


**Salmo Valley Public Library
Annual Report 2016**

Report from the Board Chair

The year began with a bang! The official Gala Opening for the expanded and renovated library space in May drew a big crowd and included community members, volunteers, local politicians and representatives from funders. Once again thanks have to go to past board members, in particular Kay Hohn, Pat Goulden and Keith Vonk who all put in countless hours to make the renovation a reality. The staff and volunteers endured months of discomfort and extra work with grace. And thanks to the community for not deserting the library during construction and contributing in so many ways, and to all of the local governments and organizations who provided funding.

The staff and the community are very excited to explore the opportunities that this expansion offered and the statistics for the year provide proof that the residents of Salmo and Area G are enjoying and using the library as never before. There is a liveliness and sense of pride that is obvious when coming through the door. Having all of the collection on one floor has made things much easier for staff and patrons. The addition of shelving that can be easily moved and the availability of a basement meeting room have also increased the possibilities for gatherings, author readings, and other community events. The Friends of the Library, who do a stellar job of raising funds for the library, now have a permanent area in the basement for their ongoing book sale.

We are fortunate to have Taylor Caron, Marianne Hansen, and Gayle Jarek. They are experienced, wonderful staff who continue to explore, expand and excite the community with creative programming and extraordinary special events. Who could have imagined a sleepover at the library for children's Teddy Bears! Our student staff Victoria Sukra – Summer Reading Club Coordinator/Computer Tutor, Veronica Herbach – Computer Tutor (Spring 2016) and Brett Dopp – Computer Tutor (Fall 2016) offer invaluable support and we are pleased to be able to offer, with the assistance of grants,



opportunities for local students to get work experience. And many thanks to our bookkeeper, Gloria Currie and our custodian, Irene Sikora who both continue to provide excellent support.

The Board began the year with many new members. The Trustee Orientation Program offered by the BC Libraries Trustee Association provided many of the new members with initial training to help sort through the role and responsibility of the Library Board.

While learning the ropes, the Board has managed to accomplish much this year. The budget has been managed. We have advocated for cost of living increases from the Ministry. We have reviewed the Strategic Plan for the library to ensure that we are staying on track. We have improved wages and benefits for staff. And we are working with the Square Society, who owns the building, to continue to improve and maintain the building.

We are excited about the coming year and the new challenges it will bring. We hope to enhance our plan for recruiting and training Board Members, increase opportunities for local student employment, review our policies and procedures, continue to support staff, and build relationships with the community. The Board is always looking for community members who would be willing to volunteer their time to help keep this valuable community resource the vital and active place that it is. Feel free to call the library or attend one of the regular Board meetings which are always open to the public. And please don't forget to come by and check out a book or attend one of the many and varied library events – it is your Library!

Valene Foster, Board Chair

Accomplishments in 2016

- At year end for 2016 a total of \$182,912 had been invested in the library expansion.
- Library public space usage saw a large increase in 2016
- Strengthened relationship with Salmo Schools
- Library Board trained in the Trustees Orientation Program
- Magazine donors support 60 subscriptions and donated \$2,525

Top Circulated Adult Books in 2016

Adult General Fiction	My Brilliant Friend – Elena Ferrante
Adult Non-Fiction	The Wisdom of Weeds – Katrina Blair
Adult Graphic Novels	Saga Series – Brian K. Vaughan
Biography	Testament of Youth – Vera Brittain
Local History	Salmo Stories – Larry Jacobsen
Paperback Si-Fi/Fant.	The Name of the Wind – Patrick Rothfuss
Paperback Romance	Marriage Between Friends – D Macomber
Paperback Western	Collected Short Stories – Louis Lamour

Report from Children's Librarian

2016 was a year of growth for the Children's and Teen areas of the library. Our expansion project became a reality and when we opened the doors we finally had dedicated areas for both children and teens. Both of these areas have seen much use in the past year. The Teen's area was furnished with a grant from the Salmo Valley Community Directed Youth Fund and is a wonderful little nook in the library. On any given day the new Children's area is very busy with young families enjoying the space or our junior patrons gathering to play games on their devices. We now have room for a table with Lego, puzzles and colouring. The Friends of the Library paid for a beautiful carpet to go with the children's couch and chair making it a very welcoming area.

To celebrate Literacy Day and our expansion we invited the Salmo Elementary School to come for a special tour. 8 classes, 157 students and 12 adults came and toured the library over a period of 2 days. A boy in grade 1 summed it up perfectly. He walked in the door and said "You guys have really stepped this place up".

With more room in the library our main objective was to have more programming for school age kids. We have more than surpassed this goal! We held activities throughout Spring Break, the Christmas Break, plus on all Pro D days. All activities were very well attended.



Adult, Children and teen programming:
 Recycled art, Crafting, Postcard Talks, Pro-D Day
 Activities, Search Day in the Park, Children's Club,
 Author readings, School Sports, etc.

Report from a 2016 Volunteer

My husband and I moved to the Salmo/Ymir area in early 2015 and I thought that there would be no better way to get to know the residents than to volunteer. The Salmo Valley Public Library was recommended. After my application was accepted I was soon undergoing training under the excellent tutelage of Gayle Jarek, all while the Library itself was in the throes of a full renovation. With continued support, assistance and encouragement from Taylor Caron and Marianne Hansen, I have grown to know the in-house collection and am now pulling books in need of repair. It's time consuming but, between Sydney Traer and myself, we've completed repairs to the adult non-fiction and are two-thirds of the way through the adult fiction – lots still ahead of us! It is also another great way to find out what is in the collection and offers a wide assortment of reading.

Next step in "my Library" volunteerism journey was to join the Friends of the Salmo Valley Public Library. There is a small, dynamic group of women who pull it all together to raise funds in support of the Library's collection. The major event of the year is, always, the July 1st book sale, wherein the entire collection of gently used books is brought up and set out on display in front of the Library for residents to purchase and add to their own collections. In addition to this and other fund raisers throughout the year (Tea's, Soup and a Bun, Christmas basket raffle – to name a few), Friends was able to contribute in excess of \$3,000.00 in 2016 toward the collections.

Quick Look @ 2016

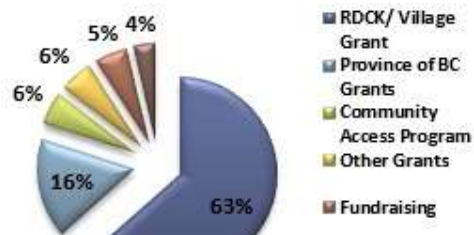
2016 Snapshot	2016	2015
Active cardholders	1,081	1,045
Items acquired	1,580	1,575
Items discarded	1,388	1,675
Items in collection	19,410	19,218
Items loaned	25,609	25,387
ebook/audiobook downloads	2,115	1,461
Items used in house	2,330	2,543
Interlibrary loans lent	712	758
Kootenay Connect lent	457	487
Total programs	163	174
Total program attendees	2,349	2,332
Public computer usage	4,993	3,305

Condensed income Statement (unaudited)

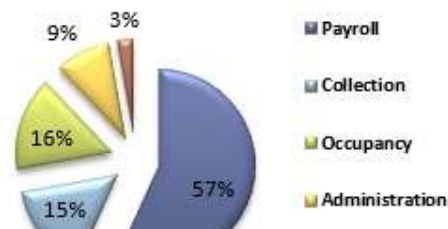
January-December 2016

Revenue	2016	2015
RDCK/ Village Grant	\$ 80,000	\$ 74,492
Province of BC Grants	\$ 20,726	\$ 20,603
Community Access Program	\$ 6,965	\$ 7,337
Other Grants	\$ 6,995	\$ 4,241
Fundraising	\$ 6,731	\$ 6,299
General Revenue	\$ 4,599	\$ 5,798
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 126,016	\$ 118,770
Expenses		
Payroll	\$ 69,213	\$ 67,490
Collection	\$ 18,667	\$ 17,910
Occupancy	\$ 19,270	\$ 16,940
Administration	\$ 11,267	\$ 12,179
Programming	\$ 3,413	\$ 1,885
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 121,830	\$ 116,404
SURPLUS	\$ 4,186	\$ 2,365

SVPL 2016 Revenue



SVPL 2016 Expenses



Community Support

Donors

Beaumont Timber	Wade Allen	Zayle & Gayle Jarek
Billy's Auto	Dolores Burke	Brault Kelpin
Custom Dozing Ltd	Taylor Caron	Laura Kirkhope
Doukhobor Society	Judi & Terry Cozzetto	Roy & Lorraine Kreuzer
Friends of the Salmo Library	Hans Cunningham	Gerry & Alice Nellestijn
Glover Contracting	Gloria Currie	Andrew Raney
Salmo Arts Council	Rene Esloviloff	Ursula Raney-Taylor
Salmo People's Drug Store	Joan Field	Alan Robinson
Salmo Streamkeepers Society	Valene Foster	Krystyna & Andy Sowinski
Salmo Wellness Centre	Pat Goulden	Jean Stahl
Skyway Hardware	Marianne & Reg Hansen	Sydney Traer
Sutco Contracting	Ed & Dorothy Hearn	Keith & Carol Vonk
Western Financial Group	Sharon & Brian Henderson	Noel Weldon
Wildhorse Forestry	Paul Van wijk & Kay Hohn	Michael Van wijk & Sally Whitman

Grants & Funders

Canada Summer Jobs
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy
Columbia Basin Trust
Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance
Community District Youth Fund – Salmo
BC Courthouse Library Society
BC Libraries Branch
Kootenay Library Federation
Regional District of Central Kootenay
Salmo Valley Fund
Village of Salmo
Pacific Community Networks Association
Young Canada Works

The People



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Staff

Library Director, Taylor Caron

Children's Librarian & Library Assistant, Marianne Hansen

Library Clerk, Gayle Jarek

Computer Tutors, Veronica Herbach & Brett Dopp

SRC Coordinator, Victoria Sukra

Accountant, Gloria Currie

Janitor, Irene Sikora

Volunteers

Karen Bahr, Kathryn Bourdon, Mary Blue, Judi Cozzetto,

Molly Frost, Cecilia Granbois, Sharry Heighton,

Gayle Jarek, Tanja Korith, Lorraine Kreuzer,

Nathan Kreuzer, Mary Martin, Kiana Rawa, Ava Thorson

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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