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- All of our valued volunteers and supporters

Salt Spring Island Public Library



2017 Annual Report



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Message from the Chief Librarian

In the fifth year of operations in the Library's green building, "Salt Spring's community hub", enthusiasm for Library programs and services was expressed by 154,128 patron visits. People of all ages visited to read, think, meet, learn, see local arts and artists, research, connect, grow, aspire, inspire, play games, surf the internet, and study. The Library added 740 resident cardholder new registrations, for a total of 6,207 resident cardholders, and all cardholders had a total circulation of 178,201 physical and digital items. The Library had 6,837 attendees at 342 programs for adults, and 6,350 attendees at 261 programs for teens and children.

Support for the Library's programs and services increased 20% through annual appeal funding from the local community. The Library secured a \$10,400 grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation to replace its public computers and also participated in their first community needs assessment.

171 volunteers contributed to the Library's core operations with an estimated volunteer value of \$627,068. The Library hired a Library Technician to focus on volunteer technical training.

In the first year of its Salt Spring Island Public Library Strategic Plan 2017-2021, the Library focused on its strategic priorities: Our Human Resources – HR planning ensures we have the right skills at the right time to respond to the community; Our Funding – sustainable funding strategies allow us to deal with economic fluctuations; Our Resources And Services – focusing on our resources and services ensures that we are positioned to be responsive to our community; and Our Community Connections – building linkages with our community ensures our relevance and responsiveness to their needs.

The Library was successful in completing all of its 2017 objectives under its strategic goals.

Thank you to all of our donors who contributed to a successful annual campaign as well as the Library's volunteers, staff, members, and community partners for your part in making 2017 a great year.

Karen Hudson

Message from the Board Chair

December 2017 marked the five-year anniversary when the new Salt Spring Library opened its doors for the first time. In that time the Library has become an important centre of culture, art, politics, and youth.

The Library consults its patrons on a regular basis to ask two essential questions:

"Is the Library meeting your needs?"

"How can the Library improve?"

Being responsive to these questions has encouraged increased participation in our programs, a significant increase of Library cardholders, and an increased number of visitors to the Library.

Our volunteers make all of this possible. We owe immense gratitude to all of them for all they do on behalf of this community.

The complex organization is overseen by our staff of Karen Hudson (Chief Librarian), Nikky McCarvill (Librarian), Christine Arpita (Administration), Rob Bartram (Facilities Manager), Alex Hasenfratz (Information Technology) and our newest staff member Nancy Côté (Library Technician). All of their tasks are difficult and demanding. We thank you sincerely for doing them so well.

David Holt

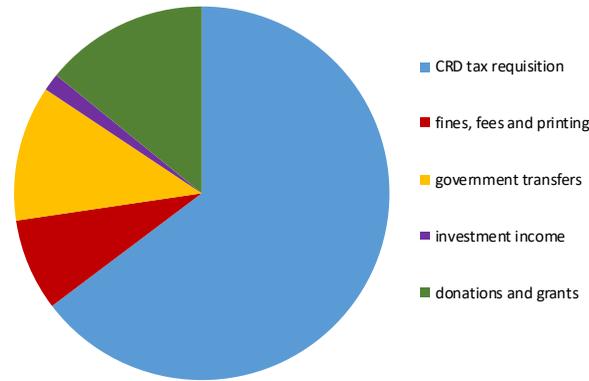
2017 A Summary

- 171 volunteers
- 154,128 library visits
- 54,506 virtual visits
- 6,207 card holders
- 14,706 digital items circulated (audiobooks and ebooks)
- 342 adult programs with 6,837 attendees
- 261 youth programs with 6,350 attendees
- 18,252 public computer sessions

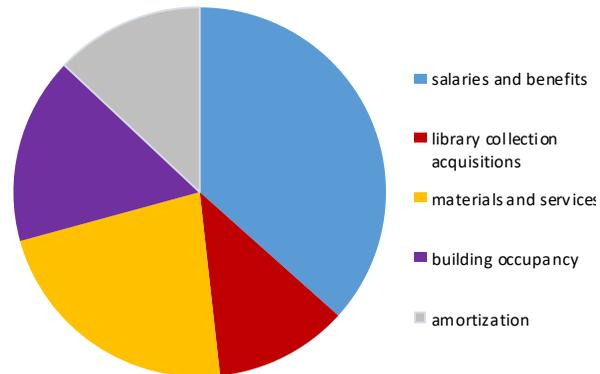


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Revenue

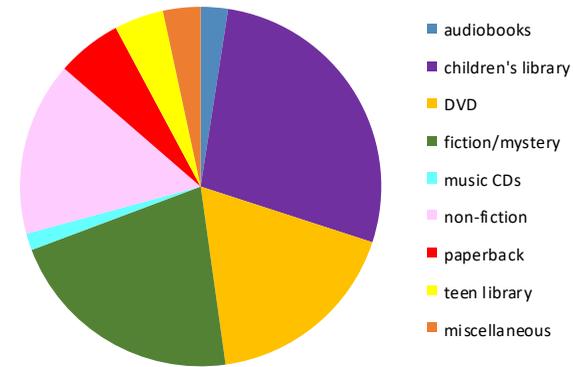


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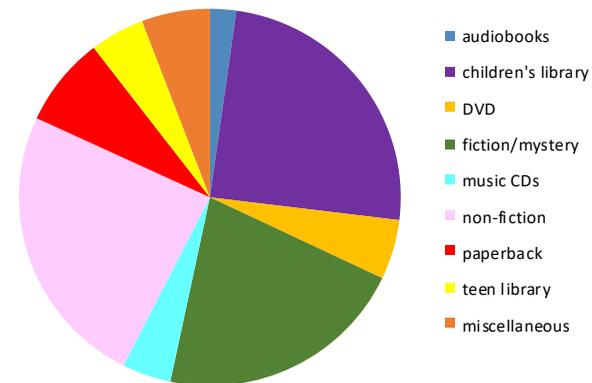
Lending and Circulation

The Library lent out 163,495 physical items in 2017



Library Collection

Our current collection has 62,352 physical items.



Displays Programs Events



The Uprooting 1942: The War Measures Act and Japanese-Canadians



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Summer student Sam Rowlandson-O'Hara introduces a popular children's program



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600 attend the Women's March at the Library