

Annual Report

2016



MY LIBRARY

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And a host of
volunteers.



Report from the Chair.

Looking back at 2016, the Rossland Public Library was able to continue to grow and strengthen our place within the community. At last year's AGM, we elected six new Trustees to our board, and their enthusiasm and engagement helped us continue to move forward and improve the library.

The Rossland Public Library continues to be an important part of our community. This was reflected in City Council's budgeting process for 2017, with an increase in funding for your library. The funding increase was based on allowing the Library to extend opening hours, and we have followed through with more morning and evening hours to help serve you better.

With an average of 3,000 people visits per month in 2016, our community engagement continues to be strong. Another solid year of programming has kept Rossland citizens, young and old, engaged and active at the Library.

Rossland Reads was, once again, a big success in November, with standing room only at the events. We were also able to have a presence at all of the weekly outdoor farmers markets this past summer, as well as being involved in Spring Fling, Golden City Days, Rekindle, and the Winter Carnival.

Our Library Renewal project continues to advance, and the 2016 focus was centred on building a fundraising and community outreach plan. This was accentuated by our presence at Rossland city events.

Adam Howse

Our trustees set policy, fundraise, and replace fluorescent light tubes

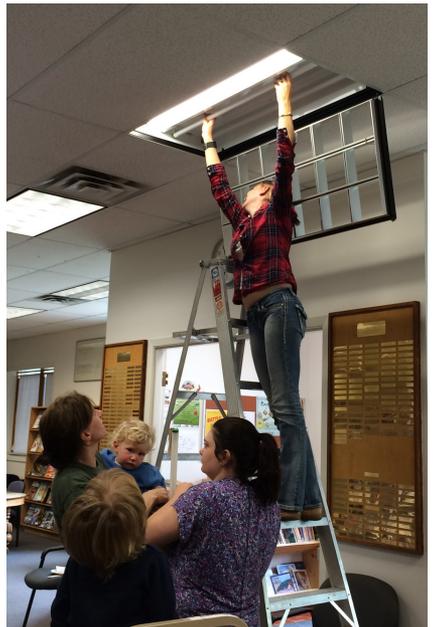




Photo: Chelsea Novak



Lily Kompass was our star fundraiser in 2016. She silk screen t-shirts, onesies, bags, etc with her own "I [heart] my library Rossland" design. She was interviewed on CBC radio and received a commendation from our MP, Richard Cannings.



Rossland Reads

Once again our Rossland Reads debaters drew the crowds. Nicola Kuhn defended Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese against all comers.



Photo: Penny Johnson



Rossland REAL Food

We partnered with Rossland REAL Food so library members can now borrow a dehydrator or a pressure canner with their library card.



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. The theme in 2016 was travel and our SRC co-ordinator Lindsay Crispin was the tour guide. Our MP Richard Canning presented end of programme medals to the deserving children and to our Mayor, Kathy Moore.



High speed fibre optic broadband came to Rossland in 2016. The library was a beta tester and the location of Columbia Basin Broadband's launch party.

Photo: ourtrust.org

Our year is not complete until Santa visits us bringing all his elves.



Photo by Larry Doell.

Report from the Library Director.

While ebook circulation continues to rise, the number of actual books we put in people's 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 borrowing from other libraries, the number coming in has more than doubled since 2013. The ability to offer our members access to almost 11,000,000 items in BC libraries makes our small library large indeed.

Exciting additions to our collection are a pressure canner and a dehydrator, as a result of our partnership with Rossland REAL Food. Rossland residents can borrow them with their library card along with their books, movies and magazines.

Children's programming is a staple in most libraries. With up to 30 babies and their adults attending Books & Babies each week, it is our most popular programme.

Summer Reading Club has approximately 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. Author, Nelson library trustee, and former politician Donna MacDonald read from her book *Surviving City Hall*. And, of course, there is the ever popular Rossland Reads.

Alongside our programming and collections are the services we offer: a meeting room, public computers, wifi, printing, scanning, faxing, exam invigilation and, 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. 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.

We have something for everyone.

Beverley Rintoul

Rossland Library Director Beverley
and Burnaby librarian Lise Kreps met
Summer Reading Club artist Edward Lee Fodi
at the BC Libraries Conference in 2016.

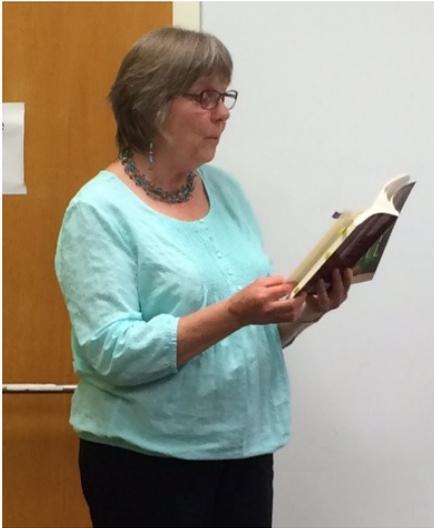
Photo: Cynthia Ford





The Numbers.

Income (from all sources): \$154,610
Visits to the library: 43,500
Circulation (physical): 35,616
Circulation (electronic): 5,711
Borrowed from other libraries: 1,946
Lent to other libraries: 1,155
Books in collection: 14,847
New books: 1,086
Public computer usage: 1,754
Pages printed: 7,306
Programme attendance: 2,551
Reference questions answered: 5,250
Meeting room bookings: 380 hours
Hours open: 1,820
Equivalent to full time staff: 2



Most borrowed book:
Three Day Road by Joseph Boyden

Most borrowed movie:
Minions



Your Rossland Public Library card gives you access to more than 11,000,000 items in libraries across BC.



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