



# Salmo Public Library-2011 Annual Report

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## 50 Years and Still Growing



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# Report from the Board Chair

Our slogan, *Fifty Years and Still Growing*, captures the spirit and programs of the Salmo Public Library for 2011. And what a year it was.

The celebration of the Library's fiftieth anniversary became the centerpiece of our activities throughout 2011. Incorporated as a public library on October 20, 1961, our Library grew from a membership of 23, a book stock of 838, and a balance on hand of \$148.89 in 1959 to a membership of 925, a collection stock of 17,511, and a budget of \$97,044.00 in 2011. To acknowledge all the people, past and present, who helped the Library grow and thrive, and to highlight the Library in our community, the Board, staff and Friends of the Library cooperated in the following ways. We designed a new logo and used it to make golden anniversary buttons to promote the Library and raise funds. We sponsored a *50 Favorite Books* campaign, both for adults and for children, and solicited *What the Library Means to Me* stories. We assisted the Friends of the Library with their *Sweet Taste of Spring* social cum fundraiser. We organized and held an *Art for Expansion* silent auction that cleared well over \$2,000 and brought a diverse cross section of artists and community members into the Library. Anniversary celebrations culminated with a gala event held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, which included displays documenting the Library's history, lots of children's art, wonderful food and beverages, speeches and skits, and the unveiling of drawings for the proposed expansion and renovation of the Library's facility. Well over a hundred people, young and old, filled the new Dorothy Hearn Wing of the Library to share memories and express their appreciation for the Salmo Public Library.

The first and primary goal of the Library's current strategic plan is "to make the Library a more welcoming facility," with the first objective under this goal being "to expand the Library's physical space." To this end, the Board has focused its efforts on increasing the annual budget of the Library so that it can afford the cost of occupying more space in the Salmo Square building. Thanks to the support of the Village of Salmo and the Regional District of Central Kootenay, our core funders, we were able to acquire the space adjacent to the present Library, which we christened the Dorothy Hearn Wing, in honor of an outstanding former Board member and lifelong volunteer. Then, in conjunction with the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we launched a major fundraising campaign called "50 for 50."

Our goal was to raise \$1,000 for each of our 50 years of existence as a public library association. By the end of 2011, we reached approximately \$28,000, with an initial major donation from the Pythian Sisters of \$10,000. Over 75 community members and groups have contributed to "50 for 50." Clearly, our Library has impressive amount of local community support.

The Board also engaged the services of a local architectural draftsman who is helping us design a renovation that will combine the present Library with the adjacent wing and substantially improve the whole facility. While we continue to fundraise, the Board has repainted the new space and is using it for both Library and other community events. Author readings, art workshops, theatre productions and rehearsals, and Library events are being held in the Dorothy Hearn Wing. Meanwhile, the Board undertook a strategic computer expansion project, which improves the present Library while preparing for the eventual expansion. Again, these projects have been accomplished collaboratively with the Friends of the Library, the Salmo Arts Council, and other community partners.

In August, our Library Director decided to accept a job in another sector and resigned from her position with us. Our Assistant Librarian agreed to become the Acting Library Director while the Board searched for a new head librarian. After several months of posting the position, accepting applications and interviewing, we were unsuccessful in finding a new Library Director. The Board decided to change its approach and to look for a local candidate who would be interested in becoming a Librarian in Training. The Board is looking for stability, sustainability, and creative leadership. We are hopeful that we can come up with a staffing model that is affordable, collaborative and responsive to the needs of our community well into the future.

This has been a very busy year, full of huge challenges and great rewards. Our organization looked back and is now moving forward. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped make this year such a special one, especially our volunteers, the Friends of the Library, the Kootenay Library Federation, and Marianne Hansen. As always, we are grateful for the financial support of the Village of Salmo, the RDCK, the Columbia Basin Trust, and the provincial government and for the continuing appreciation of our patrons.

*Kay Hohn, Board Chair*

## Note from a New Board Member

I have recently completed my first full year on the Board of Directors of the Salmo Public Library. It has been a time of a great deal of change and excitement with the library expansion project (and the associated planning, fundraising, and events), and the search for a new Library Director (and subsequent re-organization of staff positions and job descriptions) as the major undertakings.

I have been amazed to see the co-operation, flexibility, and willingness to "go the extra mile" shown by the staff, volunteers, and "Friends of the Library." The support we have received from the Salmo/Ymir community, as well as the Village Council and RDCK, has been vital to all successes to date and will continue to be so in the future.

A big thank you goes out to all of you for helping make the Salmo Public Library the vibrant and welcoming gathering place it has become.

I am certain that together we can continue to improve and expand upon the services presently provided and work toward providing increased learning and personal/community growth opportunities and events for the benefit of all.

The Board of Directors is always on the lookout for individuals who care about their community and the services the Library provides and are willing and able to put their unique skills, knowledge and efforts forward as a member of the Board. If you think you may be interested, feel free to attend one of our regular Board meetings as they are open to the public. If my experience to date is at all indicative, you will be very glad you did!

*Keith Vonk, Library Board member*

## Note from a Friend

The Society of the Friends of the Salmo Public Library is an active group of people! We have, at last count, 40 paid-up members. From these there are 7 directors who meet once a month. Our Board meetings are also attended by a representative from the Library Board, as well as one of the librarians. We work to raise money in order to support our Library. There is a close liaison between the Friends and the staff and the Library Board, from whom we get encouragement, assistance, and input when needed. As a Friend, I feel a loyalty and commitment to our small Library and its staff, and feel that the work we do is extremely worthwhile. The community of Salmo is very supportive of the Library and comes out in full force whenever we have a special, money-raising event. In this way I was able, as a newcomer, to meet many of the residents of Salmo and to therefore feel a real part of the community. We have two book sales a year, and have recently produced a cookbook, which sold very well. We hosted a taste-testing night following its publication, allowing people to come and sample the variety of foods from the book. There was "standing room" only! This year the Friends purchased a special chair for the front desk as well as two tablet chairs. It gives me great satisfaction to be a part of this very busy group!

*Kathryn Bourdon, Secretary*

## Note from a Volunteer

When I first moved to this community, I decided that the best way to start getting to know people would be to begin volunteering at the Library. There are a few specific ways in which I find volunteering for the Library one of the most satisfying things I do with my time. At the Library my role is defined, and it is obvious that I make a difference. This is not always the case with volunteering. In the past, I have volunteered for groups where general help is wanted or needed, but what a volunteer should do is not clearly defined, so the incentive fizzles out. By working at the circulation desk and shelving books, I create time and space for our librarians to do the work that they need to do. I never show up and have nothing useful to do! It makes giving my time feel worth it. It helps that my efforts are outwardly appreciated as well. I have met many wonderful people who live in the community. I love that the Library brings in all sorts. This is a very special thing about libraries, and I love being a part of that. I'm not the most social person, so without the time I spend at the Library, I would probably still not know many people. And the last reason that I love working at the library, I have to admit, is that shelving books makes it really easy to find things to read!

*Sally Whitman, Library Volunteer*

## Statistics

	2011	2010
<b><u>Circulation:</u></b>		
Adult	10,807	13,099
Junior	6,424	3,682
Audio-Visual	3,483	3,947
<b>Total:</b>	<b>20,714</b>	<b>20,728</b>

<b><u>Memberships:</u></b>		
Adult	768	678
Junior	237	210
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>925</b>

<b><u>Collection:</u></b>		
Acquisitions	1,026	1,578
Discards	775	3,025
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18,473</b>	<b>18,222</b>

<b><u>Services:</u></b>		
ILL borrowed	573	553
ILL lent	961	927
Website Usage	5,958	-----
Computer Usage	2,079	1,370

<b><u>Programs:</u></b>		
Children	50	38
Reading Club	24	16
Librarian @ Large	16	15
Adult	12	10
Class Visits	4	4
Community Events	7	--

# Financial Highlights

## Unaudited Income Statement January 1 - December 31, 2011

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
RDCK/Village of Salmo	61,000	59,570
BC Operating Grant	9,011	8,851
BC Program Grant	8,217	8,851
ILL Resource Sharing Grant	2,576	5,208
Community Access Program	9,466	7,494
Grants, Other	6,732	8,894
Employment Grants	2,242	0
Fundraising	2,157	6,813
General Revenue	4,475	4,052
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$105,876</b>	<b>\$117,681</b>

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Payroll	51,036	53,754
Collection	13,361	16,239
Occupancy	16,670	14,603
Administration	13,702	9,029
Computers	4,262	3,199
Programs	1,251	1,459
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>100,282</b>	<b>98,283</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$5,594</b>	<b>\$19,398</b>

## Unaudited Balance Sheet As at December 31, 2011

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2011</u>
Current Assets	\$114,957.83
Total Receivables	<u>2,648.70</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$117,606.53</b>

<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>2011</u>
Accounts Payable	\$7,262.40
Deferred Grant 2011/2012	<u>25,000.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 32,262.40</b>

<u>Equity</u>	<u>2011</u>
Reserve Funds	\$ 13,349.27
Accumulated Surplus	40,718.04
Current Earnings	<u>31,276.82</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 85,344.13</b>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY** \$ 117,606.53

NOTE: The Library's "50 for 50" capital campaign raised over \$27,000 in 2011. These funds will be used for expanding and renovating the facility and are included in the balancesheet (but not the income statement). They will be moved into the Library Expansion Reserve in January of 2012.

## 2011 DONORS

The contribution of the following individuals and groups makes library service in the Salmo Valley possible.

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- Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Village of Salmo
- 4<sup>th</sup> Street Grill
- Andrew Raney
- A.W. and Mary Hearn
- Beaumont Timber
- Brault Kelpin
- Charlie's Restaurant
- Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy
- Columbia Basin Trust
- Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance
- Community Access Program
- Dolores Burke
- Dragonfly Café
- E.B. and Dorothy Hearn
- Falkins Insurance
- Friends of the Library
- Gerry and Alice Nellestijn
- Gloria Currie
- Glover Contracting
- Hans Cunningham
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- People's Drug Mart
- Province of B.C. – Public Library Services Branch
- Province of B.C. – Ministry of Regional Economic and Skills Development
- Pythian Sisters
- Ralph Beatty
- Sally Whitman
- Salmo Arts Council
- Salmo Ski Hill
- Salmo Valley Swimming Pool
- Salmo Watershed Streamkeepers Society
- Salmo Wellness Centre
- Service Canada
- Skyway Hardware
- Subway
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- Tri-Valley Equipment
- Wade Allan
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- Ymir Fire Department

# 2011 "50 for 50" DONORS

The contribution of the following individuals and groups is to the expansion fundraising campaign.

- Andrew Leus
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- Dymac Risk Management Solutions LTD.
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- Joanne Richards
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