



## Volunteer Profile

by Rasma Bertz

### Gary Anderson

I can personally attest that Gary Anderson is a delight to work with – his unfailing sense of humour, quick wit and ability to turn the darkest cloud into a silver lining notwithstanding.

Gary gives his mother full credit for where he came from – one of the kindest, most sensitive, strong and loving woman on the planet. She had to be. Gary tells me that he put up a helluva fight not to come out for fifty hours or so!

He was raised in Clarkson (now Mississauga), Ontario where he had a long standing gig at the public and secondary schools as a stand up or sit down or behind the door comedian. He set all kinds of detention and athletic records.

Gary says he was reared in California. Certainly, after learning to read, he decided that self-knowledge was the best way to get educated. *"I have been blessed with uncommon sense and the gift of the gab from my father, a fireman nicknamed 'The Mayor'. I attended every party and university trip with friends that had 'paid for an education'."*

Gary founded four 'bleeding edge' software companies across the globe. He does not believe in copyright or patents – what is good for humanity should be available freely. His companies have donated the X386 server to the Open Source/Linux consortium, and developed the first virtual realtime 3D globe for NASA from the first cloud free Landsat satellite imagery at multiple levels of detail, down to a one-meter model of Seattle. This project ended up at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, where kids can put on a virtual headset and fly through outer space to Earth. Wow!

So, what brought this talented individual to Salt Spring – the 'island of controversy' or so he was told? To answer that question we get a poem:

*I came here to heal; now I'll stay and grow old  
I walked on the deer paths which turn at every end  
The ocean that surrounds us has become my friend  
I observed the humans for most of the first year  
Now I'm part of a community, I'll lend my ear*



Apparently, his attraction to older, smarter women is what drew Gary to volunteering at the library – he does whatever they tell him to do; unfortunately, not much has changed from grade school because he still has to 'keep quiet in a corner'. Not.

Gary loves animals. He walks dogs and is teaching himself acupressure, nutrition and herbal remedies for animals. He is inspired by Chief Seattle for his earthly spirit and writings, and refusal to kill another human being. His intention is to always love. Currently, he is reading 'Inner Organ Chi Massage' because Chinese medicine (which he also studies) saved his life. Gary's favourite books of all time are 'Black Like Me' and 'Peace in Every Step'.

*"Life is like a mirror, reflecting what you do...and if your face is smiling, it smiles right back at you."* That pretty much sums up the ethos, intention, and reality that is Gary Anderson.

## 2011 Volunteer Appreciation Tea



Certificates of Appreciation were given to long-time volunteers Grace Byrne, Pat Byrne and Jill Wheaton.



Brigitte Peter-Cherneff greets Audrey Denton & Susan deStein at the door.



Marina & Richard Dick visit with Karen Hudson



Pat Anderson, Karen Hudson Jill Evans, Nancy Braithwaite & Alex Hasenfratz enjoy a chat & a cuppa



Important dates: Closed July 7. Moving books July 11 - 14. Online ILL closed until July 18. Staff tours July 18 - July 20. Re-open to public July 21.



## Librarian's Report

by Brigitte Peter-Cherneff, Chief Librarian

### Exciting Summer Ahead

With the impending move to the temporary library, upcoming puppet plays and children's reading club activities, it should be an exciting summer of the library.

The library closure between July 7th and July 20th will allow for an organized move to the temporary library for the collections, interlibrary loan office, desk staff and librarians. While some of us are moving to the temporary library at 118 Jackson Ave, the cataloguing and processing staff will be moving to the library annex at 108 Jackson Ave, almost next door.

All going well, the library will reopen for business at 10:00 a.m. on July 21st. The temporary library will be very "cozy" as we are trying to house as many books as possible (7500 items have already been placed into storage) and maintain most of our services.

Staff facilities will be limited, but we do hope to have a small area for desk staff to have their breaks. We ask for your understanding as we work out all the logistics of operating out of a smaller facility and a new location.

Orientation and tours of the temporary library will be scheduled prior to July 21st in order to familiarize all desk and shelving staff to the organization of the library prior to their first shift. Limited parking will be available on site. Please remember that while our address will change, our phone numbers and website will remain the same.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the move (placing and removing books from the shelves onto book trucks) and if you are able to sign up for a shift for July 12, 13 or 14th, please call the library information desk at 250-537-4666.



Barry Spence and Conrad Koke discuss the new Kobo eReaders.

Sheila McEachern & Bob Francis helping a patron.



## Summer Programmes for Children

by Sheila Spence and Olivia Budd



Even though we are moving the library, several Children's Summer Programmes are scheduled for July and August. Olivia Budd has returned as a summer employee and is busy planning the programmes and organizing guest presenters.

Summer Reading Club 2011 "Savour each word" for young readers ages 6 – 11 years is intended to encourage regular reading at home and on vacation all summer. Programmes will be on Wednesdays, July 6 – August 3 at 11:00 to 12:00 in the Library Annex. Registration began June 27th. Materials for this annual programme are sponsored by the British Columbia Library Association with assistance from BC Public Library Services Branch.

The popular Travelling Puppet Show sponsored by Island-Link Library Federations and Young Canada Works will visit us from Tuesday, July 19 to Saturday, July 23. In addition to shows for the Summer Reading Club on July 20, the puppet show will do several out-reach presentations at day care and summer camp programs while spreading the word that Salt Spring Island Public Library is a great place for island children to visit.



### Summer Students 2011



**Olivia Budd** will be working at the library from May 17 to August 27th thanks to a Young Canada Works Grant. She has just finished her third year at Memorial University of Newfoundland (in St. John's). Olivia is majoring in Music Theory and Composition, and she hopes that her future career will be in film score writing. The violin is her principal instrument, which she's been playing for thirteen years.



**Sam Rowlandson-O'Hara** comes to us through a Canada Summer Jobs Grant and she will be working from June 27 to September 2nd. She will be entering Grade 12 in the fall and after graduation, Sam would like to take a year off from school to travel and experience the world. She aspires to be a classical singer and would like to sing at La Scala. Her interests include voice, reading and writing, playing the cello, listening to and trying to write music and, of course, laughing.