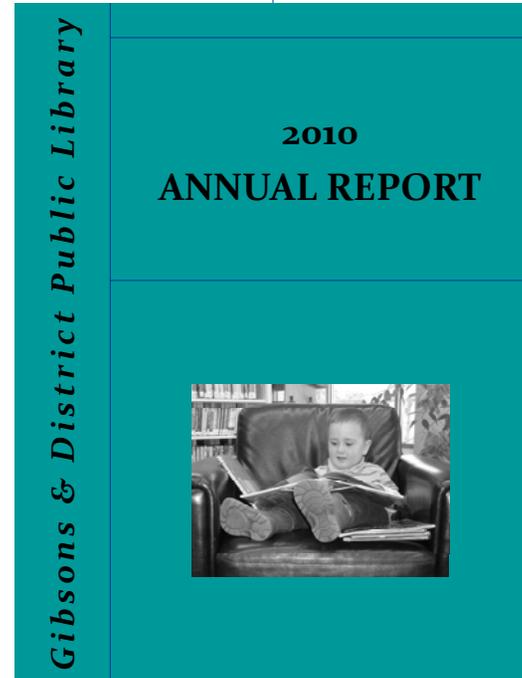


Gibsons & District Public Library Association
 INCOME STATEMENT
 For the Period Ended December 31, 2010

2010		Prior
REVENUE		
	552,774	585,536
SCRD - Local Operating Grant	478,899	503,265
Library Generated/Other Grants & Funds	73,875	105,130.
Restricted Fund Revenue	58,022	
TOTAL REVENUE	552,774	608,396
EXPENSES		
Accounting & Legal	5,317	5,215
Amortization	25,412	55,389
Materials & Services	78,905	91,114
Office & Library Expenses	20,645	12,105
Equipment & Lease Expenses	4,270	4,300
Facility & Utility Expenses	34,212	36,333
Payroll Expenses	376,761	372,878
Other Operating Expenses	6,760	6,859
Restricted Fund Expenditure	58,022	22,860
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES 526,870	552,282	604,081
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	493	4,035.09

Year at a Glance

- ◆ 201,082 physical materials used within the Library or borrowed.
 - ◆ Total materials circulated: 204,983
 - ◆ Circulation per capita: 17.67 up from 17.3
- ◆ Adult Book Download sessions 2,195 an increase of 1,129 or 106% increase over 2009!



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN

This year our work was internal to our building and collections, specifically we:

- *Cleared out most of the paperback spinners at the front of the library, to reduce clutter, improve sight lines to the windows, improve traffic flow, and reduce congestion around the service counter.*
- *Opened up the large print area and purchased firm seating with arms to make the area feel more comfortable for our older clientele. Seniors can now sit and scan the book shelves, sit and peruse their choices, sit and wait for their rides...on seating that is firm, stable and with high arm and back support to assist in getting up and lowering themselves with confidence and security.*
- *With the support of the Foundation we replaced the worn out seating with additional arm-chairs, now liberally distributed throughout the library creating many different niches for people to enjoy.*
- *Rid ourselves of the customer-unfriendly classifications in travel and cooking. As we removed the travel and cooking sections from Dewey we choose to physically separate and highlight the sections for browsability. To this end, we shifted the entire non-fiction collection, the speculative fiction collection, the DVD collection, the video collection and the audiobook collection to relocate the two collections.*
- *The DVD section was re-located to higher shelving units to accommodate comfortable browsing and eliminate the need to bend to the floor and develop neck cricks in attempting to browse titles.*
- *We replaced unattractive display tables, visible as soon as customers entered the library, with attractive tables designed for book display.*
- *With the support of the Foundation, we purchased and installed a multi-cd listening station in a quiet corner of the library.*
- *We purchased and installed several large overhead signs to assist customers in navigating the collection and the space and we re-did the signs at the end of the shelving rows.*

To get our messages out without spending non-existent funds, we cultivated several partners for projects

- *We hosted artwork for a joint project with the Gibson's Art Gallery –part of the words & images venture.*
- *Our joint proposal with Capilano University for English as a second language settlement assistance program in Gibson's was recommended for funding. Capilano University, in partnership with the Gibson's Public Library, will provide settlement-based esl instruction to individuals in Gibson's and the neighbouring community of Robert's Creek.*
- *We contributed approx. \$100 worth of items to the silent auction of the Blackfish Pub golf tournament and in return, received a donation of \$2,000 to seed our "book club in a bag" initiative.*

Changing demographics, changing needs.

We changed the library's opening hours. Surprisingly our demographics have apparently changed so much that we have little call for evening hours – our only evening hours are on Wednesdays until 7:30pm.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Gibsons library building on South Fletcher Road, which opened to the public in 1996, is still known in the community as "the new library", even though it's 15 years old. The library stands on town property. The building is owned by the SCRCD and the Library Association leases the building as sole and exclusive tenants.

For a variety of historical reasons, building maintenance for the library has fallen between the cracks. Maintenance has neither been carried out, nor budgeted for. At the request of the Library Board, the SCRCD carried out two building inspections in 2010--one by the SCRCD's building inspector, and the other an assessment by an outside firm, FAME.

Although our building is sound, there are some significant repairs needed, the most urgent of which are work on the roof, gutters and fascia. The Library Board is working with SCRCD staff to prioritize repairs and put together a long term maintenance schedule. This will use up a large portion of the capital funds that had been set aside for future expansion planning.

Another top priority for 2011 is to get recommendations on how the building's energy efficiency can be improved. The library spends nearly \$20,000 a year on gas and electricity, when we would far rather be spending funds on the library collection and programming.

The library board has expanded from 7 to 9 members and some of our long-term trustees are leaving, so we are seeing a considerable turnover on the board. More than half the 2011 board will have served a year or less. We are pleased to have an exceptionally talented group of trustees, and this is a great opportunity for renewal, but we also need to pay keen attention to training and succession planning so that we don't lose critical knowledge and continuity.

One of the Board's objectives for 2011 is to survey people in our service area in order to get a better picture of how well we serve the community. In particular, we want to find out who is NOT using the library, and why--whether there is anything we can do to improve awareness or tailor library services to the needs of people we might, unintentionally, be under-serving.

Finally, with a conclusion of the Gibsons Harbour Area Plan on the horizon, the GDPL Board looks forward to picking up our long dormant expansion planning process.

2010 saw provincial funding cuts to libraries, and pressure from regional government to keep costs down. Our Library had to cut the Programming budget; nevertheless, our Librarian and staff used their resourcefulness and creativity to fill the void and the board would like to thank them for their outstanding work.

A very special thank you to Roger Swickis, who is retiring from the board after 8 years on the board; the last three years as our chair. It's a big job, and the next chair will have big sandals to fill.

