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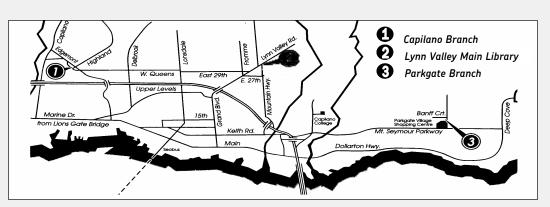


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## REPORT

### OF THE BOARD CHAIR & DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

2007 was a year of unprecedented growth and change for the North Vancouver District Public Library.

The new Lynn Valley Main Library opened on November 26, 2007. The culmination of fifteen years of planning by staff, Board members and the community, the new Library is a stunning 40,000 square foot facility with state of the art technology, an expanded collection, improved study and reading areas, program and meeting rooms for public use and much more. Within the first month, we experienced close to a 50% increase in walk-in traffic. The entire community celebrated the grand opening on December 8<sup>th</sup>, with more than 2500 enthusiastic attendees including dignitaries, former and current staff, library colleagues and members of the community. Our successful Lynn Valley Main Library Volunteer Greeter program got underway in late 2007, and will continue into early 2008.

Although the opening of the new library dominated staff activities in 2007, we were able to increase the number of Sundays open at all locations, had a successful Summer Reading Club this summer with record registration, hosted more than 600 children's programs throughout the year, increased our number of home delivery patrons, introduced new formats including e-audio books and processed more new items for circulation to the public than at any time in our history.

We continued our planning for the seismic upgrade and renovation of the Capilano Branch with hopes of starting construction on this library in early 2008. Once complete, our three facilities will be in excellent shape for many years to come.

Cooperative efforts with our two North Shore Library neighbours, North Vancouver City and West Vancouver, continued with another successful North Shore Connections staff conference, joint publicity of events including the North Shore Writers Festival and continued effort to keep budgets in line by sharing expertise and other cost efficiencies.

We would like to sincerely thank the many generous donors who contributed to the Lynn Valley New Chapter fundraising campaign that has allowed us to purchase additional materials and furniture that further enhance this beautiful building. In total, the New Chapter campaign raised an impressive total of more than \$134,000.

Three members left our Board this year – Gabriella Sacchetti, Adam Walters and Maureen Black. We would like to thank them for the time and energy they gave to the Library. A special thank you goes to Maureen for her six years of service to our Board including two stints as Chair, and also the work that she contributed while Executive Director of BC Library Trustees Association.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to thank the residents of the District of North Vancouver for their ongoing support of library services. We would also like to express our appreciation to District of North Vancouver Council and the Province of BC for their continued generous financial support this past year. As always we also want to thank our staff who continue to provide excellent service to the public while significant changes were happening around them in 2007.

**David Clancy** *Board Chair* 

**Gerry Collver** *Director of Library Services* 



#### LIBRARY BOARD 2007

Front, I-r: Helio Lopes Da Costa Jr., David Clancy (Chair), Maureen Black, Councillor Alan Nixon Back, I-r: Paul Tubb, Gabriella Sacchetti, Adam Walters, Stephen Allison

Cover images (clockwise from upper left corner): Young patrons enjoy a Babytales storytime; the Capilano Branch Library; the new slate flooring in the Parkgate Branch Library entrance; the popular Book Buddies program; the new Lynn Valley Main Library; books, books and more books; two excited patrons get the new Harry Potter book; Lynn Valley Main Library Manager Penny Forsyth Manchester loads up the shelves at the new Library.

## **FACTS & FIGURES**

FINANCES	2007	2006	COLLECTION	
Revenue			Catalogued print materials	231,367
District of NV grant	4,181,643	3,997,284	Videos & DVDs CDs and books on CD Audiocassettes	35,541 14,630
Provincial/Federal grants	251,065	208,781	CD Roms	3,603 485
Donations*	108,034	11,768	Adult Learning Collection	<u>1,467</u>
Fines, charges & sundry	314,685	351,400	Total	287,093
Total	4,855,427	4,569,233	Periodicals/newspapers	10,767
Expenditures			New items added in 2007	46,368
Salaries & benefits	3,508,556	3,382,029		
Library materials –	609.117	574.116	ITEMS BORROWED	
purchases	007,117	374,110	Lynn Valley Main Library	578,369
Library materials – repairs & supplies	59,578	63,254	Capilano Branch Parkgate Branch	601,084 518,009
Rent & building services	198,591	192,334	•	
Maintenance of equipment & premises	136,469	122,112	Total	1,697,462
Equipment purchases & replacements	61,792	8,145	SERVICES	
Federated library ser- vices	33,542	34,297	Holds filled	150,066
Sundry	114,307	93,784	Interlibrary loans - borrowed	3,650
Total	4,721,952	4,470,071	- lent	3,063
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	133,475	99,162	Questions answered	56,698
Net equity in (deficiency in) financial assets,			PROGRAMMES	
beginning of year	32,507	(66,655)	Adult programmes	111
Equity in financial assets,			Total attendance Children's programmes	3,093 448
end of year	165,982	32,507	Total attendance	19,443
			School/preschool/daycare visits Total attendance	137 9,038
*matched to expenditures			Other, including parent talks Total attendance	27 518

## ON AN AVERAGE DAY IN 2007

2500 library users came through the door
5547 items were checked out
3271 of those items were books
1440 of those items were children's books
185 questions were answered

## Comments from satisfied patrons:

"Your staff are always helpful, friendly and informative. Since coming to North Vancouver eight years ago I tell my friends that the North Vancouver District Public Library is one of the best things about the North Shore – really."

"You have the best collection of DVDs and new books! Good work and keep it up."

"I like to think my library card is my passport to freedom...the access to knowledge and new ideas is never-ending."

#### THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library (FOL) had an interesting and busy year. Although it was only possible to have one book sale in 2007, we still made significant contributions to the Library. A \$5,000 donation to the Lynn Valley Main Library New Chapter Fundraising Campaign went directly toward the purchase of furniture in the Teen area. We also provided support for the ever-popular Summer Reading Club, and donated a digital camera to each of the three NVDPL locations. The Friends of the Library help to fund the North Shore Writers Festival each year, and in 2007 we almost doubled our financial support of this wonderful event.



Eleanor Lonneberg, 2007 Chair