



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Burnaby Public Library is one of Burnaby's greatest assets. The library provides free access to a rich array of the world's stories, ideas and information, in a variety of formats and in a number of languages. Our four library branches are important public spaces, meeting places and centres for discovery and dialogue. Our collections, public programs, public computing and Wi-Fi networks, as well as our staff, are there to support the community aspirations of our highly diverse city. We envision a community where all people are informed, literate and entertained.

The new Library Services Strategy was adopted by the Library Board in March 2015 and presented to City Council in May 2015. In much the same way as the City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission's motto, "Be Active", speaks to their core mission, we believe that "Be Curious" best defines ours. This is a time of unprecedented change for our city, and the needs of our citizens are increasingly diverse and complex. We are excited to be implementing a library services strategy geared to meeting those needs.

I'd like to acknowledge Roberto Fasciana, who completed his six years on the Board in December, and Barb Larkin, who went to serve on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Commission at the end of 2015. We welcome to the Library Board Matthew Foley and Jeffrey Yu, who were appointed by City Council to fill the vacant Board positions.

On behalf of the Board, I would also like to thank our dedicated library staff members, who continue to deliver exceptional service to the citizens of Burnaby. Several of our staff members retired in 2015. We wish them all the best!

I would also like to acknowledge the City of Burnaby. The majority of the library's funding comes from the City, and we remain grateful for the ongoing commitment to public library service.

Sheila Pierce, Chairperson
Burnaby Public Library Board

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SUMMER READING FUN!

In September 2015, over 2000 people converged on the Metrotown Civic Square to celebrate the joys of reading at Burnaby Public Library's 24th annual pancake breakfast and Summer Reading Club medal presentation ceremony. Almost 700 children proudly lined up to be presented with "Build It" medals for having completed at least 50 days of reading over the summer. This was the culmination of a laughter-filled morning of activities, which included: enjoying tasty pancakes flipped by Burnaby Food Services; listening to the cheerful Metropolitan Concert Band; playing parachute games and trying out the Imagination Playground with staff from Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services; and having face-paint patiently applied by girls from the 10th Burnaby Pathfinders and St. Roch Rangers. Literacy Now and Rotary Coats for Kids were also on hand with great crafts and activities for the kids. By the end of September, over 2400 children received a medal, a great achievement for all those families who persisted with the reading habit all summer long.

The Summer Reading Club is proudly sponsored by local libraries and the British Columbia Library Association, with support from the Libraries Branch, Ministry of Education. Burnaby Public Library gratefully acknowledges the support of the RBC Foundation, which provided the medals.



BOOK A TRIP THIS SUMMER!

Book a trip this summer with the Summer Reading Club! Kids of all ages are encouraged to join the "Book a Trip" 2016 Summer Reading Club. Reading for fun helps kids discover books, and regular reading over the summer helps them maintain or improve their skills.

Registration for "Book a Trip" starts Monday, June 13, at all Burnaby Public Library branches. Every club member who reads or is read to for 50 days will earn this year's Summer Reading Club medal. Plan to attend the pancake breakfast and Medal Award Ceremony on Saturday, September 10 in Civic Square outside Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch. Look for us in local parks, farmers' markets and at our four branches. We're ready to help you and your children enjoy a summer of reading and exciting travel-themed storytimes, workshops and interactive displays!



FOR TEENS

Participate in Burnaby Public Library's annual Teen Summer Reading Club. Visit any BPL branch to register starting Monday, June 13, and submit weekly reading cards for great prizes, including the grand prize – an iPod Touch! Visit www.facebook.com/burnabypubliclibraryteens for a chance to win more prizes for liking, sharing and commenting on BPL Teen posts.



This summer's theme is the Survival Challenge. Be sure to check out the fandom-themed program and booklists at your local library and online at bpl.bc.ca/teens

POP-UP LIBRARIES AND OUR NEW OUTREACH VEHICLE

Since 2014, our pop-up libraries – small satellite libraries we bring out into the community—have been well-received by visitors. We've created strong community partnerships and are able to reach citizens who can't always visit our branches. In 2015, we visited community centres and farmers' markets and took part in special community events around Burnaby.

The scope and reach of our pop-up libraries increased in 2015, due to the purchase of our new Outreach Vehicle late in the year. The addition of a vehicle equips and enables library staff to increase our activity and visit places in the community we haven't before.

The Outreach Vehicle also enables staff to reach the community in new and exciting ways: we've committed to offering 60 outreach visits in 2016 to commemorate our 60th anniversary. Watch for library staff and our outreach vehicle out in your community!



The Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch first floor renovations received the 2016 BC Library Association Merit Award for a Building Project.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

REVENUE	2015	2014
City Contribution	\$11,264,727	\$10,722,747
Library Fees and Fines	310,628	330,239
Provincial Grants	508,084	508,549
InterLINK	141,206	158,366
Stabilization/Operating Gaming/ Prior Year Surplus	656,394	400,145
Other	104,261	129,544
Total Revenue	\$12,985,300	\$12,249,590
EXPENDITURES	2015	2014
Salaries and Benefits	\$9,299,655	\$8,933,663
Library Materials and Electronic Databases	1,654,170	1,636,868
Operations and Maintenance	1,366,958	1,247,581
Other	664,517	431,478
Total Expenditures	\$12,985,300	\$12,249,590

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Burnaby Public Library services have been significantly improved through the generosity of thousands of library supporters. The Burnaby Library Board gratefully acknowledges the following individuals and organizations for helping to ensure that the library will continue to evolve and serve this community:

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JULIA'S STUDIO

Julia Nelson served as Teen Services Librarian for Burnaby Public Library from 2010 – 2013. She lost her life in October 2013 after a six-month battle with leukemia.

A dedicated advocate for young adult collections and programs, Julia was deeply interested in teen literacy and believed that libraries were safe havens for teens to explore their interests. She enjoyed working in partnership with high schools and loved designing interactive programs for young adults to help them discover their abilities and talents. After receiving a generous donation in her memory, the library designed a series of engaging and creative session in 2014 to honour her spirit. We called it "Julia's Studio: Creative Workshops for Teens". 2015 was the second year we offered Julia's Studio. Teens gathered to publish multi-lingual eBooks, stop-motion animation videos, graphic novels, and theatre scripts around our theme "Be Courageous".

As each session was designed to be inclusive, expressive, and fun, Julia's Studio introduced a variety of creative expressions and artistic methods to participating teens. It also provided an opportunity for teens to connect positively with the library as well as their peers. Due to the positive feedback we heard from participants, we are pleased to offer Julia's Studio once again in Summer 2016.



The theme for this year's Julia's Studio is "You've Got the Write Stuff", focusing on the art of storytelling. Julia's Studio will be hosted at the Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch each Wednesday in July.