

Port Moody Public Library 2015 Annual Report



Message from the Board Chair



Many new and exciting initiatives were launched in 2015. From the release of our Library App to code camps to Job Fairs, and a new “artistic” library card, we reached out to all ages and interests. I would like to congratulate library staff on these achievements and the excellent customer service provided to one and all.

The Library Board continued to advocate for solutions to address the library’s space needs. Our community is concerned about existing crowded and noisy conditions, and has indicated to us that a larger facility is required. A Space Needs Analysis Report was presented to Council in March. This report proposes a reconfiguration of existing space to address immediate and urgent space needs, and an expansion of space contiguous to the current building to address mid-term needs. A capital budget request, for funding to implement the report recommendations, was subsequently included with the library’s annual budget submission to Council.

2015 also marked the final year of the Links to Literacy Golf Tournament. Discontinuing the tournament was a very difficult decision for the Library Board to make, having held this event for 15 consecutive years (2001 to 2015) and raising more than \$385,000 to support literacy-related initiatives of the Port Moody Public Library. The Library is most appreciative of the generosity of the tournament’s major sponsors, hole sponsors, donors and golfers, and of the tremendous efforts of our Golf Committee volunteers. Without your ongoing participation and support, it would not have been possible for us to sustain the tournament for this length of time. We are, indeed, proud that the tournament has been such a success and that it has been enjoyed by so many members of our community.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of Mayor and Council and the continued financial contribution of the Ministry of Education.

Linda Martin, Library Board Chair 2015



Port Moody Public Library Board 2015

Sitting Left to Right:

Alexander Swistak; Rosario Passos; Katherine Fraser;
Jacquie Boyer; Linda Martin (Chair)

Standing Left to Right:

Jo-Anne Parneta; Dave Zille, Cllr. Zoë Royer; Errin Morrison
(Vice-Chair); Pat Merrett; Bob Elliott

2015 Achievements

Ignite the imagination of the community

Conducted an **adult library card** design contest in partnership with the City's Arts & Culture Committee. The new card was officially launched on September 30.

Organized "Get Published" a popular writing and publishing event in May, that included a panel discussion, "Author's Central" exhibit, and two writing workshops.

Delivered a suite of **job readiness programs** in collaboration with WorkBC and partnered with WorkBC on a job fair. The job fair was a first for Port Moody and involved multiple employers and over 150 job seekers.

Facilitated access to a free live webstream of all mainstage programs sessions at the **TED2015** conference, held in Vancouver (March 16 to 20).

15th Annual **Links to Literacy** golf tournament raised more than \$35,000 to support library literacy initiatives including furnishings for a new Learning Lounge in the library.



Inspire a generation of young readers and learners

Continued to engage young readers and learners in new and unique ways. The **Retro Tech Fair** (February) was a chance for families to explore gadgets from the past then head back to the future with interactive examples of modern technology. Free introductory scratch **code workshops** for tweens and their parents recognized that coding is a key component of digital literacy. Our new **Books & Board Games** program provided kids with a personalized recipe for good reads.

In November, Youth Services staff visited every elementary school classroom in Port Moody as part of an innovative new **Best Books of 2015** initiative. They showcased grade-targeted titles then invited classes to select their top 3 titles. A draw was held and one class per school won a monthly visit from our staff plus a monthly book for their classroom library for 6 months.

The ever-popular **Tabletop Games Day** and **Star Wars Reads Day** returned. Author and felt artist, Holman Wang, participated in this year's Star Wars Reads event.



Invest in new technologies and digital collections

Launched the **Library App** making it quick and easy for mobile device users to check their accounts and search the library's collection anytime, anywhere.

Expanded our online collection, and enhanced personalized learning options for technology, with the addition of *Safari Tech Books* and *Videos Online*.

Offered **app advisory** programs for parents.

Tagged our collection with **RFID** security strips in preparation for replacing our aging library materials security system and self check-out units.

Special thanks to our talented teen volunteers who offered one-on-one computer and technology help to adults at our weekly **Tech Café**.



Infuse library space with new energy and purpose

Work continued on **reconfiguring and using existing space effectively**. To gain adequate shelf space for new titles, an initial physical 'weed' of the library collection was completed over a two year period removing almost 35,000 volumes. Paperback, music CD, graphic novel and ESL collections were interfiled with the main collection to free up more floor space for tables and seating. This reduced the physical footprint of the area occupied by these collections and their display units.

A **Space Needs Analysis report**, outlining immediate and mid-term space needs, was presented to Council at a workshop in March.

A Canada 150 grant application was subsequently prepared and submitted to the federal government in hopes of gaining some funding assistance for the immediate space needs work. In addition, a capital budget request for the work outlined in the Space Needs Analysis Report was submitted to the City as part of the library's annual budget request.



Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2015

Revenues	
City of Port Moody	\$1,571,667
InterLINK net lending	58,186
Donations	2,212
Fines and miscellaneous	75,962
Provincial government	121,062
TOTAL	\$1,829,089

Expenditures	
Salaries & benefits	\$1,423,482
Books & library collections*	50,048
Other	173,045
Capital amortization	172,281
TOTAL	\$1,818,856

Net Surplus \$ 10,233

* The books and library collections balance for the year is made up of \$50,048 (operations expenses) and \$153,623 (capital expenses) for a total of \$203,671.

2015 Quick Facts

- ✓ 380,000 people visited the library in 2015 for an average of 105 people per open hour.
- ✓ 627,000 items were borrowed for an average of 175 items per open hour.
- ✓ Offered 477 programs with a total attendance of more than 18,000 people.
- ✓ Answered 33,000 reference questions from our customers.

"I attended three **Ted Talks** at the Inlet Theatre and found them inspiring, expansive, informative, and very well presented. I want to thank the Library Management for getting these talks and allowing the public to attend free of charge in a comfortable setting. I can't think of a better use of library time and resources. I will be sure to attend all of the sessions next year if the library is fortunate enough to get them again. Thank you again for this wonderful gift of education. The only regret I have is that I didn't discover the library Ted Talks sooner."



"I really enjoyed the **Around the World book challenge**. There are so few challenges for an adult audience; it's a lot of fun to play along. While I didn't finish my card, I had lots of fun trying. Thanks Port Moody library."

"I wanted to thank you for the amazing **Tabletop Game Day** held two weeks ago. My family and I thoroughly enjoyed playing and exploring the new games. It was very rewarding to see my young sons "get" the same games that stumped them during the same event the year before."



"Just wanted to extend a big thank you to the wonderful children's librarians at Port Moody. The **tea party** today was such a treat for my little girl and so beautifully decorated! We appreciate the energy you all put into the storytime each Friday. My daughter is always excited to come to the library! Thanks for all your hard work!"
-An appreciative mama



"Thank you very much for hosting **Code Camp**. Both of my boys loved it and we're very excited about continuing their work at home. It has also been a great activity for part of today given the rainy day."

"I wanted to let you know how grateful I was with the service provided by your staff today...I am retired and somewhat low tech. For the first time in my life I signed out an **eBook** from home yesterday but couldn't get it to work. I took my tablet to the library this morning and the kind young lady patiently walked me through the process step by step. She even downloaded the app for me, ensured that was working and gave me tips on how to return the eBook if needed. She was so genuine and so helpful..... give her a big THANK YOU for me."

Thank you

We would like to thank the many individuals and organizations who generously supported the library in 2015. Your contributions have made a great difference to people throughout Port Moody.

Supporters: City of Port Moody; Province of British Columbia.

Collection and Equipment Donations: Courthouse Libraries BC; Inlet Book Club; Lewis Pocock; Mary Ann Cooper; Suncor Energy Inc; Zoya Panjwani.

Links to Literacy Golf Tournament

Presenting Sponsors: (\$10,000) Pacific Coast Terminals and Port of Vancouver; **Banquet Sponsor:** (\$7500) Onni Group; **Media Sponsor:** The Tri-Cities Now; **Gold Sponsors:** (\$5000) Brymark Installations Group; K+S Potash Canada; **Silver Sponsors:** (\$2500) BTM Lawyers LLP; CMDT Concrete Ltd; **Photography:** askterryhughes.com; **Hole Sponsors:** (\$750) Andrew Peller Ltd; Can-Am Containers Inc; Centro Properties Group; Coquitlam Centre; CUPE BC; Cushman & Wakefield Ltd; enCompass Solutions Group; Flavell Sawmill Co. Ltd; Investor's Group (hole-in-one); IPAC Chemicals Ltd; Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd; McDonald's - Port Moody; OpenRoad Lexus - Port Moody; Pacific Particulate Materials Ltd; Palmieri Bros. Paving Ltd; PoCo Building Supplies; Port Moody Insurance; Rotary Club of Port Moody; Westwood Honda; **On-course Food:** Brew Street Craft and Kitchen; Cobs Bread - Suter Brook; Pasta Polo Restaurant; Port Moody MarketPlace IGA (lunch sponsor); **Prize and other donors:** Andrew Peller Ltd; Angelo's Salon & Spa; AW Fireguard; Backyard Bird Centre; BC Hydro; BC Lions Football Club Inc; Bowen Island Golf Club; Brand New Life; Bruce Russell; Burrard Public House; Capilano Suspension Bridge; City of Port Moody Recreation Services; Como Creek Brewing; Creative Transportation Solutions; Eden West Fine Foods; enCompass Solutions Group; G&F Financial; Gillnetter Pub; Inform Solutions Inc; Inlet Seafoods; Innovative Fitness; Kal Tire - Coquitlam; La Bella Vita Salon; Lordco Parts Ltd; McDonald's Restaurant - Port Moody; Meadow Gardens Golf Course; Meadows Golf Centre; Milestones Grill & Bar - Coquitlam; Moody Ales; Murdy & McAllister Barristers & Solicitors; Pacific Coast Terminals; Pajo's Fish & Chips; Port of Vancouver; Port Moody Arts Centre; Port Moody Fire Rescue; Port Moody Police Department; Rollins Machinery; Saint St. Grill; Salt Cave Wellness; Securiguard Services Ltd; Starbucks Coffee; Trans Mountain Pipeline; Vancouver Canadians Baseball Club; Vancouver Canucks; Vancouver Whitecaps Football Club; Wesgroup Properties; Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club; White Spot Restaurants.