## Board of Trustees 2011

**Donna McMahon, (Chair),**

**Sheena Careless, Maria Giltrow, Janet Genders, Manjit Kang, Fred Lerner, Keith Reynolds, Matt Thomson, Kim Wilkinson, Lorne Lewis (SCRD Representative).**

**Town of Gibsons Liaison, Wayne Rowe**





## The Library's Very Good Friends and Volunteers

*...they bring sunshine to our days*

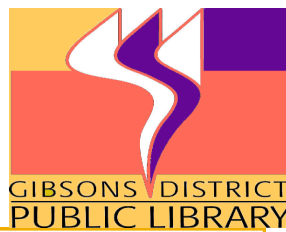
Gibsons & District Public Library Foundation

The foundation provides extra funding to the library for special projects.

This year the foundation provided funding to host a session with Vancouver's Science World. Children and parents alike were dazzled for an afternoon of wondrous science experiments. The foundation also helped the library replace some well used children's furniture. **THANK YOU!**

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