



KITIMAT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Looking Back

Just under 80,000 patrons came through the doors of our charming and charismatic public library and we could not have served so many without the generous support of the District of Kitimat, the B.C. Ministry of Education and Industry Canada. The Kitimat Public Library Board and staff are equally grateful for all the work performed by the Kitimat Friends of the Library whose two book sales in 2009 earned \$3,567. Donations paid for a dazzling children's puppet theatre and a very tall and handsome caterpillar which morphs into a multi-tiered hanger for our early literacy book bags and audiovisual material. It might be of interest to learn that all the books that community members donate to our library not only make it into our collection or sold by donation at our book sales but many are redistributed to the local food bank, the seniors residence, the hospital auxiliary shop, the Smither's Child Development Centre and Hazelton Public Library's bookmobile. Too, the past year we shipped three large boxes of used books to prison inmates and four boxes were earmarked for on-line resale.

Marianne Sweet, a two time 8-year term Trustee, stepped down from the Board at the end of 2009. She was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a BC limited-edition coffee table book from the Ministry's Public Library Services Branch. We thank Marianne for her loyalty to the Board and community and especially for her work as Treasurer over the years. Other library milestones achieved during the year were the birth of Page Sylvia Gairdner's daughter and retirement of long time casual, Maureen Braun. Congratulations to Marianne, Sylvia and Maureen!

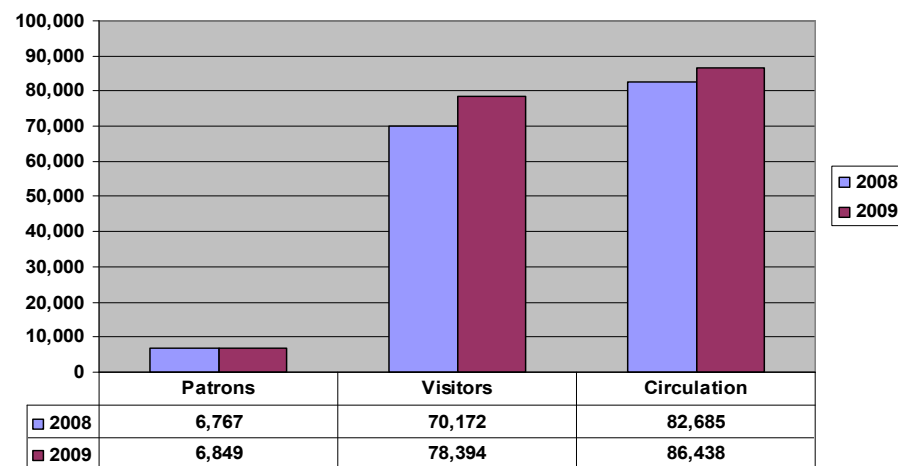
Not unusual, when the economy suffers, library usage typically increases. Ten percent more people visited the Library in 2009 over 2008 and memberships increased to 6,849. Holdings remained constant at 56,820 which is considered full capacity. Doors to the public were opened 353 days out of 365, and we offered another year's worth of exemplary programs to entertain and to teach groups of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Our dedicated and loyal staff remain the Library's strongest asset. They helped run strong programs and performed a high standard of service. Absenteeism again this year remained low and labor relations strong.

The Library continued to work alongside the Kitimat Learning and Language Network as well as the North Coast Library Federation in order to increase resources and services in the community and region. My term as Past Chair of the Association of BC Public Libraries ("The ABCPLD") comes to an end in the spring of 2011. This experience was of tremendous value as a professional librarian, and I thank the Board for supporting my work at the provincial level.

While we head into 2010 amid concerns of financial cuts to grants at both the municipal and provincial levels our mission will continue to be to provide a high standard of operations and services.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Charron, Library director, BA MLIS



Facts & Figures

Revenue	\$	Expenditures	\$
Fines	10,771	Advertising	1,840
Photocopying service	740	Books/audiovisual	60,032
Donations	2,821	Equipment purchase	10,969
Lost materials	1,378	Equipment repairs & maintenance	6,174
Miscellaneous	4,864	Insurance, professional fees & dues	7,149
Phone/fax	475	Janitorial	9,991
Internet	824	Literacy programs	842
Subtotal	<u>21,873</u>	Periodicals, subscriptions & microform	5,745
Municipal grants		Postage and miscellaneous	6,721
General	437,697	Program/display materials	3,133
Rental	111,600	Rent	111,600
Subtotal	<u>549,297</u>	Salaries and benefits	392,006
Provincial grants		Staff development	2,984
BC OneCard	9,500	Stationery and supplies	7,929
Every school child	1,160	Telephone, Internet & utilities	6,698
Resource sharing	2,816	Travel	<u>4,793</u>
Library operating	33,632		
Equity	9,686		
Subtotal	<u>56,794</u>		
Federal grant			
Community access program	4,990		
Total	<u>632,954</u>	Total	<u>638,106</u>
		Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>-5,152</u>

Cash	68,294	Accounts Receivable	5,264
Prepaid expenses	2,716	Liabilities & Deferred Revenue	21,573

Website hits	26,656	Days open	353/365
Patron visits	78,394	In-house program attendees	2,528
Items circulated	86,438	Internet bookings	11,921
New members	676	Computer training sessions	91
Card holders	6,849	Items added	5,021
Interlibrary loans & borrowing	2,889	Items deleted	4,605
Book reserves	2,327	Items in the collection	56,820
In-house programs	240	Outreach program attendees	260
Meeting room rentals	5	Outreach Programs	9

Board Members

Linda Campbell	Trustee
Virginia Charron	Secretary & Director
Din-yi Coosemans	Trustee
Diane Dessureault	Trustee
Judith Halland	Treasurer
Brian Liberman	Trustee
Patricia Lovegren	Chair
Donna McMenamon	Trustee
Marianne Sweet	Vice-Chair
Ray Taylor	Trustee
Dr. Gerd Gottschling	Council Representative

Staff Members

Virginia Charron	Library Director
Karin Grossmann	Library Asst. III
Teresa deLisser	Library Asst. II
Shawn Durocher	Library Asst. II
Denise Idle	Library Asst. II
Elaine Pereira	Library Asst. II
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Sylvia Gairdner	Page
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Long time casual Maureen Braun retires to the island!



Library Director Virginia Charron, Ellen Humphrey, guest speaker from Calgary Public Library, and trustees Brian Liberman and Donna McMenamon at the NCLF fall conference hosted by the Kitimat Public Library



Marianne Sweet steps down after completing a second eight-year trustee term



Congratulations to Sylvia Gairdner on her beautiful baby girl



Aileen Ponter (right), President of the Friends of the Library with Library Director (left) Virginia Charron

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