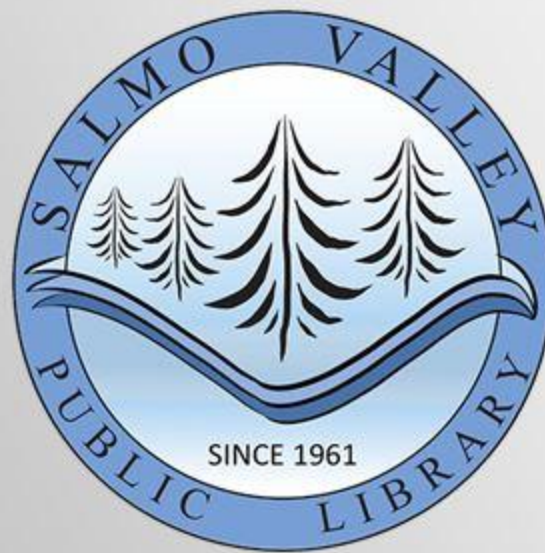


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## 2014 Annual Report



A welcoming and inclusive  
community gathering place  
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information, education, technology and  
support for lifelong learning.

## ***Report from the Board Chair ~***

This is my final "Report from the Chair" as I have reached the end of my 8-year term on the Board of the Salmo Public Library Association. It has been a busy year for the Board, but we have benefited from having such a cohesive staff team. Taylor Caron, Marianne Hansen, and Gayle Jarek have all continued to provide outstanding service to patrons while further developing their skills and taking on new challenges. Our two student workers, Andrea Mangialaio and Eija Stephenson, hired as computer tutors through the Community Access Program, were great assets, as were summer students Brett Dopp and Maya Sowinski. The Board is pleased to be able to offer meaningful student employment opportunities for local youth.

Our staff is particularly good at working in partnership with other organizations both within our community and throughout the region and province. Collaborating with the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) means that Marianne is able to take children's storytimes to Ymir and Taylor can share costs for some of her youth programming. It also enables the community to enjoy a variety of programs centered around Literacy Day in January, including the annual Adult Spelling Bee, games nights, and enhanced children's activities. Our membership in the Kootenay Library Federation helps us offset the cost of Kootenay Connect, an interlibrary loan program that allows patrons to directly request books and other items from participating Kootenay libraries. Membership in the BC Libraries Cooperative gives us access to and support for an increasingly seamless and innovative common catalogue and circulation system. As well, with the help of Co-op staff, Taylor completed all work needed to launch our new and much improved website. Our library is always among the first to embrace opportunities to enhance the services we offer free of charge to all residents of the Salmo Valley.

Taylor was also successful in accessing funding for a teen Ipad and a dedicated teen computer, as well as an Ipad and additional computer station for adult use. Computer usage in the library continues to grow quickly, and the support offered in the library to community members is greatly appreciated. Keeping up with all the innovation is a major challenge.

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The library was happy to offer numerous workshops, readings, book launches, and presentations throughout the year. Highlights included a launch event for Vangie Bergum's book, *Downstream*, a slide show by Sharon Henderson about her trip to Ethiopia and South Africa with the Stephen Lewis Foundation, the Arts Council's We Heart Art show and sale, two slide show lectures about the Dewdney Trail and early surveying in the Kootenays, a reading by One Book One Kootenay winner Bobbi Hutchinson from *Blue Collar B & B*, three paper craft workshops, an outstanding author reading by Vanessa Farnsworth on her experience with Lyme's disease, and several workshops held in the library by the *Alzheimers Society*. These events were all well attended.

The Board continued its active fundraising campaign for the renovation and expansion of the library facility. A new "wall of windows" was installed in the Dorothy Hearn Wing, and volunteers completed a lot of the demolition and clean-up work required to move forward. Fundraising efforts culminated with the announcement of a major capital grant from the Columbia Basin Trust which, together with all the money previously raised from individuals, businesses and other organizations, puts us in a position to complete the project, hopefully by the end of 2015. The support we have continued to receive from our community inspires and energizes us. Thank you all!

At the end of the year, the Board began to work on its next 5-year Strategic Plan. This plan will help Board and staff to focus their work on common goals and will provide a valuable tool for planning and advocacy. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to providing outstanding library services to residents of the Salmo Valley for many years to come. It has been my privilege to be part of this Board for the past eight years.

*Kay Hohn, Board Chair*



# Statistics

<b>Circulation:</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Adult	12,093	12,646
Junior	7,454	7,706
Audio-Visual	3,859	4,491
eBooks	778	1,118
<b>Total:</b>	<b>24,184</b>	<b>25,961</b>

<b>Memberships:</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Adult	835	837
Junior	246	230
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>1,067</b>

<b>Collection:</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Acquisitions	1,150	1,758
Discards	806	873
<b>Total Collection:</b>		<b>19,318</b>

# 2014

Services:	2013	2014
ILL Borrowed	555	829
ILL Lent	1020	955
Website Usage	5,639	*4,361

\*This drop in usage is due to a change in our website platform

Programs:	2013	2014
Children's Programs	58	54
Librarian @ Large	15	28
Adult Programs	13	15
School Visits	14	15
Community Events	4	13
Computer Tutoring/support	155	288

**Condensed income Statement (unaudited)**  
**January-December 2014**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
RDCK/Village Grant	\$ 68,129	\$ 69,492
Province of BC Grants	\$ 19,823	\$ 20,132
Community Access Program	\$ 5,424	\$ 5,116
Other Grants	\$ 5,283	\$ 6,552
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>\$ 98,659</b>	<b>\$ 101,292</b>
Fundraising	\$ 7,065	\$ 4,463
General Revenue	\$ 6,267	\$ 4,828
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUE</u></b>	<b>\$111,990</b>	<b>\$ 110,583</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Payroll	\$ 58,156	\$ 63,218
Collection	\$ 15,705	\$ 16,807
Occupancy	\$ 17,214	\$ 17,019
Administration	\$ 11,124	\$ 9,678
Programming	\$ 1,267	\$ 1,594
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>\$ 103,466</b>	<b>\$ 108,316</b>
<b><u>SURPLUS</u></b>	<b>\$ 8,524</b>	<b>\$ 2,266</b>

## ***Report from the Children's Librarian ~***

The highlight of the year was "Mr.Mojo" a musician and singer who entertained our summer reading club kids as well as families from the Salmo Valley. We had 90 audience members for this great event. We collaborated with CBAL, KLF and the Community Resource Society to host this successful event.

Preschool story time is the first 3 Fridays of the month and was very well attended with an average of 8 children each week. It was a treat to have guest Miffy Baker read from her book "Inside my Mommy's purse". The library also hosted children's author Karen Rivers at the Elementary School for grades 4, 5 & 6. There were story time visits to 5 classrooms. It is rewarding to connect with the students and then see them in the library searching for books. Karen Rivers book "The encyclopedia of me" was on hold for months after her visit. There were 3 story time visits to the Salmo Children's Center and 2 visits to the Salmo Community Resource Society playgroups.

Collaborating with CBAL the visits to the Ymir Playgroup continue to be a success with children and adults borrowing books and enjoying story time. These visits are an opportunity to bring fun and a love of stories to children who don't attend regular story time.

20 books and bags (Books for Babies) were donated to the Public Health Unit to be given out to new babies born in our area. Thanks to a grant from the Community Directed Youth Fund the library purchased a Teen Computer and IPAD which are being enjoyed and used by many.

The magazine selection has seen some much needed growth, from 3 magazines to 10. Another bookshelf was added to hold our growing YA section and the well read graphic novel collection continues to grow as well.

Through the Novel Christmas book drive the library collected and donated over 60 books to the Community Resources Society's Christmas Hampers.

We continue to promote literacy and love of reading in our community.

~ Marianne Hansen



## **Board of Directors**

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~ Trustee, Ernestine Wood ~ Trustee, Lorraine Kreuzer ~  
~ Trustee, Isabelle Herzig ~ Trustee, Alex Metcalf ~  
~ Village Rep, Janine Haughton ~ RDCK Rep, Hans Cunningham ~

### **Staff**

Library Director, Taylor Caron  
Children's Librarian & Library Assistant, Marianne Hansen  
Library Clerk, Gayle Jarek  
Computer Tutors, Andrea Mangialaio & Eija Stephenson  
SRC Coordinator, Maya Sowinski  
SRC Assistant/Computer Tutor, Brett Dropp  
Accountant, Gloria Currie  
Janitor, Irene Sikora

### **Volunteers**

Rainen Cumberland, Vangie Bergum, Kathryn Bourdon,  
Cecilia Granbois, Sharry Heighton, Gayle Jarek, Megan Parsons,  
Kiana Rawa, Dion Schielke, Sydney Traer, Carol Vonk, Janet Wagar,  
Debbi Walshaw, Jennifer Weldon, Sally Whitman

#### **Note from a Student Volunteer~**

It has been an amazing experience volunteering at The Salmo Public Library. I'm happy that I got to be a part of this library at a young age. My favorite part is using the computers, helping people with their computer trouble and using the circulation desk software. When I first started, I had a lot of difficulty with the Dewey decimal system, I never thought I would like it, but I now find it much easier. The librarians have been very patient and helpful explaining how things work at the library to me.

I've also enjoyed meeting many people of all ages in our community. I'm really pleased I went into the library when I first moved here, I've enjoyed the opportunity and I know it helps out too.

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