

ANNUAL REPORT 2007



Read. Learn. Play.

Message From The Board



In 2007 Fraser Valley Regional Library connected people to the world of information and ideas by offering a stellar collection of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, reference collections, a multitude of in-library programs, and public use Internet stations.

Library staff and the board worked diligently to ensure each of our 24 locations serve as a vital destination for literacy, recreation and informed decision-making. We partnered with a variety of community-based and provincial organizations in order to

increase our range of services and to better serve our communities.

Keeping pace with technology we offered web services at www.fvrl.ca such as on-demand homework help, downloadable best seller eAudiobooks for MP3 players and access to databases covering a breadth of subjects. From health and pharmacology, to newspaper and magazine articles, literary reviews, encyclopedias, auto repair manuals and more—the online resources section of the library website met information needs 24/7.

In response to literacy needs among BC residents, from infants to adults, FVRL offered a wide variety of programs. This year we introduced *All Aboard for Kindergarten*, an ambitious literacy program aimed at kindergarten children and their families. The kit was distributed to upwards of 8,000 children in nine school districts and was well received by educators and parents.

FVRL's annual *Summer Reading Club* was once again an inspiring success.

The program involved nearly 13,000 young people from preschoolers to teens. Overall, 18,741 people attended the reading club programs offered by FVRL libraries, a 25 % increase from last year.

With a high population of visible minorities in the Fraser Valley, multicultural services are an important focus. Ever popular is our *Diwali* celebration where community members participate in large numbers. Other multicultural initiatives include *Punjabi Story Time*, *Conversation Circles* for ESL learners, and Internet training in multiple languages. FVRL also has an expanding collection of multilingual books in fifteen different languages.

Recognition and thanks must be given to our tireless Friends of the Library groups operating at our community libraries. This year, the Abbotsford Friends sponsored a fund raising drive, the *Book Gala Fundraiser*, which was so successful it will become an annual event. Other FVRL Friends groups, too numerous to mention, sponsored quiz nights at the library,

manned library booths at festivals, and arranged and staffed library book sales.

In closing, I want to thank all of our board members at FVRL for their tireless dedication, without which even the best business strategy would be worthless. Thanks, too, to our management and staff, who have placed in us their faith and confidence. Fraser Valley Regional Library is truly an organization in which all of us can be proud and we look to the future with confidence and optimism.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Peter Fassbender'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

H. Peter Fassbender, Chair
Fraser Valley Regional Library Board

Literacy

I can't say enough good things about the program - it is wonderful!

- parent from Terry Fox Library

Literacy is not only the ability to read and write; it is the ability to function in society. FVRL plays a strong role in the development of literacy in our communities by offering a wide variety of programs for toddlers to seniors.

- *Picture Book Club* – for primary grade readers
- *Reading Link Challenge* – engages students in a friendly reading competition
- *Reading Buddies* – pairs young readers with mentors for read-aloud sessions
- *Summer Reading Club* – for children, teens and adults, this program encourages regular reading
- *Winter Warm-up Family Reading Club*
- *Books for BC Babies* - focusing on the importance of reading to newborns
- *Family Literacy Day*
- *International Literacy Day*

This year, Fraser Valley Regional Library launched a new initiative called *All Aboard for Kindergarten*. A program designed for kindergarteners and their families, the literacy package contains a poster of 100 books to read, a parent guide, an invitation to join the library, and newsletters directed at parents and teachers.



- **All Aboard for Kindergarten was delivered to 25 schools**
- **Approximately 8,000 children participated**

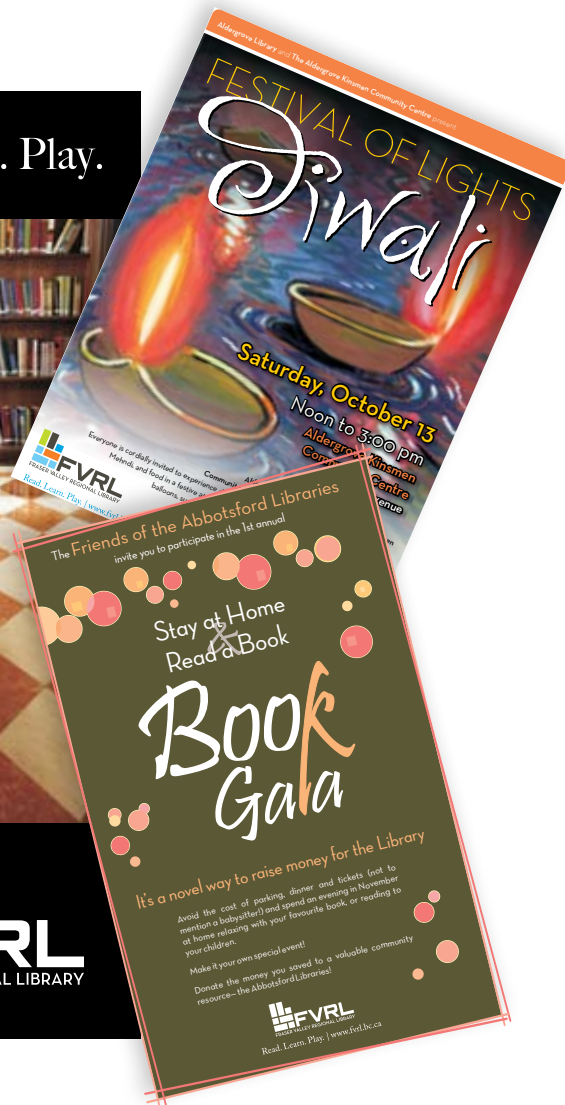
Programs For Everyone

Attendance for author reading programs: 2,477

Registered Borrowers: 360,620

Items in the library: 1,363,625

Website visits: 886,025



FVRL community libraries continue to offer a wide variety of programs and events for all age groups: toddlers, children, teens, adults and seniors.

- Author Readings
- Family Reading Club
- Internet Classes
- Computer Classes
- How to Write a Will
- Jewelry / Beading
- Art in Bloom
- Writer Festivals
- Rug Hooking
- Talk Like a Pirate Day
- Buying Your First New Car
- Credit Management
- Seasonal Programs
- World Culture Month
- Literacy Day Events

FVRL is part of the provincial BC OneCard program, which gives library cardholders access to all BC's libraries, and Askaway, a live chat-based information service that offers immediate, interactive, and knowledgeable help on-line.

Our Libraries

A resource for literacy, recreation,
and information.



Agassiz



Aldergrove



Boston Bar



Mission



Mount Lehman



MSA Centennial



Brookwood



Chilliwack



Clearbrook



Muriel Arnason



Murrayville



Pitt Meadows



Fort Langley



George Mackie



Hope



Terry Fox



Tsawwassen



Walnut Grove



Ladner



Langley City



Maple Ridge



White Rock



Yale



Yarrow

Mission Vision Values

We value lifelong learning, literacy, and the vibrant health of communities.

Mission

To connect people to the world of information and ideas.

Vision

To be an innovative organization that is recognized as a vital community destination and resource for literacy, recreation, and informed decision-making.

Values

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We value development that invests in the enjoyment, lifelong learning, literacy, and the vibrant health of communities.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS

We value open access to library services and materials that remove barriers associated with:

- Education
- Technology
- Culture
- Economics
- Physical Disadvantage

RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY

We value and celebrate diversity as integral to an inclusive, vibrant community.

RESPECT FOR STAFF

We value our responsive, courteous, and friendly staff as the foundation of FVRL's service and success.

COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

We seek collaboration and partnerships to maximize our potential to serve our customers and communities.

INNOVATION AND RISK-TAKING

We value innovation as it gives us freedom to grow and take risks to find creative solutions and better serve our public in a fiscally responsible manner.

Financial Statement

FVRL strives to better serve our public in a fiscally responsible manner.

	Unappropriated	Appropriated	Restricted	2007	Total 2006
Member assessments	\$16,793,015	-	-	16,793,015	15,975,454
Provincial government grants	1,374,698	-	471,796	1,846,494	1,800,676
Federal government grants	-	-	15,789	15,789	37,629
Other donations and grants	-	-	318,285	318,285	140,524
Fines	598,473	-	-	598,473	658,143
Other library-based revenue	135,524	177,964	3,198	316,686	312,728
Return on investments	140,205	47,917	1,611	189,733	145,448
	19,041,915	225,881	810,679	20,078,475	19,070,602
Less: portion deferred			(182,678)	(182,678)	(20,968)
	19,041,915	225,881	628,001	19,895,797	19,049,634
Salaries and benefits	12,645,598	22,698	248,568	12,916,864	12,409,581
Library materials	3,177,765	24,365	222,552	3,424,682	3,365,121
Operating (Schedule)	2,107,632	145,902	132,939	2,386,473	2,308,516
Library InterLink	127,294	-	-	127,294	126,070
Interest on capital lease obligations	27,899	-	-	27,899	20,281
Capital expenditures	62,913	255,058	23,942	341,913	881,316
	18,149,101	448,023	628,001	19,225,125	19,110,885
Debt issued	27,051	-	-	27,051	223,758
Debt repaid	(121,362)	-	-	(121,362)	(108,142)
Change in fund balances before interfund transfers	798,503	(222,142)	-	576,361	54,365
Interfund transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Change in financial equity	798,503	(222,142)	-	576,361	54,635
Financial equity, beginning of year	1,603,422	509,832	-	2,113,254	2,058,889
Financial equity, end of year	2,401,925	287,690	-	2,689,615	2,113,254

Donations

Estate of Pamela Cursons: \$118,260.05

Estate of Eleanor Taylor: \$56,524.84

2010 Legacies Now Society
Agassiz Library Society – Friends
Alison Martin
Alpha Book Club of Canadian Federation of
University Women – White Rock/Surrey
Amarjit Dhindsa
Amarjit Jatana
Amelia Cox
Apiva Consulting Services
Ardis Janzen
Arlene Kropp
Arn Smith, S. Dal Edworthy
Arnie May Clegg
Ash Road Productions Ltd.
Audrey Swain
Barbara Mason
BC Hydro and Power Authority
Bebe Chin, Joyce Imoo
Bhagwant S. Sidhu
Bruce & Nancy Ketchum
Bruce Owen – South Delta ESL Group
Canadian Federation of University Women –
Coquitlam
Canadian Western Bank
CanWest Global Foundation
Care – Ethos – Abbotsford
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Cathy Krahn
Cecelia Duncan
Charlesworth Insurance Services Ltd.
Christine Lamb
City of Chilliwack
Clearbrook Animal Hospital
Conservative Party of Canada – Ed Fast – MP
Corinne Rose Bucher
D. Roy Lind
Dal Edworthy
Dan Ratzlaff

Darlene Johnson
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Don McNeill
Doris Scott
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E. Konrad
Elaine Holliday
End Productions Inc.
Envision Credit Union –
Abbotsford Town Centre
Estate of Eleanor Taylor
Estate of Pamela Louise Cursons
EV Logistics
Frances Farrant
Franklin Chow
Fraser Valley Regional District “Area B”
Friends of the Abbotsford Libraries
Friends of the Chilliwack Library
Friends of the Terry Fox Library
FV Indo-Canadian Business Association –
Abbotsford
FVRL Staff
Genealogy Group – South Delta
Geoffrey Richardson
Geraldine Swenson
Gurcharan Dhillon
Gurmit Singh
Gwen Johnson
Gwicharan Tiwana
H. Richter
Helen Schoenbach, School District #33
(Chilliwack)
Hope Friends of the Library
Ian D. Robertson
Ilene Grant
International Investments Inc.
Isabel J. Dick
Jagga Narvail S. Gill

Jagjit Sidhu
Jake & Adena Schellenberg
Deborah McNutt
Jean Ford
Jean Sutherland
Jean Wilkinson
Jo-Anne Harrison
Kate Morley
Kay Lee
Ken Merkley Memorial Library Fund
Kiwans Club of Tsawwassen/Ladner
KPMG LLP
Laura Gates
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Literacy BC Society
Lynn Vandevelde
Maple Ridge Friends of the Library
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Marian G. Balint
Marilynn Leskon
Martin Gaul
Mary Turner
Maynard Nerbas
Mega Fruiticana – Abbotsford
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Mission Literacy Association
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North Delta Lions Club
Otter Co-op

Pamela Rempel
Peace Arch Monarch Lions Club
Peter Warkentin
Philosopher’s Café – White Rock
Radiant Production Corporation
Ralph Johnston
Raman Dhillon
Raoul Fernandes
Ratko Productions BC Inc.
Richard Maze
Ricky Skene
Rita Penco
Rotary Club of Chilliwack
Rowena Leivo
Rupinder Davesher
Ruth Gillies
Sandra Rehaume
Satwant S. Gill
Satwinder Sidhu
School District #34 (Abbotsford)
School District #78 (Hope)
Seu Ying Leong
Shelley Lyons
Shirley Rooke
Sophie Klassen
Stuart Rosenberg
Sul Hie Shin
Swarn Uppal
Terry Gasperdone
Tina Wong, Joy Sutherland
Township Of Langley Fire Hall #5 (Brookwood)
University of Phoenix
Violet Mercer
Wendy Low
Wendy Nitsch
Youth Employment Resource Centre –
Abbotsford



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Langley City Library
Maple Ridge Library
Mission Library
Mount Lehman
MSA Centennial Library
Muriel Arnason Library

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Pitt Meadows Library
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Tsawwassen Library
Walnut Grove Library
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