



# 2021 Rossland Public Library Annual Report



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# Message from the Director

2021 was another challenging pandemic year for everyone and the Library was no exception. We were so pleased to be able to work within the guidelines set by the BC Public Health Ministry to continue to grow and provide services to our community by offering new programs and lendable materials.

Our primary focus in 2021 was on increasing our relationships with our community partners and we are so excited to continue to grow those connections to best serve the residents and visitors of Rossland. Library staff were able to participate in book clubs, training, and workshops including Indigenous Awareness with Bob Joseph, Vulnerable Populations training with Ryan Dowd and more.

We were also able to increase the amount of items available in our Library of Things! We've added snow shoes and explorer backpacks to our regular collection of dehydrators, apple peelers and fruit presses to allow our patrons to spend more time exploring the Kootenays!

It has been such a pleasure to be able to give back to a community that has given so much to the Library and we are so thankful to our patrons, collaborators, partners, incredible staff and wonderful Board for a year full of promise and growth. It truly does take a village, or in this case, an entire mountain City, to create magic and it has been wonderful to be a part of that.

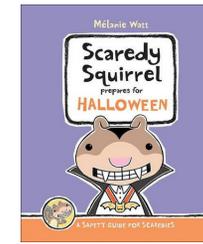
Stacey Boden  
Executive Director



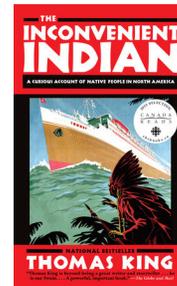
## the books you loved the most



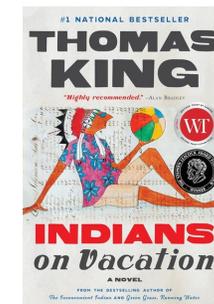
Junior Fiction



Picture Books



Non-Fiction



Fiction



Books & Babies

The BC Summer  
Reading Club

Cool Crafts

Tech Coaching

Books and Dogs

Raven Reads Book  
Club

Iona Wishaw  
Author Talk

Read Local with  
Jennifer Ellis

## 2021 Programs at the Library



Our programming would not be possible without our community partners: The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, The Nelson Public Library, The Kootenay Library Federation, The Rossland Heritage Society, the Rossland Youth Action Network, the City of Rossland, and The Rossland Museum and Discovery Centre.

## Message from the Board Chair

"My library was dukedom large enough."

-Willy Shakespeare.

The past year has spanned a period of transition and excitement at the library. Our new director, Stacey Boden, has surpassed all expectations in her role. As head of the executive committee, I have had the privilege of routinely communicating our board's applause for her performance to date. Stacey has also been spearheading new library programs, all of which hold promise and possibility. As such, my time as the board chair has been characterized by ensuring that the library has the resources and policies needed to implement these new programs, and for the staff to feel empowered in pursuing new directions.

The financials of the library continue to be stable and well-run. Stacey has discovered new grant opportunities in order to diversify our funding sources. Some of these applications have already been successful, with further results pending. There seems to be more room to grow in this particular regard, and I look forward to seeing how the library continues to develop as a keystone of this community.

Richard Kemick  
Library Board Chair



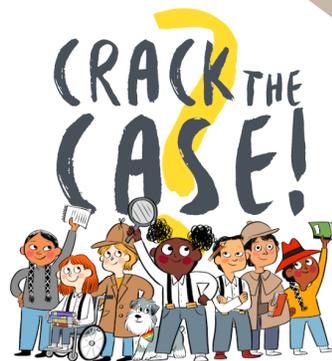
## Staff

Stacey Boden  
Lynn Amann  
Gillian Eames  
Sabine Bruckheimer  
Julie MacDermott

Patricia Piper  
Penny Johnson  
Sylwia Kisynsky  
Janell Lancaster  
Evan Taylor  
Elise Obal

## Board of Trustees

Catherine Spence	Eileen Daniel
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## Thank you to our 2021 Donors and Grant Funders

Thank you to local organizations and generous individuals who made it possible to enhance our collection throughout 2021.

Program Attendance

767

E-Books Downloaded

7803

Books Checked Out

25,543

The Library would also like to recognize our funders. The City of Rossland, The British Columbia Ministry of Municipal Affairs, The Government of Canada, The Rossland Rotary Club, Law Matters, The Kootenay Library Federation, and the Columbia Basin Trust.

A special thank you to our incredible staff, board, and volunteers for their essential contributions to the Library!

Total Books Added to Collection

600

InterLibrary Loans

2341

New Library Members

143



## Financial Overview (unaudited)

REVENUE		EXPENSES	
City of Rossland	\$136,900	Programs	\$923
Province	\$24,742	Collection	\$17,737
Project Grants	\$15,794	Operations	\$27,313
Donations and Printing	\$10,541	Facilities	\$13,633
		Salaries and Wages	\$142,711
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$187,977</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$202,317</b>