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### **Our Staff**

**Director:** Stacey Boden

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*(retired February 2021)*

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**We have 14,651 books in our collection!**

**1045 patrons are using services provided by our Library.**

**In 2020 we issued 239 new library cards.**

**We added 674 new books to our collection in the last year.**

**The Library has two Kobo e-readers with pre-loaded books that patrons can check out.**

**We are constantly adding items to our "Library of Things"– we have two dehydrators, a pressure canner, a projector, a radon test kit and a line logger!**

**Everyone is welcome to join "Raven Reads", our monthly book club.**

**Study space is available and we happily help students by proctoring their exams.**

**FREE WiFi is available inside and outside of our Library.**



Guess where this cool library is located?  
Canon Beach, Oregon

### A Message from the Director - Stacey Boden:

I am so pleased to be taking on the Director role here at the Rossland Public Library. This year has been one of great upheaval and change but I would say that this particular change, for me, is one of the better ones. The Rossland Library is such a wonderful community hub and libraries have been pillars of stability during all of the lock downs and closures. I am looking forward to joining with the staff to continue to provide wonderful service and to maintain the fabulous reputation already held by the Library and everyone who has been working throughout the pandemic. 2020 was a difficult year for everyone, and although we are still early into 2021 I am looking forward to getting to know the Rossland community so that we can do everything we can to move onwards and upwards. Here's to a great year ahead.

*“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. On a cold rainy island, they are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer, but a citizen instead”*

Caitlin Moran

# Library Board



## **A WORD FROM THE BOARD**

Across the world and in every community 2020 will be remembered as a year of uncertainty. It seemed like every other week public health guidelines changed and public libraries had to pivot to determine how we could continue to operate while keeping our staff and patrons safe.

Our mission-to-inspire the curious and support everyone in the Rossland area in pursuing knowledge, lifelong learning and literacy- had to be fulfilled in new ways. It is a credit to our staff that with each new challenge they overhauled our services to meet socially distanced guidelines and came up with innovative ways to ensure patrons could continue to take advantage of our physical collection such as our “take out” service. We are proud of their professionalism and dedication to our community and the role our library plays.

While our fiscal year has ended the pandemic has not and new challenges continue to arise in 2021. As we move forward we will continue to adapt and shift our services to meet Rossland’s needs and use our mission to guide us through these unprecedented times. We welcome the expertise and experience of our new Director Stacey Boden and look forward to seeing how our programs and services evolve throughout this year.

*Jacqueline Dawes & Jeff Ross, Co-Chairs*

The personnel committee has had a busy year. We completed some important deliverables, specifically updating and modernizing our personnel policies and the creation of consistent employment contracts for all employees.

In addition, we conducted a recruitment and interview process to hire 2 new part time staff and a new Library Director.

We continue to work in refining our health and safety policy and working with staff on safety and security education and procedures.

*Michael Ramsey, Personnel Committee*

During the past year, Public Relations has submitted bi-weekly columns to *The Rossland Telegraph* (online) and *The Rossland News* (print edition). These columns each feature a “Books of My Life” interview and Library announcements, reminders, and general information. Board members, our City Council liaison, student page, and new Library Director have all been interviewed. Remaining Library staff and patrons will be asked to participate next. The announcements section has covered such topics as RPL and Kootenay book club meetings, magazines, Libby, French books for loan, art displays, Museum passes, and the piano music collection to name a few. Much thanks to Library staff for providing ideas, and to both papers for helping to raise the profile of the Library in the community.

*Eileen Daniel, Public Relations*

## **Rossland Public Library June 2020 – March 2021 Maintenance Report**



During this past year there were two significant maintenance projects conducted at the Library. Both projects were completed by Hil-Tech Contracting Ltd. of Trail.

The first project was the creation of a director's office. A permanent interior wall was built in the staff kitchen area. The interior wall replaced an unstable temporary partition wall dividing the L-shaped staff kitchen. One of the features of the wall is a sliding pocket door that allows access to the staff kitchen from the director's office and provides the necessary second egress from the new room. For this project a building permit was applied for and received from the City of Rossland.



The second maintenance project was completed to provide staff additional security in the Library while working behind the circulation desk. The work included fabrication and installation of a gate at the end of the circulation desk and installation of plexiglass above the end of the circulation desk. A final feature added for security was a peephole in the maintenance room door in the unlikely event that staff require a safe room. The staff have indicated an increased feeling of comfort having these added features.

A final project, that is ongoing, has been intermittent problems with sewer drains in the Library's public washroom. A video inspection of the sewer has been completed by City staff and the City will be responding with an appropriate solution.

*Abigail Steel, Maintenance Committee*



## **2020 was a busy year for Rossland readers.**

Rosslanders borrowed more books from other libraries in the 8 and a half months we were open, than in all of 2019. Rossland book clubs continued in various ways throughout the lockdown. The Library currently supports 7 book clubs including one that formed solely to read stage plays. Interestingly, interlibrary loans saw an increase in borrowing travelogues, dystopian novels and cookbooks. In 2020 Rosslanders borrowed 2042 books and the Library loaned 454 books to other BC libraries. The Rossland Public Library has become a frequent lender to William Head Institution, a minimum security prison in Victoria.

During the lockdown books and dvds were still available to patrons who emailed, phoned or reserved items online. Staff checked out requested items to patrons and hand delivered them through the door. This year the Library has placed all five of our Victor readers, a cd reader with highly contrasting colored buttons and raised braille like symbols, with local print disabled patrons. We have hundreds of cd books free of charge through the CNIB, which we lend to patrons. We often deliver packages of books on cd to all our Victor reader patrons and deliver books and dvds to any house-bound patron.

*Gillian Eames, Resource Sharing Librarian*

## **CHILDREN's PROGRAMMING**

While the Covid-19 pandemic brought a temporary end to children's programming at the library, it did provide an opportunity to examine and develop all areas of the youth collection. Special attention was paid to building up the junior French section. A couple of series of graphic novels and a number of picture books have now rounded out this collection. Several volumes, both fiction and non-fiction, were curated for preschool to young adult patrons to ensure that our community's children and youth have access to books that portray diversity. We were happy to support our regular home schoolers and those new to the process by familiarizing them with our collection and ordering what they needed. Many great acquisition suggestions for our library have come from these patrons! For the first time the provincial summer reading club (BC SRC) was online. The theme was Explore Our Universe, and participants were treated to live streaming from the Vancouver Science Center each week. There were also weekly interactive quizzes and opportunities to ask an astronomer anything about space. The reading log component was also online and children could earn up to seven badges, one for each week of the program. The program was well-received by the local children who participated.

*Lynn Amann, Children's Librarian*

# WHAT ELSE HAPPENED @ THE LIBRARY DURING TIMES OF COVID-19?



1. Call, email or place a hold through our online catalogue.
2. Our librarians will find your books and check them out to you.
3. You'll get a call telling you when you can pick-up your book(s)

Only books available at the Rossland Public Library may be requested.  
Please stock up and limit your trips to the library.



For more information:  
250 362 7611  
info@rosland.bclibrary.ca

## Need to print?

Come by the library with your phone, tablet or laptop between 10am and 5pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

Knock on the door and tell the staff you are going to print.

Connect to our wifi - roslandlibrary A or roslandlibrary B, password 12345678.

Print your document to our Sharp printer.

Staff will bring you your copies and collect your payment.

Fees for printing  
Letter - B&W 25¢; Colour 50¢  
Ledger - B&W 50¢; Colour \$1



KEEP YOUR  
BORROWED LIBRARY  
ITEMS UNTIL THE  
LIBRARY REOPENS.

ALL FINES WILL  
BE WAIVED.



Summer Reading Club has gone online!

register online at [bcsrc.ca](http://bcsrc.ca)



The People in Our Neighbourhood  
Storytime

A new video on the  
Rossland Public Library  
Youtube channel  
every Tuesday in December.



### What books shaped us?

Watch for the new library column in local newspapers sharing the books that makes Rosslanders what they are today. By answering questions such as which book made you laugh; which book made you cry; which book couldn't you finish and others, we delve into how stories have made us.

If you would like to share the Books of Your Life, contact the library at 250 362 7611 or [info@rosland.bclibrary.ca](mailto:info@rosland.bclibrary.ca).

THE BOOKS  
OF MY LIFE



# ART IN THE LIBRARY

Near the end of 2020, the Rossland Library installed a new hanging system to display art from local visual artists. The system is able to showcase photographs, paintings, tapestries, and other mediums. The first installation featured work by local artists Tom Drescher, Tim Peacock, Mark Jeffrey, and Sue Dean. The art hanging system allows for a high turnover of art without damaging the walls or fixtures. In the coming weeks, we will begin showing new pieces by other local artists.

Library patrons have warmly received the access to original artwork; local artists have also benefited from having an opportunity to display and sell their art to the public. The Rossland News ran a front page story extolling the many successes of this new addition to the Library: <https://www.rosslandnews.com/news/rossland-library-showcases-local-artists/>.

Particular praise should be given to Penny Johnson who spearheaded this idea and has proven instrumental in both the acquisition and the promotion of artwork at the library.

*Richard Kemick, Arts Committee*



  
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