



Salmo Valley Public Library Annual Report 2015

Report from the Board Chair

To the Salmo Valley Community: “The Little Library That Did” has done it! The expansion of which we have dreamed for so many years, and on which we have been actively working since 2012 has finally happened.

With the expanded area, our regular library programming and events will be better than ever. We have always hosted children's and adult programming and author readings, and are continuing those. Now we will have more space for computer use, and a more comfortable area for meetings and events. And the videos are now upstairs instead of in the basement. Patrons can also borrow books directly from other BC libraries and return them right here in Salmo, thanks to the BC OneCard.

This expansion is particularly well-timed as the demand for our services increases. Libraries are no longer “just books.” We provide online databases, webinars, and public access computers and public wi-fi. The digital world is easily accessible right here in Salmo.

Thanks to all our volunteers, who continue to make our library possible, to the Friends of the Library, and to our committed Board members. We want to acknowledge the contribution of past board chair Kay Hohn to the library overall, and especially to the expansion project for which she was the primary overseer. Kay has successfully led our fund-raising efforts both major and minor, updated and implemented policy, and overseen strategic planning. Her extensive board experience and knowledge of our community guided the library for eight years.

Regarding the expansion, thanks also go to Kay's husband Paul van Wijk and her son Mike, board vice-chair Keith Vonk, Studio 9 Architecture and Planning, Jordan Wright and the gang at Marshall Homes BC, Blackwood

Electric Ltd., Pure 'A' Plumbing & Heating, Lammle Drywall, NG Refrigeration and DHC Communications. Columbia Basin Trust provided the construction grant.

To the Salmo Valley community, thank you everyone for your donations, large and small, starting way back when with the '50 for 50' fundraising campaign. Thank you for your volunteer assistance for such things as cleaning up demolition trash and drywall dust, and moving books and shelving back and forth. Thank you for your willingness to put up with cramped quarters during the transition phase.

As Library Director, Taylor Caron continues to lead our staff onward into new challenges. Children's Librarian Marianne Hansen provides wonderful services such as Storytime, and ably seconding Taylor in her other role as Assistant Librarian. Library Clerk Gayle Jarek not only provides clerical support, she staffs the library on Mondays and helps train our new volunteers.

2015 Highlights

Accomplishments in 2015

- Building and designing a library space for all members of the community
- Strategic Plan 2015 - 2020
- Community outreach - 'Check-Out a Volunteer'
- Increased number of public access computers
- Strengthening community connections – 'Book Mobile', Delegations to Village, and increased time with schools
- Upgrading computer network

2015 was a year of "strategic doing" at the Salmo Valley Public Library and we are understandably proud of the results. As we near the completion of a multi-year renovation and expansion of our facility, the community is now able to enjoy the transformed space. We are particularly proud of the new children's and teen areas, the local history "vault," the beautiful circulation desks, greatly enhanced digital resources, including more computers and computer stations, office and kitchen space for our wonderful staff, circulating fresh air, new paint, and clean, fire-safe basements. This could not have

Quick Look @ 2015

2015 Snapshot	2015	2014
Active cardholders	1,045	1,067
Items acquired	1,575	1,758
Items discarded	1,675	966
Items in collection	19,218	19,318
Items loaned	25,387	25,961
ebook/audiobook downloads	1,461	1,345
Items used in house	2,543	1,918
Interlibrary loans lent	758	499
Kootenay Connect lent	487	456
Total programs	174	154
Total program attendees	2,332	2,166
Public computer usage	3,305	1,963

Condensed income Statement (unaudited)

January-December 2015

Revenue	2015	2014
RDCK/Village Grant	\$ 74,492	\$ 69,492
Province of BC Grants	\$ 20,603	\$ 20,132
Community Access Program	\$ 7,337	\$ 5,116
Other Grants	\$ 4,241	\$ 6,552
Fundraising	\$ 6,299	\$ 4,463
General Revenue	\$ 5,798	\$ 4,828
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 118,770	\$ 110,582
Expenses		
Payroll	\$ 67,490	\$ 63,218
Collection	\$ 17,910	\$ 16,807
Occupancy	\$ 16,940	\$ 17,019
Administration	\$ 12,179	\$ 9,678
Programming	\$ 1,885	\$ 1,594
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 116,404	\$ 108,316
SURPLUS	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,266

The People

*We may be
small be we
are mighty*

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Village Rep, Steve Dimock

RDCK Rep, Hans Cunningham

Staff

Library Director, Taylor Caron

Children's Librarian & Library Assistant, Marianne Hansen

Library Clerk, Gayle Jarek

Computer Tutors, Eija Stephenson & Veronica Herbach

SRC Coordinator, Victoria Sukra

Accountant, Gloria Currie

Janitor, Irene Sikora

Volunteers

Vangie Bergum, Kathryn Bourdon, Judith (Judi) Cozzetto, Rainen

Cumberland, Molly Frost, Cecilia Granbois, Sharry Heighton,

Gayle Jarek, Lorraine Kreuzer, Mary Martin

The Salmo Valley Public Library is a vibrant, dynamic and engaging community-gathering place providing Salmo Valley residents with information, education, technology, and support for lifelong learning.



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