2015
Annual Report

Gibsons & District Public
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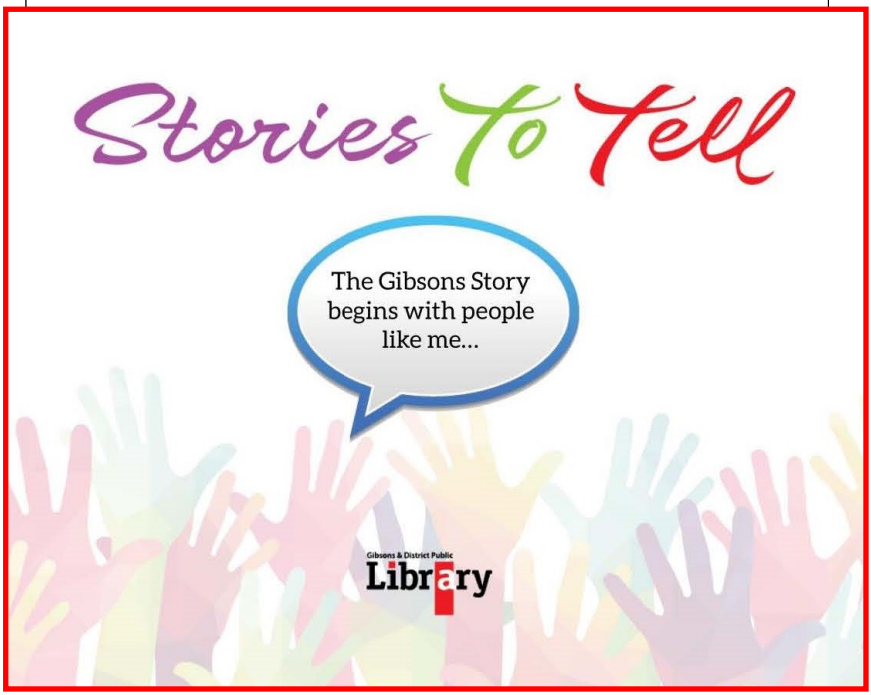
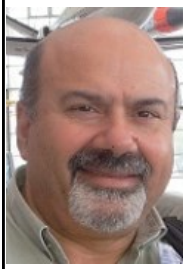


Message from the Board of Trustees



Manjit Kang, Board Chair

After our year-long 2014 Centennial celebration, in 2015, the Board's key priority was to re-focus on our strategic plan, starting with the ramp-up up of the Library's Reconfiguration Project. Library use has changed significantly since the building opened in 1996, so we require more flexibility in the use of our limited space and provide a much-needed refresh.

Project ramp-up meant striking a Reconfiguration Committee and hiring a commercial design company to develop a design that fit our needs and our budget. The key elements included creating a Teen Area, new carpeting, flexible open space, a new circulation desk and various other upgrades throughout building.

A project funding plan is also well underway. In addition to several grant applications that are pending decision, we have a firm commitment of support from the Gibsons & District Library Foundation and access to reserves that were set aside in previous years in anticipation of a future expansion.

We hope to award the contract in the coming weeks once final plans are completed, and the project will be completed by fall of 2016.

In the Library Director's report, Tracey spoke of the Library's strengthening relationship with School District 46 in coordination with the Sechelt Public Library. This is only one part of the excellent collaboration between Tracey and her counterpart Margret Hodgens in Sechelt. By working together, they've already achieved numerous cost savings and improved services to members of both libraries, and their efforts were recognized by both Boards in January.

Finally, we'd to thank Maria Giltrow for her 4 years of service on the Board. Maria was our liaison to the Foundation and served on the Centennial Committee among others.

Thanks also to all Board members, staff and volunteers who make ours a great Library.

Message from the Library Director

2015 marked the third year of the Library's five-year strategic plan. The plan's goals are based on results from a community survey and consultations with library staff and trustees. A theme of learning, training and developing the library's physical and virtual space to support these goals, emerged from this process.

Using these strategic directions as our guide, in 2015 we continued to reach out to residents, community groups and agencies to promote the library as a learning place and explore how the Library could support their goals and learning needs. The launch of the new BC Education Curriculum created an opportunity to strengthen the Library's relationship with School District no. 46. The coordinated effort between Gibsons and Sechelt Public Libraries and the Directors of the Board of Education highlighted the commitment of improving services to students and their families of the Lower Sunshine Coast. I look forward to building on the work we accomplished with our community partners in 2016.

We also advanced the Library reconfiguration project which aims to accommodate more flexible space in the library. Libraries are becoming cultural and community hubs; inspiring and engaging spaces where people can connect, collaborate, network, explore and create. This project will help the Library accommodate these services and help reinforce the Library as the "Learning Place" in the community.

Each year presents a set of opportunities and challenges, in 2015 through combined efforts of the Library board, staff and volunteers we acted on a number of opportunities and tackled challenges. By working together we strengthen the Library allowing us to be responsive to the needs of our residents while continuing to provide core Library services so valued by our members.

Thank you for another wonderful year,

Tracey Therrien, Library Director

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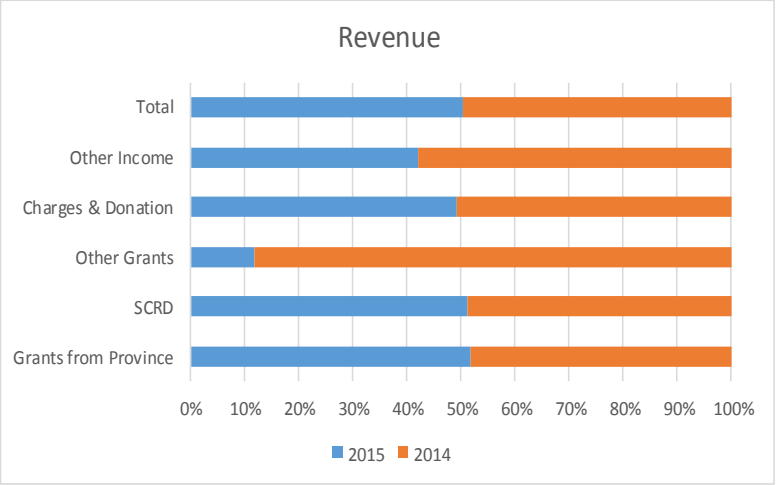
REVENUE 2015		REVENUE 2014	
Grants from Province	$60,782	Grants from Province	$56,805
SCRD	$553,314	SCRD	$527,064
Other Grants	$3301	Other Grants	$25,040
Charges & Donations	$12,480	Charges & Donations	$12,876
Other Income	$7,635	Other Income	$10,489
TOTAL	$637,512	TOTAL	$632,274



EXPENSES 2015		EXPENSES 2014	
Salaries & Benefits	$449,415	Salaries & Benefits	$435,648
Collections	$82,881	Collections	$79,246
Library Management	$30,858	Library Management	$26,913
Building Operations	$41,832	Building Operations	$49,090
Programs	$19,140	Programs	$30,102
Amortization	$4,487	Amortization	$6,019
Total	$628,613	Total	$627,018

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Local Poet Dorothy Stott

Volunteer Tea

Library Members	6,328
Total circulation of all materials:	162,551
Circulation per open hour	71 items
Ebook & Audiobook downloads	13,365
In-person visits	86,432
In-person visits per open hour	38 visits
Public Internet sessions:	6,399
Library website visits	31,028
Reference questions	20,748
Total Library & Outreach programs	398
Program attendance	5,956
Most loaned book:	*All the light that we cannot see by Anthony Doerr*

Christmas choral concert

Getting creative at our annual cardboard challenge

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Library Staff 2015

Tracey Therrien: Library Director

Heather Evans Cullen: Outreach Coordinator

Lynda Carlson: Administrative Assistant

Laura Houle: Circulation Assistant

Danielle Arsenault: Young Person's Librarian

Tammie Leslie : Circulation Clerk

Keely Park: Circulation Clerk

Susanne Larose Cloherty : Circulation Clerk

Jocelyn Stewart: Tech. Asst.

Amanda Nichol: Tech. Asst.

Cobey Hollier: Youth Intern

Ailish Evans: Summer student.

Denise Holliday; on call Tech. Asst.

Colleen Gould: On-call Clerk

Carole Doerksen: On-call Clerk

Lorraine McMillan: On-call Clerk

Elaine Sheepish: On–call Clerk

Board of Trustees 2015

Manjit Kang, Chair

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Lorne Lewis, SCRD Representative

Jeremy Valeriote; Town of Gibsons Representative

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THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION & VOLUNTEERS

The ***Gibsons & District Public Library Foundation*** provides extra funding to the Library for special projects. In 2015 the Foundation funded the design, manufacturing and installation of outdoor Library signage. The signage will be installed in 2016 and will incorporate our new logo and be located prominently at the front entrance and on the library deck.

GIBSONS & DISTRICT
Library Foundation

Volunteers contribute to the Library in a variety of ways. They can be found in the Library shelving books, in the back room processing items and in our meeting room teaching skills and sharing their knowledge. We appreciate their dedication and hard work and truly value their time and enthusiasm in helping us provide the best possible service to our community members.

Thank you!

Bev volunteers twice a week

" I love the Library, It's the best part of my day"

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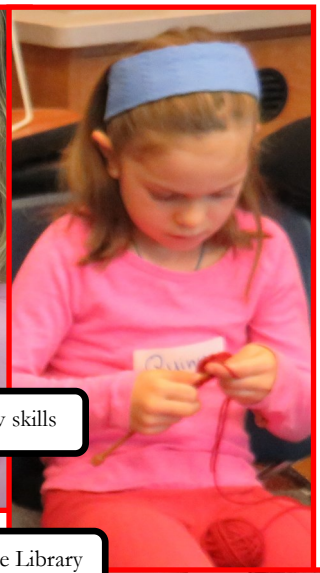
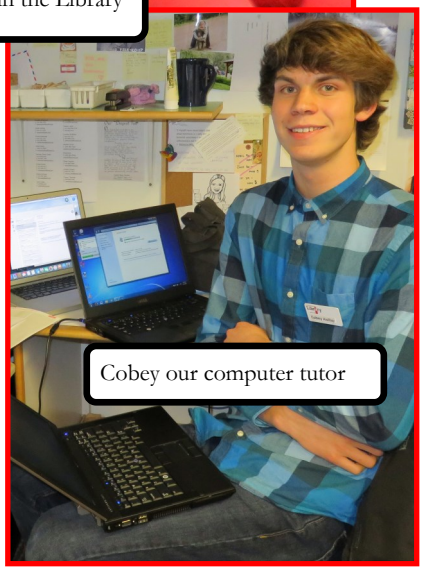
Busy learning new skills



Art installation in the Library



Cobey our computer tutor

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