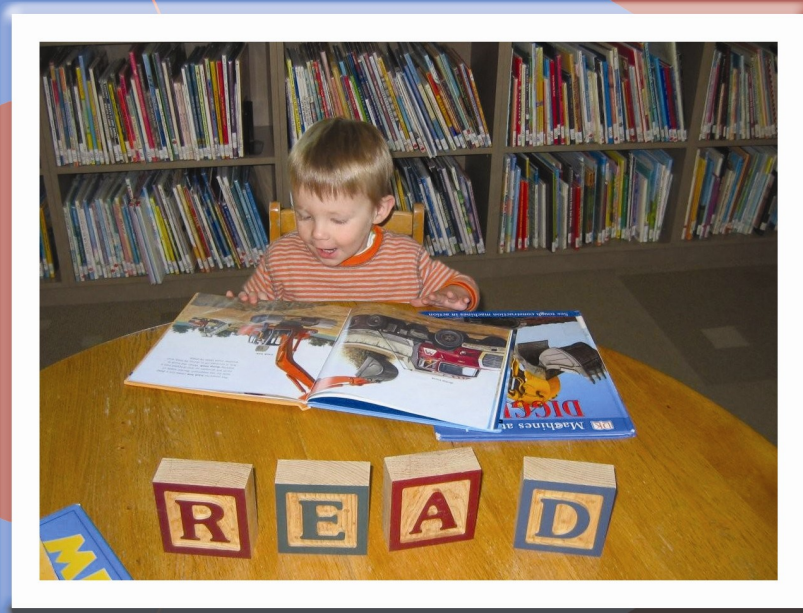


CRANBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY



2009
ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT



It was an excellent year for the Cranbrook Public Library in 2009. Visitation to the Library was up over 10% and usage of the Library continued to increase, as more and more Cranbrook and area residents took advantage of this free public service. Over 139,000 people visited the Library during the year, this a record number of library visitors.

In June the Cranbrook Public Library had the privilege of hosting a number of writers from the BC Book Awards and other awarding winning writers. These events were well-attended and helped raise the profile of the library in the community.








The Cranbrook Public Library completed a grounds revitalization program which consisted of new landscaping and benches around the library. Contributions from patrons, local businesses, the Columbia Basin Trust, Cranbrook Garden Club and many others helped move the project forward. Over the course of the year the Library also saw the installation of a shade garden compliments of Top Crop and the Cranbrook Garden Club, all to the enhancement of the Library's entrance.

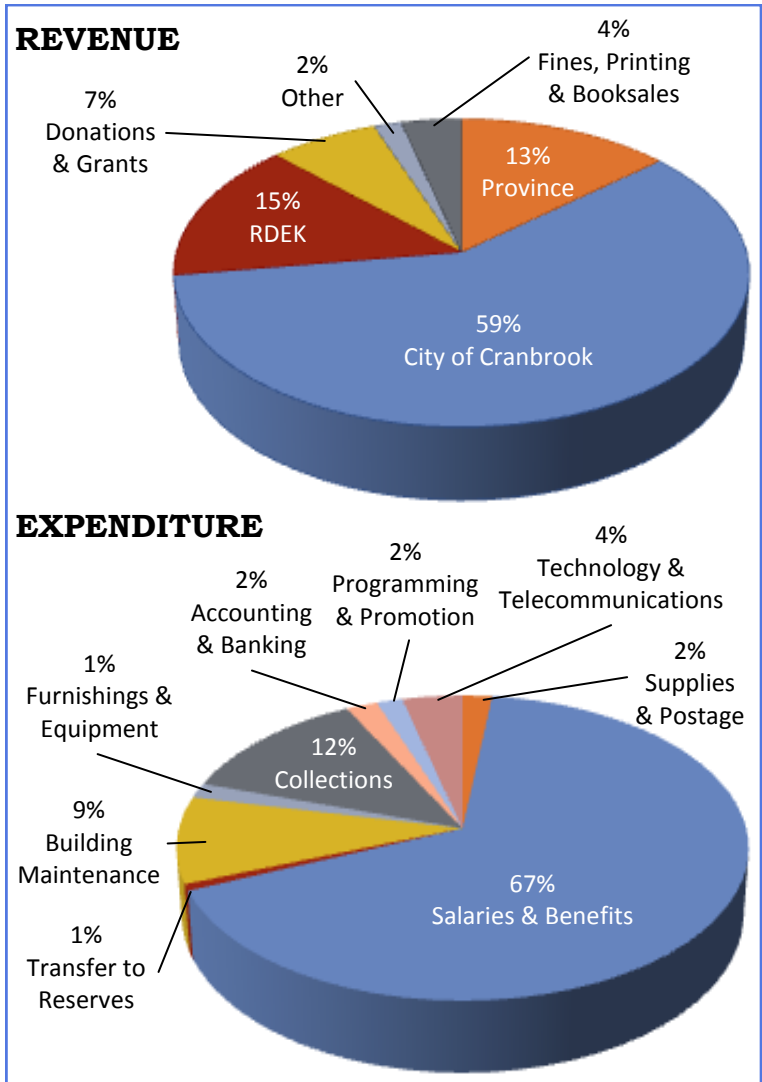
The Idlewild Musicfest was again organized for the fourth year in a row. It took place on a beautiful sunny Saturday in August with a crowd of almost 500 people who enjoyed great music in a beautiful outdoor venue. The Musicfest raised over \$3000 for the Library. The Cranbrook Public Library also had a very successful year managing the Manual Training Small Meeting and Conference Room. This venue has proven to be very popular and in great demand from many community groups.

In 2009 the Cranbrook Public Library redesigned their website which was accomplished by Cranbrook-based Blue Beetle Creative. The new website is now easier to navigate and gives visitors more access to library service on-line. Visit our website at www.cranbrookpubliclibrary.ca

The Cranbrook Public Library organized and coordinated a MLA appreciation and government awareness day in July. In these challenging times, when our services are needed most by British Columbians, libraries throughout the province are counting on the B.C. Government to maintain existing library funding and support. MLA Bill Bennett was in attendance and spoke of the importance of libraries in B.C. He also highlighted the financial realities governments everywhere are facing. At the end of the day, the overall cuts amounted to less that 2% and the Cranbrook Public Library was able to make budget adjustments without impacting services to any great degree.

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On behalf of the Cranbrook Public Library Board, I would like to thank all those who so generously support the Cranbrook Public Library, including the City of Cranbrook, the Regional District of East Kootenay, the Columbia Basin Trust, the Friends of the Library, the B.C. Government and, of the course, the patrons of the library who so often express their appreciation for the Library and readily contribute to the success of the Library.

I look forward to 2010 and I am confident that the Cranbrook Public Library will continue to be a community asset that will serve the citizens of the Cranbrook and area well. I always welcome your suggestions and comments at anytime.

Keith Powell, Chair

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT



People have more choice than ever when it comes to borrowing. They can download ebooks as well as audio books from Library to Go. They can now also get audio books preloaded on MP3 players at the Library.

One of the greatest highlights of the year was the number and variety of programs. In May, over 50 children attended the first ever Red Cedar Book Club gala held in Cranbrook and met four children's authors. More than 400 children joined the 2009 Summer Reading Club. Kids kept active taking part in the programs Kristen MacDonald created for the theme *Follow the Reader*. The teen reading club returned with the theme *Read All About It*. Teens got to meet a journalist and find out what it is like to be a reporter.



The Friends of the Library got a grant to hire a Community Outreach and Education Coordinator, Nancy Reid. Amongst other activities, she strengthened the homebound service, developed a summer series called Aboriginal Storytimes in the Park and held a wonderful evening of music, poetry, drama and dessert in December.

As always, Library staff worked hard to keep the Library running smoothly even at the busiest times. They checked out materials, shelved returns, answered questions, got books from other libraries that people wanted, and more.

Thank you to the Library Board, staff, Friends of the Library and particularly everyone who uses the Library for making 2009 a busy and rewarding year.

Ursula Brigl, Chief Librarian

QUICK FACTS

139,178
People visited the library

226,343
Items borrowed

17,344
Questions answered

22,416
Public computer logons

98,121
Catalogue searches

65,863
Items in the Library

5,182
People attended 275 programs

10,304
Books, DVDs, CDs and audio books added

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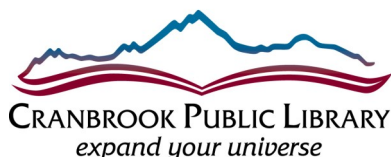
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STATEMENT OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2009	2008
Revenue		
City of Cranbrook	459,580	441,055
Regional District of East Kootenay	114,901	110,265
Province of British Columbia	106,062	103,165
Donations and Grants	54,730	58,347
Fines, Printing and Book Sales	29,986	24,804
Other	<u>13,759</u>	<u>14,746</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 779,018</u>	<u>\$ 752,382</u>
Operating Fund, beginning of year	<u>\$ 7,220</u>	<u>\$ 5,003</u>
Expenditures		
Accounting & Banking	15,633	8,934
Building Maintenance	71,357	65,939
Collections	96,989	102,530
Furnishings & Equipment	12,358	8,503
Programming & Promotion	12,846	13,159
Salaries & Benefits	517,962	472,881
Supplies & Postage	14,645	17,191
Technology & Telecommunications	<u>34,185</u>	<u>40,863</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 775,975</u>	<u>\$ 730,000</u>
Debt Repayment	2,150	6,278
Transfers to Reserves	<u>5,319</u>	<u>13,887</u>
Operating Fund, End of Year	<u>\$ 2,794</u>	<u>\$ 7,220</u>

LIBRARY AT A GLANCE

CIRCULATION	2009	2008
Adult Collections	164,670	154,742
Young Adult Collections	8,182	6,392
Juvenile Collections	45,622	47,723
Other Items	1,134	626
Interlibrary Loans	2,350	2,099
In-House Circulation	<u>27,490</u>	<u>14,761</u>
Total Circulation	<u>249,448</u>	<u>226,343</u>
ELECTRONIC RESOURCES		
Public Computer Uses	22,416	23,514
Website Visits	20,286	22,468
Online Database Accesses	8,313	14,168
Library Catalogue Searches	<u>98,121</u>	<u>102,209</u>
Total Electronic Resources	<u>149,136</u>	<u>162,359</u>
QUESTIONS ANSWERED	<u>17,344</u>	<u>14,709</u>
VISITS TO THE LIBRARY	<u>139,178</u>	<u>125,412</u>
POPULATION SERVED	<u>25,370</u>	<u>25,439</u>
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP		
Adult	6,683	6,641
Young Adult	1,025	807
Juvenile	1,477	1,838
Senior	940	568
Other	<u>939</u>	<u>886</u>
Total Active Membership	<u>11,064</u>	<u>10,740</u>
COLLECTIONS		
Items in Collection		
Adult Books	42,682	41,284
Young Adult Books	3,815	3,538
Juvenile Books	15,657	15,223
Audio-Visual	6,057	5,645
Magazines and Newspapers	<u>184</u>	<u>173</u>
Total Items in Collection	<u>68,395</u>	<u>64,701</u>

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