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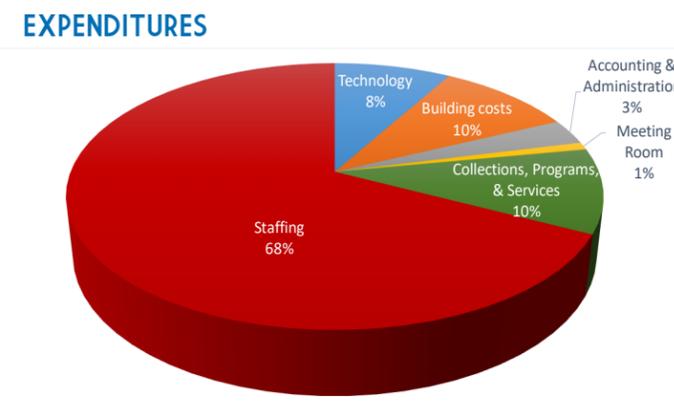
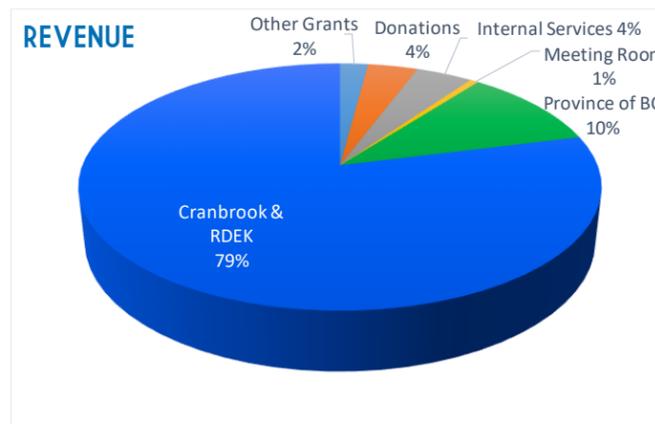
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FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



BOARD CHAIR REPORT

2017 was a very eventful year in the Library. Ursula Brigl, the Chief Librarian, took some much needed time off in the form of a one-year sabbatical. The staff that stepped in to hold the fort has done an excellent job with only a few calls to Ursula in the beginning. This time without Ursula has meant that the staff has had to step up and they have found themselves a stronger, more seasoned team because of it. I'm sure Ursula will be delighted at the team she will be returning to.



The Library has also undergone some technical upgrades with a much needed new telephone system and on September 14th the Library closed temporarily to migrate over to a new SaaS remote server system that replaced our aging server. The migration is intended to bring consistency to server access and stabilize the ongoing costs.

All in all, your Library is in shape to face future challenges with the tools necessary to adapt and innovate. The future is quickly approaching and we are gearing up to meet it.

THE LIBRARY TEAM

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Ursula Brigl (chief librarian—on leave from May to December), Cindy Friesen, Susan Grieve, Gloria Margison (retired), Deanne Perreault (chief librarian—May to December)

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Library is a leading contributor and facilitator of learning for the people and communities it serves. Not only do we lend out books, we provide information in the form of databases and other digital formats.

We also have been involved in the community, participating in events and providing support for other organizations. The library was a recipient of a bike rack installed by the city and funded by the Rotary.

VISION

The Cranbrook Public Library is the dynamic centre of our community, welcoming everyone, inspiring creativity and enhancing quality of life.

MISSION

The Cranbrook Public Library reaches out to support the needs and aspirations of everyone in our community by promoting literacy and providing access to the world's information, ideas and culture through a diverse range of services in a welcoming, respectful environment.



STAFF CHANGES

GRAB AND GO BAGS

January saw the introduction of the Grab and Go bags. Each bag contains 5 children's books so that busy parents can just grab a bag and sign out the bag and the books inside it and go! How easy is that?!



2017 SNAPSHOT

445
programs
offered

10,762
people
participated in
the programs

204,055
books, audiobooks,
videos & music
borrowed/used

40,907
Ebooks, e-audiobooks
& e-resources
downloaded

3,337
hours open

350
days open



10,818
questions answered

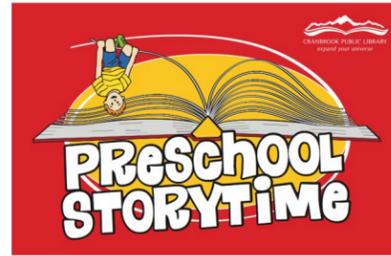
16,780
public computer
logons

4,234
items added to
physical
and online collections

143,312
items in all
collections

128,114
visits to the
library

10,009
active borrowers



Every week from September to May, Storytime for toddlers, preschoolers and families inspires children and adults alike to discover the wonderful world of words through great stories, awesome rhymes and fun songs.

Community Partners dropped in this year to inform kids about their programs. Themed crafts and activities take place monthly during storytime.

PROGRAMMING FOR ALL AGES

The library provides programming for all ages from zero to seniors. Storytimes, Summer Reading Clubs, Teen Time, Book Clubs, Puzzles, Information Sessions, Arts, Craft Sessions, Computer Instruction, Author Visits, Book Bites, Baby Laptime and much more.



SUMMER READING CLUB

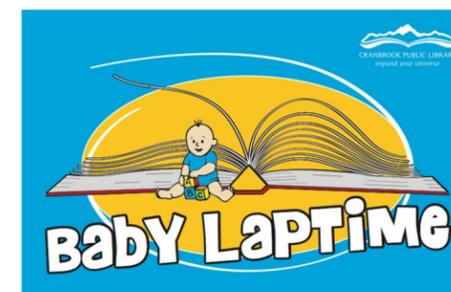
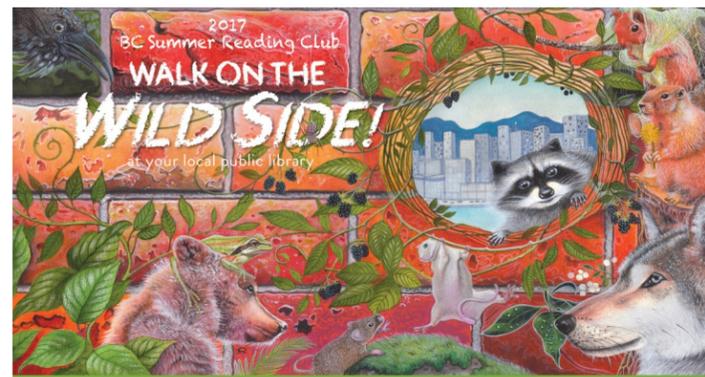
603 kids registered for the 2017 Summer Reading Club. They enjoyed Storytimes, making crafts, movie nights and the Leif David magic show. The popularity of the program lead us to have 4 closing ceremonies at which 184 medals were given to kids who completed at least one reading log during the summer. 45 teens enjoyed their summer reading club. Not to be outdone, over 600 adults joined their version of the Summer Reading Club. Participants entered a ballot for a prize draw each time they finished reading a book.

It all made for a very busy summer at the Library.



WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY

Much of our year involved programming and inviting the public into our community's living room.



CONNECT TO ART

Local artists connected with kids, teens and adults in nine fun workshops that resulted in many creative projects.



- ◆ Painting
- ◆ Mixed media bookmarks
- ◆ Clay sculpture
- ◆ Zentangle
- ◆ Henna
- ◆ Alcohol Ink Tiles
- ◆ Jewelry

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

The Library installed a new telephone system and an upgraded version of its catalogue and circulation computer system.

People borrowed **40,907** ebooks and e-audiobooks

ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

The Library continued its visibility in the community during Sam Steele Days in June:

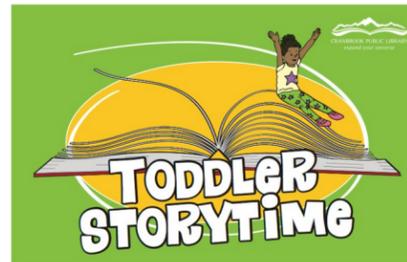
- ◆ Hosted a kick-off lunchtime barbecue
- ◆ Put a float in the parade
- ◆ Entered 2 teams into the bocce tournament

Hosted a Christmas shopping event in the Manual Training School



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We celebrated with Gloria as she retired after working at the library for 39 years. Ursula took a sabbatical and Deanne took over as Chief Librarian. Mike and Heather took on extra duties in programming, information desk coverage and administration.



THE CRANBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY VALUES:
 Openness and inclusion—Intellectual freedom—Universal access to information—A literate society—Curiosity, creativity and lifelong learning—Collaborating with other organizations—Excellence in staff and services—Accountability



DID YOU KNOW?
 Library staff can proctor your distance education exam.