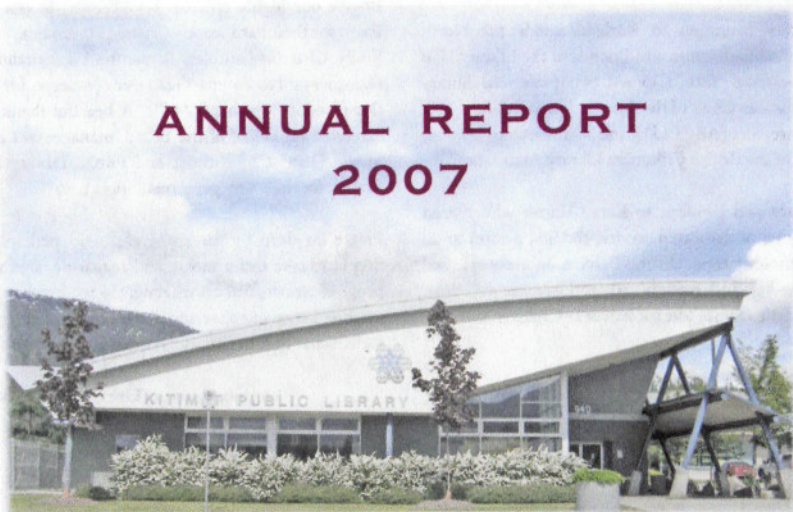




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Looking Back

I am very pleased to report that our proposal to bring ELSAP – English as a Second Language Settlement Assistance program – to Kitimat was approved by the Minister of Advanced Education. A coordinator was hired to administer the program through the Kitimat Community Services Society (KCSS). Program partners also include the Northwest Community College. The partnership made a further request to the Ministry to sustain the Kitimat Adult Literacy Program (now named KALP). The two grants came in at just under \$50000.

We were also pleased to learn that the grant we filed with Industry Canada's New Horizon for Seniors to bring computer literacy to the elders in the Village was approved for \$15000. The program is to be administered by Village Council with the Library overseeing elder training. The Library has also promised to lend a hand with computer instruction at the Senior Center.

The Library continues to work alongside the North Coast Library Federation and Friends of the Library. On a more personal note, I joined two provincial library associations – as Chair of the Association of Public Library Directors (ABCPLD), and Membership Secretary of the British Columbia Library Association.

The Library said goodbye to Karen Carter who retired after 19 years of dedicated service, the first person to do so in a very long time. Elaine Pereira, an accomplished public speaker and readers' advisor became full-time. Highly artistic Denise Idle took over as Children's Programmer.

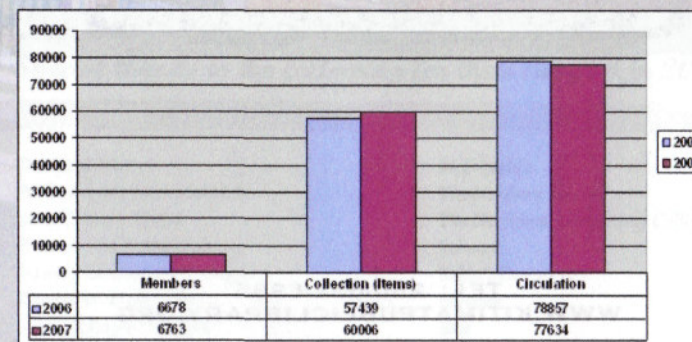
Shawn Durocher, ex-library Page and Casual joined us in early 2008 bringing with him computer expertise as well as five years of Library experience. Our team is a strong one and one in which I am very proud. Labour relations remained strong; no grievances were filed, nor sick days taken and morale remained high throughout the year.

To our regular children's programming we added French language story times. This was hugely popular and we plan to continue to deliver French programming in 2008. In-house and outreach programs all thrived as you may see from the accompanying statistics. Nearly 80,000 patrons visited the library in 2007.

Kudos to Karin Grossmann for keeping our puppet play productions magically alive and for her proficiency at manning the Virtual Reference Station; to Teresa DeLisser for her knack at keeping us organized; to Judy Rogers our highly efficient bookkeeper; to our student Pages for their hard work - Chelsea Hartmann, Emily Charron-Lanthier, Samantha Grossmann, Sylvia Gairdner and to Fatima Vieira our concierge, for keeping this place in top shape 24/7! A heartfelt thanks is also extended on behalf of the Board, management and staff to the District of Kitimat and Public Library Services Branch for their very generous support.

Please do drop by for a peaceful read perhaps by the fireplace, take out a movie and magazine, sign up for a program or two, discuss what next to read with a seasoned staff member and always remember – when in the Kitimat Public Library "We can take you anywhere!"*

Virginia Charron, Library director BA MLIS



Facts & Figures

Revenue	\$	Expenditures	\$
Fines	9,184	Advertising	2,098
Photocopying service	952	Books/audio visual	73,321
Donations	1,675	Equipment purchase	7,697
Lost materials	1,410	Equipment repairs & maintenance	7,092
Miscellaneous	2,855	Insurance, professional fees & dues	6,911
Phone/fax	473	Janitorial	11,044
Internet	678	Periodicals, subscriptions & microform	7,488
Subtotal	<u>17,227</u>	Postage and miscellaneous	5,885
Municipal grants		Program/display materials	3,058
General	429,447	Reading/literacy programs	7,260
Rental	111,600	Rent	111,600
Student wages top-up	521	Salaries and benefits	368,194
Subtotal	<u>541,568</u>	Staff development	2,642
Provincial grants		Stationery and supplies	10,955
BC OneCard	9,500	Telephone, internet & utilities	6,078
Every school child	1,040	Travel	<u>6,216</u>
Resource sharing	2,118		
Library operating	33,632		
Technology & equity	9,500		
Subtotal	<u>55,790</u>		
Federal grants			
Summer career placement	5,688		
Community access program	<u>13,613</u>		
Subtotal	<u>616,659</u>		
Total	<u>633,886</u>	Total	<u>637,489</u>

Cash	26,020
Prepaid expenses	2,672
Investments	19,074

Patron visits	75,712	In-house program attendees	3,111
Items circulated	77,634	Computer use	10,475
New members	590	Computer training sessions	231
Card holders	6,763	Items added	5,654
Interlibrary loans & borrowing	1,728	Items in the collection	60,006
Book reserves	2,098	Outreach program attendees	710
In-house programs	181	On-line databases usage	5,143

Board Members

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Staff Members

Karin Grossmann	Library Asst. III
Karen Carter	Library Asst. II
Teresa deLisser	Library Asst. II
Shawn Durocher	Library Asst. II
Denise Idle	Library Asst. II
Elaine Pereira	Library Asst. II
Emily Charron-Lanthier	Page
Sylvia Gairdner	Page
Samantha Grossmann	Page
Chelsea Hartmann	Page
Maureen Braun	Casual



Minister of Education, Hon. S. Bond with BCLTA President, P. Wainright; Kitimat Public Library Director, & ABCPLD Chair V. Charron; BCLA President, D. Thomas at the UBCM Library Reception held September 27th, Vancouver.



Karen Carter retires after 19 years of devoted service.



Denise Idle, children's author & illustrator, becomes our newest Children's Programmer.



Fred Bernard of Granisle drops in for our Christmas Meet & Greet. "Remind you of anyone?" To his left is Library Director Virginia Charron.

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