

Annual Report 2017



**NAKUSP
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

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Mission statement:

The mission of the Nakusp Public Library is to provide quality materials, resources, programs, and services, which help fulfill the educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the community in an environment that is attractive, respectful, non-judgmental, and welcoming.

Message from the Board Chair of Trustees

"The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff." Timothy Healy

2017 was a busy year for the Nakusp Public Library and at the heart of this activity resides our amazing library staff and volunteers, ever gracious, helpful and dedicated to serving our community. Our appreciation is echoed in our library's new Comment Book, designed and created by Karen McMillan, where visitors and community members alike praise our wonderful library.

The Strategic Planning Committee completed, with ongoing input from all board members, the Library's 2018 – 2023 Strategic Plan.

Our Public Relations Committee did an excellent job of getting the library in local news with the *Look Who's Reading* campaign, and four articles celebrating library events in July and August.

The Finance Committee secured two grants to paint the library portion of the Centennial Building and have new eavestroughs installed.

The Fund-Raising Committee began the year with a raffle of firewood (donated by Jerry Van Immerzeel) and quilt (donated by Marilyn McKinnon) which brought in enough monies to purchase a new photocopier. *The Big, Beautiful, Bodacious, Book Bazaar, and Silent Auction* earned just over \$3,300.

We are grateful for the continued financial support of the Village of Nakusp, Director Paul Peterson and the RDCK, and the provincial government, as well as the financial support from our many fantastic members. It is an honor to work with such dedicated staff, board and community members to create such a thriving and gorgeous library!

Paula Rogers

Chair, Nakusp Public Library Board of Trustees

Message from the Library Director

All libraries are cornerstones of their communities and society. They ensure that every British Columbian has equitable access to information, ideas and works of the imagination." Anne Olsen, president, British Columbia Library Association

It is such a distinct pleasure to be part of such committed library team: the knowledgeable staff, cheerful and hard-working volunteers, and dedicated board members. A team whose sole purpose is to make this library a worthwhile place for our loyal patrons, community members and visitors.

To ensure the library stays in touch with community, I attended the Chamber of Commerce and the Arrow Lakes Historical Society AGMs, as well as the Village of Nakusp budget meeting, two Downtown Revitalization meetings, and several meetings of the Arrow/Slocan Lakes Early Childhood Community Advisory Council.

We also reached out through Farmer's Markets, put on sixty-seven children's events and thirty-seven adult events catering to an attendance of 707 adults and 440 children. As well, we highlighted *Blind Date with a Book* and *Freedom to Read* weeks introducing patrons to new-to-them reads.

We collaborated with the other tenants of the Centennial Building, the Nakusp and District Museum and the Arrow Lakes Historical Society, to support one another in providing services to our community.

As the year closed on the last chapter of 2017 of the Nakusp Library, I eagerly opened the first chapter of 2018. This year holds much promise, a blank canvas awaiting special opportunities and connections with the public. We welcome all into this wonderful facility

Susan Rogers

Library Director

2017 Highlights

Painting of the Centennial Building



Collaborative Advertising in Visitor's Guide



1912 CENTENNIAL BUILDING - 92 6TH AVE



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The Nakusp and District Museum has over 5,500 artifacts in displays that include hot springs, sternwheelers, farming, mining, forestry, and the First Nations Sinixt People.

Dig even deeper into our history at the Arrow Lakes Historical Society. We have over 30,000 photographs, and slides, pioneer interviews, newspapers dating back to 1893, and a regional research library.

Browse the Nakusp Public Library with over 23,000 items to choose from and free internet/wifi. BC library card holders can borrow items at no charge. Your library card: "Don't leave home without it".

Dedication of Memorial Bench



Two local authors launched their books with a reading at the Library.

Barbara MacPherson with *The Land on Which We Live*

Sharon Montgomery with *The Trek*



"What a beautiful library. We love to stop at libraries on our travels but rarely see one as lovely as this!
Looks like a great part of the community" Marcie, Dan & River, Edgewater, B.C.

Programs, Events, Collection, and Circulation

As well as featuring our local writers, we hosted four other authors: Cea Sunrise Person - *North of Normal*: Lee Reid – *Growing Home*: Eileen Pearkes – *A River Captured*: and Agnes Toews-Andrews – *The Goddess Lives*.

Our Art Series continued with Karen McMillan explaining the history and technique of marbling, followed by a hands-on opportunity for attendees to produce their own marbling masterpieces. Donna Marko presented a Needle Felting Angel workshop and in December, Patty Riley demonstrated how to make Himmeli stars for Christmas. As well we collaborated with artists in the community to bring their artwork into our space to add a sense of home.

Social Media Cafes, Book Discussions, Games Nights, Genealogy Club meetings, Blind Date with a Book, Freedom to Read week, Canada Reads, a BC Loggers and a Fire Smart presentation, a Writer’s Workshop, and a Shelving Party rounded out our adult fare.

Mother Goose was an extremely popular program in 2017 for caregivers and their babies and toddlers. For the slightly older children of the community, we were able to offer thirty craft sessions to keep little hands busy as well as bringing in Leif David for another magnificent magic show.

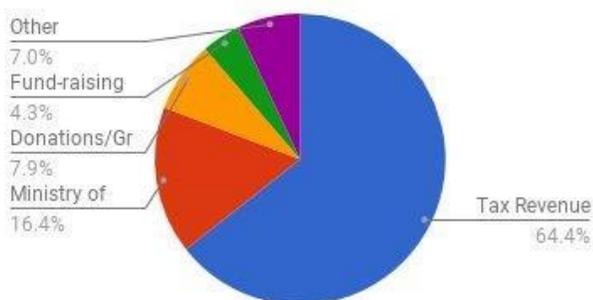
2017 saw an overall 5.5% increase in our circulation statistics. There was a remarkable rise in the number of digital (e-books and e-audio) material being checked out, 4,728 over 3,732 in 2016.

We added 1,354 items to our physical collection, bringing the total number of items to 23,958.

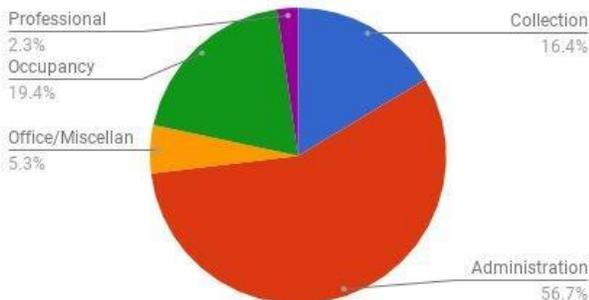
Facebook reached 238 “likes” this year, helping people keep in the know of what is happening at the library.

Financials

Revenue 2017



Expense 2017



The Nakusp Public Library is generously supported by the Village of Nakusp, a portion of Area K, the Ministry of Education, the Kootenay Library Federation, donations, and fund-raising. The staff and board are appreciative of all continued support to ensure the Library maintains its open hours and high-quality services.

Not to be overlooked is the value of our reliable volunteers. Our weekly circulation desk volunteers donated 425 hours in 2017 to ensure our library hummed along during open hours. The staff fully appreciates the generosity of these volunteers, honoring their commitment to our library.

"I'm a librarian in the Seattle area, just motorcycling through. What a treasure, both the library and the town!" Wendy Pender, Seattle

Linda Harrington
Winner of "Blind Date with a Book" Draw



Happy attendees at at Mother Goose



Fun with our cushions!



Sandy reading to a visiting class from Lucerne



Staff and volunteers

Library Director: Susan Rogers
Adult Services and Interlibrary Loans: Amy Manegre
Youth and Outreach Librarian: Cindy Schroff
Substitute Librarians: Evelyn Goodell, Melissa Koftinoff, Patty Riley, and Sandra Watt
Summer Staff: Melissa Koftinoff
Computer Technician: Chris Ewings
Custodian: Linda Smith
Circulation Desk Volunteers: Evelyn Goodell, Kathi Hewer, Monika Mah, Sandra Watt, May-Ann Waterfield, Naeem England, Chiara Minchin, Melissa Johnson

Board of Trustees

Chair: Paula Rogers
Vice-Chair & FOL (Friends of the Library)
Coordinator: Barbara MacPherson
Secretary: Shori Smith
Treasurer & KLF (Kootenay Library Federation) Representative: Heather Davidson
Trustees: Trish Huesken, Marilyn McKinnon, Karen McMillan, Jerry Van Immerzeel
Village Representative: Ulli Mueller



*Come,
we welcome you to
have a seat,
relax and recharge at the
Nakusp Public Library this
upcoming year.
The smiles await!*



Barbara, Amy, and Evelyn

"The best library and we've been to quite a few. My kids found the selection of books here better than any (and laid out for easy finding) than any library we've been to. Great work – Great library" Deana & Fred Dostaler, Edmonton