

# Annual Report

2015

  
ROSSLAND  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



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And a host of  
volunteers.

Having fun isn't hard,  
when you have a library card.



# Report from the Chair.

Another year has come and gone at the Rossland Public Library. 2015 was a busy and productive one for our Library. We were challenged by a reduction in our funding from City Hall resulting in a required adjustment in library operating hours, resulting in negative feedback from some customers. While our main focus has continued to be our Library Renewal Project, we also prioritized further increases in service and programs for our patrons. It is through the hard work of the library staff, volunteers and Board members that we see advancement in our initiatives – thanks to everyone for a great year.

A few highlights:

We continue to run popular programming at the Library despite our budget related reduction in operating hours in 2015. Some notable programs include: Books and Babies with between 12-24 soon to be readers attending each week, Storytime @ Strong Start with 10-12 kids, Lost Sheep Knitters club, monthly book clubs (both adult and kids) and the Lego club. The Library also sponsored Rossland Reads which took place in the fall at New Edition Café & Books and were very well attended. Congrats to Jane Therriault, for defending the ultimate winner – The Cellist of Sarajevo. The Library also took part in the 2015 Rossland Winter Carnival – the ice slide is always popular. And of course, Santa did his annual visit for pictures during Rekindle the Spirit of Christmas. Bev and her staff are planning more programming in 2016 including working with the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) on iPads for seniors.



Maintenance wise – the exterior of the building was painted. Thank you to the City and Kasey from Coverall Painting.

Financially – thanks to Yolanda Ridge for serving as Treasurer. Although Yolanda will be staying on the Board, she is looking to hand the financial reigns over to somebody else going forward. We continue to work hard at developing good budgets and proving our value to City Hall to ensure we continue getting acceptable funding to run our Library.

Technology – we supported the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBBC) installation of broadband service to Rossland. The gear is operating in our shed. We also purchased, with a community initiatives grant from Columbia Basin Trust, a number of iPads during the year to use in the Library and to support early literacy.

The Library Renewal Committee completed Phase One of our renewal plan. Our washroom renovations were completed over the summer and are a dramatic improvement. We have also partnered with the Family Action Network (FAN) in establishing our facilities as “Eazy Peezy” family washrooms. The plans for Phase 2 of the renovations are ready to go and we continue to fund raise. We hope to be able to complete Phase 2 in summer 2016 and be ready for the library 77th Anniversary in October.

We are also saying good-bye to several Trustees this year. We will especially miss Erik Knudsgaard who passed away in early February 2016 in Kananaskis while guiding blind skiers. Our thoughts continue to go out to Erik’s family. We also say goodbye to Debbie Nelson, who is resigning her position as a board member after 3 years. And good-bye also to Lorrie Walmsley, who joined the board with me in 2008. Lorrie has been a tireless advocate for the Rossland Library. Thanks a lot to both Debbie and Lorrie. 2016 will be another new beginning for our Library with a large turnover in Trustees and 4-5 new board members. When we put out a call for new board members, it was heartening to see the response and the interest that people had in serving the Rossland Community as a member of the Library Board.

Lastly, I have been a part of the Rossland Library Board of Trustees for the maximum of 8 years set out in the BC Library Act. I have been the Chair for the last three and a half years. I look back and can say that I am amazed and very proud of how far the Library has come in the past 8 years. I’ll admit that very little was a result of my work – the board simply provides the support for the Library staff and volunteers to achieve the results that we have seen recently.

To the next board, I know that you will continue the strong support and advocacy for library services in Rossland.

See you in the Library!  
Chris D’Odorico  
Out-going Board Chair



The library completed the first phase of the renewal of its building with a complete renovation of the washrooms. They are clean and fresh and accessible. The Family Action Network named them Easy Peezy family-friendly washrooms at a launch in November with the official tearing of the toilet paper.



Fundraising continues for phase two of the renewal. In 2015, funding for the renewal was committed by the Nelson & District Credit Union, Kootenay Savings Credit Union, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 14 and Columbia Basin Trust. Donations can be made online, through the the libraries website or at the library.





Summer Reading Club is very popular, with upwards of 100 children taking part each year. 25 to 30 children stop by the booth at the Rossland Mountain Market each week as well. Mayor Kathy Moore presented medals to some of the children who completed the programme.



## Rossland Reads

In it's fifth year, Rossland reads theme was *award winning Canadian novels of the 21st century*. Debaters Penny Johnson, Maddie Snelgrove, Lise Levesque and Jane Theriault were keep in line (mostly) by moderator Jennifer Ellis. Theriault successfully convinced the crowd that *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway was the best book. Thank you to New Edition Cafe & Books for hosting us; to the Rossland Beer Co., Mountain Nugget Chocolates, Mountain Living Skin Care and Key Chi Soaps for the door prizes and to the Legion for lending us chairs.



And the year isn't complete until Santa sits in this chair. More than 30 families had their photos taken by Doell Photo with the jolly old man during Rekindle the Spirit of Christmas.



## Report from the Library Director.

The photos on the page are by Lesley Chisholm of Aubrey building and Reuben reading. Lesley won the Summer Reading Club Photo Contest, a family membership at the Rossland Museum and Discovery Centre, with these photos. They tell the tale of the two most popular things at the library, and the ones we are most noted for, children's programming and borrowing "real" books. While ebook circulation continues to rise, the number of actual books we put in peoples hands is still the biggest part of our work, whether they are on our shelf or they come from other BC libraries. With the availability to our members of online ordering from other libraries, the number coming in has double since 2013. The ability to offer our members access to almost 11,000,000 items in BC libraries makes our small library large indeed.

Children's programming is a staple in most libraries. With up to 24 babies and their adults attending Books & Babies each week it is our most popular programme. Summer Reading Club has more than 100 kids registered each summer and Lego Club has roughly 30 kids each month. In the past two years, we have moved out of the library, with Storytime @ Strong Start, Summer Reading Club at the Rossland Mountain Market and Junior Book Club at the RSS library.

Adult programming is a smaller part of what we do, but equally vital. Book Club and the Lost Sheep Knitters meet each month. Authors Mark Forsythe and Greg Dickson visited us with their book *West Coast to Western Front*. Thank you to the Rossland Museum and Discovery Centre for letting us use their theatre for their presentation. And, of course, there is the every popular Rossland Reads.

Along side our programming and collections are the services we offer: a meeting room, public computers, wifi, printing, scanning, faxing, exam invigilation and, new in 2015 iPads loaded with kids games.

Our library is a resource for all - young and old, rich and poor, local and visitor. Our programmes are free. Anyone with a membership in any BC library can use their card to borrow books, movies and magazines. Visitors from outside BC can get a temporary membership. Our newly renovated washrooms increase accessibility. We partner with the National Network for Equitable Library Service and subscribe to the Centre for Equitable Library Access to support our print disabled members.

Author Caitlin Moran believes:

"A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life-raft and a festival. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination."

We have something for everyone.

Beverley Rintoul





## The Numbers.

Income (from all sources): \$171,544  
Visits to the library: 41,000  
Circulation (physical): 32,471  
Circulation (electronic): 4,388  
Borrowed from other libraries: 1,768  
Lent to other libraries: 1,152  
Books in collection: 14,522  
New books: 1,246  
Public computer usage: 2,050  
Pages printed: 7,382  
Programme attendance: 2,532  
Reference questions answered: 4,212  
Meeting room bookings: 321  
Hours open: 1,821  
Equivalent to full time staff: 2



Most borrowed book:  
Three Day Road by Joseph Boyden

Most borrowed movie:  
Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows



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