

## **Financial Overview 2022 (Unaudited)**







GDPL EXPENSES 2022	
Materials and Services	\$99,390
Programming	\$13,894
Office	\$34,295
Equipment/Maintenance	\$9,509
Facility	\$50,678
Personnel	\$652,793
Development	\$8,111
Capital Asset Purchases	\$21,820
Bargaining	\$4,997
Total	\$895,487















Heather Evans-Cullen **Library Director** 

"A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life-raft and a festival. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination. On a cold rainy island, they are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer, but a citizen instead." —Caitlin Moran

2022 was a year of regeneration,

challenge and growth at our library. As we returned to inperson library visits and programming, we again became a busy place of dynamic interactions and learning. Our collection has evolved to include exciting new STEAM kits, Wonder audio picture books, and innovative databases such as LOTE4Kids that offer storytelling in over 41 languages.

Our programming has again become robust with regular and special events offered that meet the diverse needs and interests of our growing community. We continued to be a place of respite and comfort for people from inclement weather and inadequate housing.

We strive to keep up with our patrons' needs, and aspire to expand our space and services in the future. One of the major achievements of the past year was the implementation of a remote locker at the Gibsons & Area Community Centre with a generous financial contribution from our Library Foundation. People can now pick up and return their items in Upper Gibsons, resulting in greater accessibility.

Our board, staff and patrons worked together to develop our new 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. Moving forward we will continue to do everything we can to make our library the very best it can be and will focus us on five primary goals:

- Deliver Outstanding Service
- Engage and Welcome Everyone
- Inspire and Empower Thinking and Learning
- Celebrate the Unique Value of our Library
- Expand our Space and Capacity

We hope to see you at the library!

**Heather Evans-Cullen Library Director** 



Janet Hodgkinson **GDPL** Board Chair

In 2022, the final year of a fouryear strategic plan, we met our goals to: Build Community, Enable Lifelong Learning, Invigorate People & Culture, and Create Welcoming Spaces. There are countless examples of our accomplishments under that plan, and the board is especially proud of the Territorial Acknowledgement installed on

our circulation desk. Although I am retiring from the board, I know the trustees will provide support as our library staff, led by Library Director Heather Evans-Cullen, follow the new strategic plan and meet our patrons' needs for (to name a few) education, connection and technical demystification. All this and you can still get books!

**Janet Hodgkinson** GDPL Board Chair

2022 **IN NUMBERS** 

**IN-PERSON VISITS** 87,626 in-person visits to GDPL up 4.8% from 83,537 in 2021

**WEBSITE VISITS** 38,884

website visits to GDPL up 7.2%

from 36,261 in 2021



**CIRCULATION** 

**Physical circulation** 

109,848

down < 1% from 110,729 in 2021

**NEWSLETTER** 

8,628

up 6.9%

from 8.032 in 2021

**DISTRIBUTION** 

newsletters distributed

**Digital circulation** 55,540

down 2% from 56,707 in 2021

## **DIGITAL USAGE**

**Computer Usage** 

3,951

up 17.8%

from 3,353 in 2021



WiFi Usage 15,038

up 27.8%

from 11,763 in 2021



## WHO WE SERVE

**Service Population** 

14,750 7,549 575

**59%** 

**Active Patrons 2022 New Members 2022** 



Percentage of the **Population with** an Active GDPL Membership

**Stories To Tell**