

Quick Facts

Population	58,286
Registered Borrowers	73,670
Items borrowed	768,976
Library website uses	645,496
Reference Questions Answered	57,878
Reserves placed on library items	64,909
People using library meeting rooms	9,463
Attendance at 174 Children's Programmes	6,213
Children visited via classroom visits	4,000
Home Library Service Deliveries	7,908
Attendance at 70 Adult programmes	1,532
Interlibrary Loans to other libraries	2,313

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2005 In A Glance

- ☞ The Library celebrated its 140th Anniversary with a wonderful birthday party on a sunny Saturday in October.
- ☞ The Reference Department closed for 3 months and opened in October with a beautiful expanded space that included a meeting room, study carrels, and additional public computer stations.
- ☞ New co-operative ventures were initiated with the City's Museum and Archives including the moving of historical community files to the Archives.
- ☞ The Summer Reading Club "Undercover Reader" attracted more than 1,400 registrants.
- ☞ 50 New Westminster teenagers participated in the first province-wide Teen Summer Reading Club.
- ☞ A grant from the Library Board allowed the Children's Department to offer 22 summer programmes to 1,300 parents and children
- ☞ A significant number of French-language material was added in the Children's Department to support increased numbers of French Immersion classrooms in the City.
- ☞ Two books about New Westminster were written with the help of library resources, **A New Westminster Album** by Gavin Hainsworth and Katherine Freund-Hainsworth and **Royal City: a photographic history of New Westminster, 1860 - 1960** by Jim Wolf.
- ☞ The Library was represented in **The Record** newspaper, through its weekly library column.
- ☞ Staff in the Technical Services Department added 15,075 new print titles to the Library's collection and 3,261 Audio Visual items.

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Annual Report 2005

Letter from the Chairperson

2005 was a very exciting year to be a member of the New Westminster Public Library Board. After four years of planning we were finally able to make much-needed renovations to our Reference Department. Generous funding from the City of New Westminster allowed us to expand the size of the Department, improving both the Department's look and functionality.

Thanks go to the many Trustees and staff members who worked on the Building Committee and who worked with City Staff and Council to make this project a reality. Our architect Dave Norman created an open and inviting space, and CDC Construction worked hard to bring the project in on budget.

In October the Library celebrated its 140th Anniversary with a wonderful party. A number of special guests attended, including long-time library users, members of New Westminster City Council, M.P. Peter Julian, M.L.A. Chuck Puckmayr, and visitors from other Libraries.

Revenue from our Annual and Ongoing booksales reached a record \$15,000 this year. Thank-you to all the Trustees and volunteers who share their time with the Library to make these events such a success. In 2005 booksale funds were used for a number of projects, including Summer Reading Club Programs, Storytime Kits, 140th Anniversary Celebrations and the purchase of a new Digital Microfilm Reader and Printer for the Reference Department.

Members of the Board were very pleased to attend the Medal Ceremony that wrapped up this year's Summer Reading Club. It was great fun to meet so many children and their parents, and to hear about all of the reading that they had been doing over the summer. Congratulations to all the Readers!

It was with regret that we bid farewell to long-time Library Trustees Neda Murray and Michael Oliver. Both served on our Board for the maximum eight years, and to say that they will be missed is a significant understatement. Neda and Michael brought so many skills to our Board, and offered leadership, friendship and a true understanding of the value that the Library plays in our community. I know I speak for Trustees and Staff alike when I say that Neda and Michael will truly be missed.

Ann Nottingham, Chairperson

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2005 Finances

Revenue	
Municipal Support	\$2,996,039
Provincial Grants	\$145,246
Federal Grants	\$4,500
Library Generated Revenue	\$100,112
Total	<u>\$3,245,897</u>

Expenditures	
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,872,399
Books & Other Materials	\$380,285
Building Maintenance	\$199,729
Other Operating Costs	\$338,334
Capital Projects	\$455,150
Total	<u>\$3,245,897</u>

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