

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



284
programs & events
in-person & online

4531
attended programs or
viewed online

"Being a part of Kootenay Teen News has given me a chance to use my voice about real world issues and not being dismissed because of being a teenager."
-Teen Reporter

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS: HIGHLIGHTS

CONNECTION

- Bigby Place Book Club
- From the Heart Learning Circle
- Kootenay Girls Book Club
- Mother-Daughter Book Club
- Outreach to Seniors Communities
- Pop-up Queer Archive
- Public Spaces Community Conversations
- Read Local Book Club

CREATIVITY

- Adobe Illustrator Workshop
- Comics Workshops for kids, teens & adults
- Crafternoons for kids
- Crafts led by Indigenous Artisans
- Fashion Design 101 for Teens
- Kootenay Teen News
- Writing workshops

DISCOVERY

- 10 Tips to a Successful Retirement
- Amazing Bats in the Kootenays!
- Author Talks with Indigenous & BC authors
- Climate Change & Prognosis
- Digital Learning Circle
- New York Times Online Access
- Podcast Club
- Summer Reading Club
- Storytimes

"I consider a visit to the library ESSENTIAL. Access to all those books provides me with information, new ideas, mental and artistic stimulation, and untold hours of engaging entertainment."

-Library Member

Nelson Public Library

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To the Community



"One of the last free places to free your mind"
-Library Member

A message from the Chief Librarian & Board Chair:

As the pandemic restrictions were lifted in 2022, the Library saw a full return to regular services. Our community responded – children and families once again gathered at the library to enjoy Storytimes, and Crafternoons. School aged children were entertained (while keeping up their reading skills!) in the summer by Lauren and Laurel, our amazing Summer Reading Club Coordinators. Youth and Adults enjoyed meeting and learning together at book clubs, learning circles and workshops. Library outreach services resumed as well. Residents at seniors communities in Nelson and in the Slocan Valley welcomed back library staff in-person visits delivering materials and smiles.

We took what we learned during the pandemic, particularly, how to adapt the delivery of library services. Many of those changes enhanced accessibility and in 2022 we rolled them into our regular offerings like simultaneously offering in-person and online programming. The usage of the library’s online digital collections continued to grow as patrons discovered library ebooks, emagazines, audiobooks and online courses. Through a generous donation the Library was able to offer a new online resource: the New York Times.

Behind the scenes of these vibrant services, the Library Board also returned to gather in-person. We dived into developing a new strategic framework. Over 500 community members responded to a survey or participated in focus groups. These comments and conversations informed our values and are the foundation for our new framework.

We recognized long term trustees, Tessa Bendig and Lauren Rethoret. Their contributions will be missed. We welcomed Lesley Garlow and Sue Adam as new trustees who also bring a wealth of knowledge to our Board. If you are interested in volunteering on the board let us know.

2022 was municipal elections and we hosted an open house for candidates to learn more about how local governments support public libraries. Our services would not be possible without your community financial support. We are grateful to the City of Nelson, RDCK Area F & H for their ongoing support. The grants approved by the Area E Director provide opportunity for school age children to access the public library. With grants from CBT, we celebrated the completion of the Tech Hub. If you haven’t checked it out, you will be amazed at this community resource. With community partners, the Nelson Library is a vibrant public space to create, discover and learn.



Tracey Therrien
Chief Librarian



Anni Holtby
Board Chair

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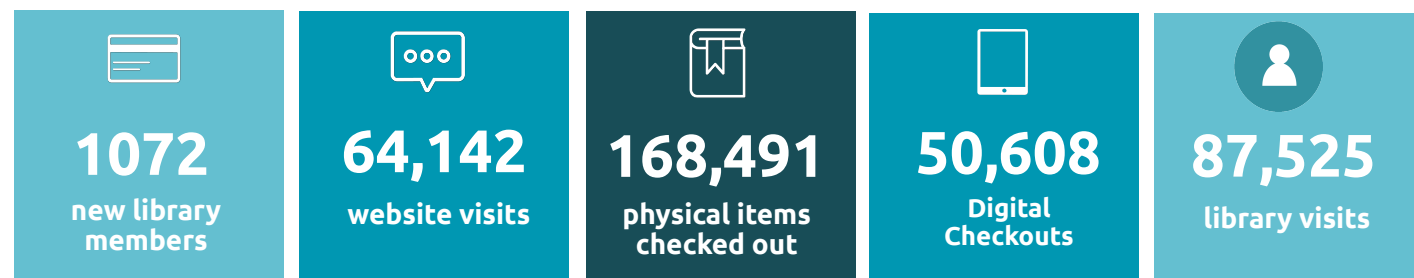
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BY THE NUMBERS

Use of the library continues to grow!



"I love the library for thoughtful books that challenge the way I view the world & the opportunity to discuss them with a group of bright & opinionated people"
-Library Member

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2022 (unaudited)

REVENUE

City of Nelson.....	\$703,631
RDCK Area H.....	\$70,961
RDCK Area F.....	\$99,745
Province.....	\$87,561
Library Operations.....	\$38,463
Donations/Fundraising...	\$20,293
Project Grants.....	\$77,999

Total Revenue.....\$1,099,282

EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits.....	\$691,887
Programs & Collections	\$81,326
Facilities.....	\$114,302
Library Management.....	\$53,109
Project Grants.....	\$15,460
Equipment & Furnishings.....	\$14,416

Total Expenses.....\$970,501

2022 Donors & Grant Funders

Thank you to the local businesses and generous individuals who made donations and the Friends of the Library who raised \$12,630 to help support library services.

The Library also received grant funding from the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance, Kootenay Library Federation, Law Matters, Friends of Nelson Elders, RDCK Area E, F & H, City of Nelson and the Government of Canada.

Thank you to our partners

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