

Gibsons & District Public

Library

Stories To Tell



ANNUAL
REPORT 2016

Report from the Chair and Library Director.

Our 2016 accomplishments highlighted the Library's mission of connecting community to culture, knowledge and ideas. Specifically, the Library reconfiguration project, a project three years in the making, improved and updated the Library space to reflect the changing use of the Library and the evolving needs of our community. Though the changes didn't include expanding the existing Library footprint, many people comment on how much larger and spacious the Library now feels.



Tracey Therrien, Library Director

A testament to the success of the changes was the Truth and Reconciliation Event held at the Library in the fall. The newly reconfigured space provided an ideal venue for community members to come together to learn from the past and reflect on reconciliation and the future. Events like this confirm and support the Library's role as the "Learning Place in the Community".

This project also helped connect the Library to community in a number of ways. In particular the Library Board launched a fundraising campaign to help support the reconfiguration project and in doing so spread the word not only about the project but how our Library is adapting to our rapidly changing world through new services and initiatives. The Library board is grateful for the financial support towards the project from the Library Foundation, Sunshine Coast Regional District, Sunshine Coast Community Foundation and the Sunshine Coast Credit Union. A special thanks also to the hundreds of individuals who donated funds to the Library's online fundraising campaign to update the Children's Area, the final phase of the reconfiguration project. Library staff are excited to start this project in the spring of 2017.

Each year the Library builds on the successes and partnerships of the past to advance the goals and objectives of the Library. In 2017 as the Board and staff review past accomplishments and challenges and embarks on developing a new strategic plan they are committed to reaching out to stakeholders, residents and partners to learn how best to respond to the needs of the community and advance the Library.



Manjit Kang, Board Chair

As the Board Chair I want to speak on behalf of the Board and thank Tracey, the staff and volunteers for the tremendous job they did during the reconfiguration. The Library closed during construction, but staff were still there shelving, sorting and re-shelving all the books and managed to re-open on time 2 weeks later. The character of this Library is warm, friendly and welcoming. That's something special that only the LD, our staff and volunteers make possible and the Board is very grateful for what we have here.

I also want to thank Janet Genders for her 6 years of service on the Board. Janet always contributed a clear perspective to our discussions and provided great leadership on our Centennial Committee which made that celebration such a success. She helped put our Library on the map across BC by arranging a live broadcast of CBC's BC Almanac show from the Library. Thank you Janet.

Finally, on a personal note, this is my final Board report. I have enjoyed 7 great years with this Board and have learned so much from it. I want to thank Tracey, the staff and each and every one of the Board members for their support, engagement and dedication to the Library. I know you all have the best interest of the Library at heart, so I know we can look forward to continued success and many great things in the future.

Majit Kang, Board Chair & Tracey Therrien, Library Director.

The People

Library Board

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Staff

Tracey Therrien, Library Director
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Tammie York
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Lorriane McMillan

Statistics Snapshot

Library members	6,255
New members in 2016	624
Total circulation of all materials	162,963
Circulation per open hour	74 items
Ebook & Audio downloads	15,619
In person visits	93,233
Virtual Visits	31,284
Library & Outreach Programs	475
Program attendance	6,526



Thank you

Thank you to the many volunteers that contribute their skills and time to improving the Library. Your dedication, hard work and enthusiasm make a difference!



Finances

REVENUE 2016	
Provincial Grants	\$60,166
SCRD	\$568,964
Other Grants	\$7,506
Charges & Donations	\$12,768
Other Income	\$7,646
Total	\$657,050
EXPENSES 2016	
Wages & Benefits	\$454,414
Collections	\$93,565
Library Management	\$29,416
Building Operations	\$39,246
Programs	\$18,790
Amortization	\$8,655
Total	\$644,086

The Library raised close to \$56,000 in donations, grants, and fundraising.



In 2016

We welcomed over 86,000 visitors to the Library.

86,000

Kids borrowed 30,551 books, comics, DVDs & graphic novels.

30,551

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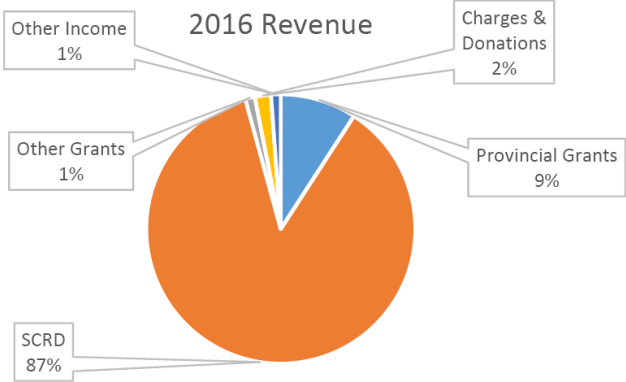
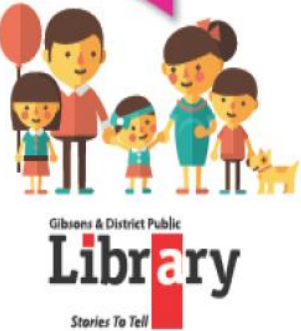
951 infants and preschoolers attended Library storytime.

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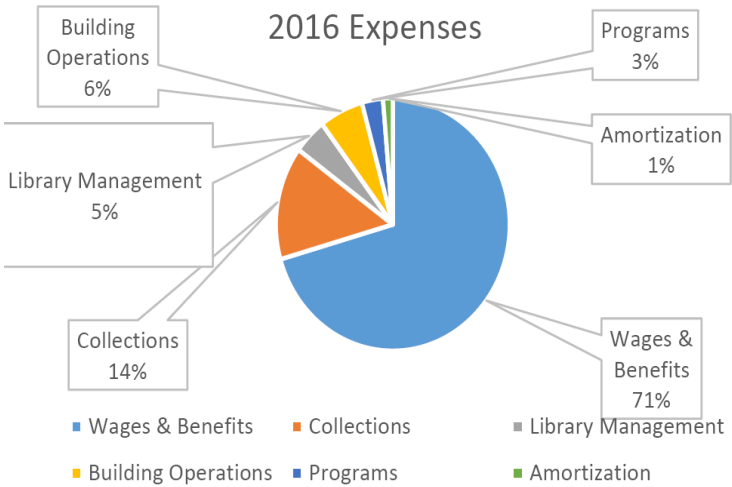
326 kids participated in summer activities at the Library.

Over 1,300 children participated in Library events at the Library and around the community.

1,300



■ Provincial Grants ■ SCRD ■ Other Grants ■ Charges & Donations ■ Other Income



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