



To welcome, inspire & connect our community to new worlds of learning, literacy & creativity.

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Squamish Public Library 2021 Annual Report



Squamish Public Library Board

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

While 2021 required us to continue to adjust and adapt our library operations week by week within the limits of a global pandemic, we managed to accomplish a great deal for our community.

The launch of our Visiting Library Service connected homebound patrons to library volunteers and a vast array of materials delivered to the patrons' doorsteps each week. We unveiled new window art based on a Squamish legend and designed by a young Squamish Nation artist.

Molly Loudon, Squamish Public Library Board Chair **Hilary Bloom,** Director of Library Services

OUR LIBRARY MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE FOUR PRIORITY AREAS OF OUR STRATEGIC PLAN



Virtual Summer Reading Club

Inspire inquiry, learning & literacy:

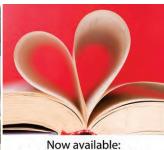
- We installed four new large-scale vinyl window coverings designed by Squamish Nation artist, Siobhan Joseph, that tell the Squamish legend "Why the Salmon Come to Squamish Waters"
- In recognition of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we hosted three Squamish Nation Elders for "<u>Honouring Residential School</u> Survivors"



Virtual workshops with Tsawaysia Spukwus



New window covering: Why the Salmon Come to Squamish Waters



Visiting Library Service

Visiting Library Service launches

Engage & welcome everyone:

- We launched our new volunteer-supported <u>Visiting</u>
 <u>Library Service</u>, delivering library materials to seniors
 and Elders in our community
- The library became a community cooling centre during the summer heat waves

Deliver outstanding service:

- We continued to serve our community through our <u>Take-Out</u> curbside pickup, in addition to welcoming people to visit and browse
- We continued to provide programs (both in-person and virtual) for all ages including storytimes and crafts, a series of workshops with Squamish Nation's Tsawaysia Spukwus, book clubs, Quest Lectures, art hours, author talks, and more



Take-Out Service continues

Build a strong team & a healthy workplace:

- Library staff and trustees took Working Effectively with Indigenous Peoples training through Indigenous Corporate Training, Inc.
- A successful virtual FOYER Gallery
 Fundraiser with many donated art
 pieces by FOYER Gallery artists raised
 valuable funds for the community gallery









2020 vs 2021 ACTIVITY

Bomb-

shell

	2020	2021	
TOTAL CIRCULATION OF PRINT & OTHER PHYSICAL ITEMS	78,988	107,244	+ 36 %
CIRCULATION OF EBOOKS & AUDIO- BOOKS (OVERDRIVE)	40,909	44,615	+9%
NUMBER OF VIRTUAL VISITS (WEBSITE & CATALOGUE)	55,993	88,637	+ 58 %
NUMBER OF HOLDS PLACED	25,937	28,442	+ 10 %
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS	1,380	2,141	+ 55 %

MOST CHECKED OUT IN 2021

ADULT FICTION

Anxious People

by Fredrik Backman ADULT
NON-FICTION
21 Things You
May Not Know
About the
Indian Act

⁷ AUDIOBOOK

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

> BOARD GAME **Azul**

PICTURE BOOK Slowly, Slowly,

Slowly, said the Sloth by Eric Carle eBOOK

Nomadland by Jessica Bruder

JUNIOR BOOK

Dog Man, Brawl of the Wild by Dav Pilkey YOUNG ADULT BOOK **Shadow &**

Bone v Leiah Rardua

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11,336

\$ 32,810

FINANCES:

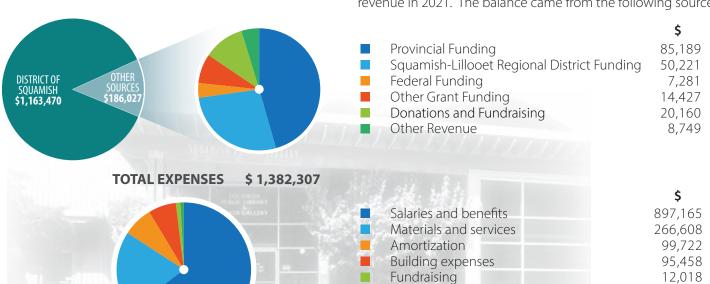
TOTAL REVENUES

\$ 1,349,497

The District of Squamish funded \$1,163,470 of the library's total revenue in 2021. The balance came from the following sources:

Loss on disposition of tangible capital assets

Annual Deficit

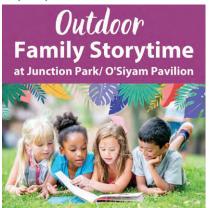




Honouring Residential School Survivors with Kiyowil Bob Baker, Chésha7 Gwen Harry and Humteya Shirley Toman







In-person Storytimes returned - outdoors at the park



New Art Kits for borrowing and the virtual Art Hour program



New library cards with the library's new logo and website

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2021

District of Squamish

Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Government of Canada

Squamish Nation

Squamish Arts Council

Squamish Savings

The Squamish Chief

Mountain FM

Vision Wealth Management

Courthouse Libraries BC, LawMatters

Public Libraries InterLINK

BC Libraries Cooperative

Visiting Library Service Volunteers

Friends of the Library

Foyer Gallery Friends

Squamish Public Library Board

And to the entire community for your generosity and support!

2021 LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEES

Chair: Molly Loudon

Vice-Chair: David Gayton

Treasurer: Grant McRadu

Council Rep: Doug Race

Trustees: Corinne Visscher

Christine Baker (TlatlaKwot) Janet Jamieson Meghan O'Neill

Mallory Eddy

Katelyn Rattray

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Virtual
Adult
Programs

117
Storytimes
Virtual &
in the park



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