



# **2024 Annual Report**

## *Squamish Public Library*

Invite connection, inspire curiosity.

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## Message from the Director and Board Chair

2024 was a year of growth, innovation, and deepening community connection. From launching new inclusive collections and sensory kits to expanding our Library of Things and digitizing local history, we continued to evolve in response to the needs of Squamish. We're proud of the partnerships we've built, the stories we've shared, and the ways we've made the library more accessible, welcoming, and inspiring for all.

Thank you to our staff, volunteers, partners, and patrons for making this year so meaningful.

*Hilary Bloom, Library Director  
Molly Loudon, Board Chair*



# Be a Community-Led Library

We listened, we learned, and we responded.

- After School Kids (ASK!) launched and filled weekly with crafts, games, and reading.
- Sensory Kits introduced to support patrons with sensory needs.
- New books added for Diwali, Hanukkah, Lunar New Year, and multilingual collections in Spanish and French.
- Storytimes, daycare visits, and take-home kits kept families engaged year-round.
- Popular programs included Bear Talks, Eagle Awareness, Home Buying 101, and Community Book Club.

“ It was great to see more diverse books to read about other cultures and festivals which reflect the diversity in Squamish schools. ”

— Library Patron



# Elevate Our Community Through Technology

We upgraded, digitized, and connected.

- Reintroduced 1-on-1 Tech Coaching to help build skills and confidence with navigating technology.
- Launched a new online digital repository that houses the Squamish History Archives and includes over 5,000 records.
- Launched room booking and event registration software to streamline use of library space.
- Digitized *The Squamish Chief* newspaper archives up to 2010 for public access.
- Expanded the Library of Things with GoPro, bike stand, dog agility course, projector & screen, and more.

“ Perfect! I love to keep it simple. ”

— Patron on new online booking system



# Futureproof Our Team

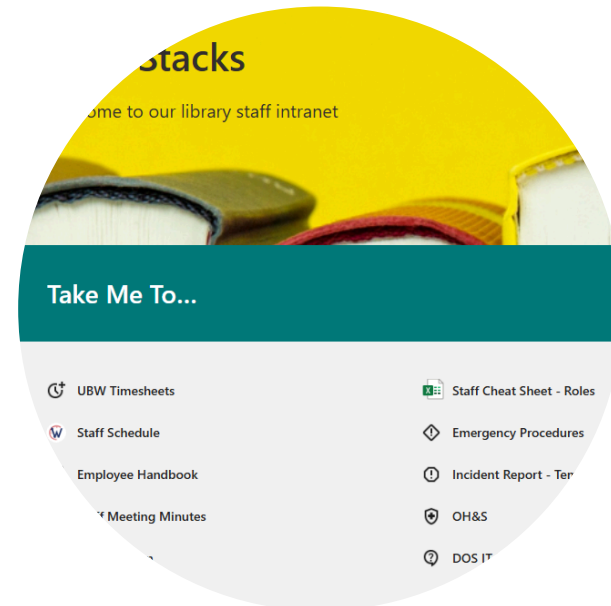
We invested in learning and leadership.

➤ Staff completed training in:

- Mental health
- Accessibility
- Agile workflows
- Youth services
- HR and management



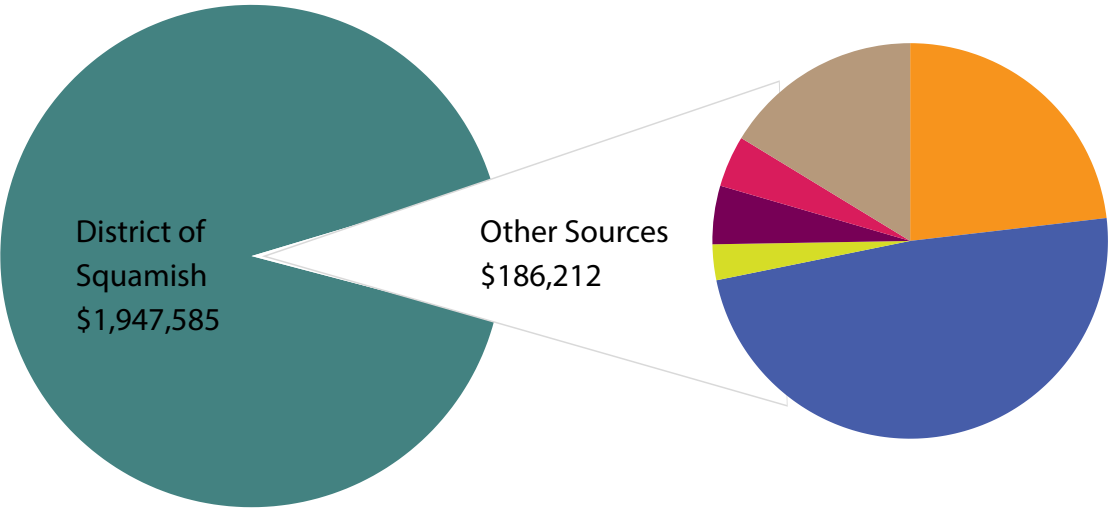
- Launched a new staff intranet and internal newsletter.
- Re-organized our staffing structure to create capacity for teen programming, and cross-trained our team members to ensure seamless service delivery across all open hours.



# Financial Overview

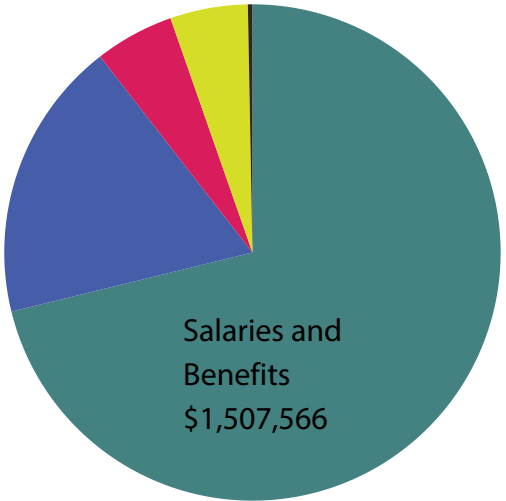
## Total Revenues \$ 2,133,797

- District of Squamish: \$1,947,585
- SLRD: \$54,221
- Provincial Funding: \$113,966
- Federal Funding: \$6,838
- Other Grants: \$11,187
- Donations and Fundraising: \$9,846
- Other Revenue: \$38,157



## Total Expenses \$2,118,204

- Salaries and Benefits: \$1,507,566
- Materials and Services: \$387,861
- Amortization: \$109,268
- Building Expenses: \$107,271
- Loss on Disposition of Capital Assets: \$6,241



# By the Numbers

3,800+  
Newsletter  
subscribers

450+  
Local newspaper  
digitized

580+  
Meeting room  
bookings

100+  
Programs  
hosted

70+  
Attendance at each  
storytime

20+  
Library of Things  
items added

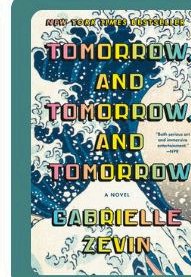
3,100+  
Pod bookings

12  
Volunteers  
onboarded

3,700+  
Spaces  
reserved

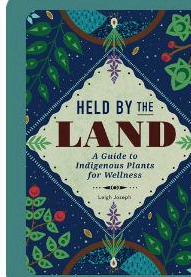
# 2024 Most Borrowed

## ADULT FICTION



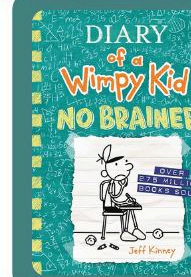
Tomorrow,  
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Tomorrow,  
and  
Tomorrow  
by Gabrielle  
Zevin

## ADULT NON-FICTION



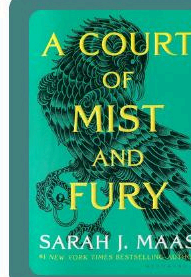
Held by  
the Land  
by Leigh  
Joseph

## CHILDREN'S



Diary of a  
Wimpy  
Kid No. 18  
by Jeff Kinney

## TEEN



A Court  
of Mist  
and Fury  
by Sarah J.  
Maas

# Thank You

To our staff, volunteers, community partners, and patrons—thank you for helping us build a library that welcomes, inspires, and connects.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

District of Squamish  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs  
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District  
Government of Canada  
Squamish Nation  
Squamish Arts  
Whistler Writers Festival  
The Squamish Chief  
Mountain FM  
Vision Wealth Management  
Courthouse Libraries BC, LawMatters  
Visiting Library Service Volunteers  
Foyer Gallery Friends  
Squamish Public Library Board

**And to the entire community for  
your generosity and support!**

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