

100 years of ♥



1921 - 2021

2021 Annual Report

Inclusion Community Accountability Literacy

The **MISSION** of the **Nakusp Public Library** is to provide quality **materials, resources, programs, and services**, which help fulfill the **educational, informational, cultural, and recreational** needs of the community in an environment that is **attractive, respectful, non-judgmental & welcoming**.

When the Nakusp Public Library opened in 1921, its main challenges were finding shelves for its 400 books and determining who would light the stove in the winter. In February 1921, there were 67 library subscribers, each of whom paid \$1 for their year-long membership. Unfortunately, the \$1 membership was too much for most people during the hardships of the 1930s, and in 1934 the library had to close its doors and store its books in the courthouse basement.

Fortunately, the Nakusp Public Library was able to reopen in 1950, thanks to the help of the Women's Institute, and by 1952 the little library that could officially became a Public Library Association.

Over its 100 years, the library had occupied a variety of locations in the village, and in 1958 the library took up residence at the Centennial Building where it shared the upper floor with the Village Office. When the Village moved its office into its own building in 2004, the library expanded in size, space and service.

Nakusp's public library continues to increase its services to the community, thanks to increases in funding from the Village and RDCK, which enable us to keep pace with rising costs.

It's also thanks to the dedication and vision of many people in the area that the library continues to be a place for the community to gather, and enjoy a good book. Or movie. Or ukulele. Or metal detector.

Trustees

Paula Rogers, Chair
Barbara MacPherson, Vice-Chair
Elaine Rogers, Treasurer
Shori Smith, Secretary
Deborah Austin
Jamie Dumonceaux
Linda Harrington
Jerry Van Immerzeel
Terry Welsh

Staff

Claire Paradis, Library Director
Susan Rogers, Librarian
Cindy Schroff, Assistant Librarian
Sandy Watt, Assistant Librarian
Melissa Koftinoff, Intern
Stephanie Korolyk, Intern
Mikala Lewis, Student
Katira Niquidet, Student

Volunteers

Deirdre Dore
Evelyn Goodell
Galadriel Watson
Ida Fulgenzi
Ien Van Houten
Jean Lancaster
Leslie Leitch
Linda Dixon
Linda Van Immerzeel
Marg Schultz
Marilyn & Terry McKinnon
May Ann Waterfield
Patty Riley



Nakusp Public Library Board of Trustees

Annual Report from the Chair January – December, 2021

2021 was another unparalleled year of challenges for library staff, volunteers, board members and patrons alike. Claire Paradis did an outstanding job in her role as Library Director. Susan Rogers continued to provide excellent work as Librarian. We sadly said goodbye to Sandy Watt and welcomed Cindy Schroff back. We are beyond grateful for their incredible hard work during these extremely challenging times. We have an amazingly dedicated team!

During 2021, our Library Board continued in its vital role of guiding Library operation and policies and providing adequate funding for the year and into the future. Some changes occurred during the year (as outlined in the Committee Reports) and we said goodbye to some board members and greeted new ones. We are fortunate to have a remarkably cooperative, harmonious board, and each person has done an amazing job in their capacity. Since COVID all meetings have been on Zoom and everyone patiently participated in this medium of communication.

Centennial Building Committee: Subcommittees met throughout the year via Zoom to discuss: the Milk Wagon, Terms of Reference (TOR was created to formalize the committee), Health and Safety Officers: Archives-Diana Kelland, Library-Deborah Austin, Museum-Judy Hatt; defibrillator information was updated; the Milk Wagon updated the requirements needed for the CB expansion. The top of these updates was the Milk Wagon location; it was agreed, by all parties, for it to remain in its present location. CBT Heritage agreed to extend the grant money awarded to its rehousing to the end of March 2022. The milk wagon was removed and stored in the museum in November 2021 after which the old cement pad was removed and a new one put in by the Village.

Annual Report from the Chair continued

Finance Committee: March 8 Claire, Elaine and Paula gave the library's annual presentation to Village Council via Zoom. The library received \$7,000 from the Community Initiative Program for building maintenance, collections, and the library's centenary celebrations (date TBA). The library organized fund raising for a memorial bench for Monika Mah. A financial sub-committee was created to investigate and make recommendations about what to do with the first installment (and subsequent installments in the next two years) of \$140,000 from the Walton bequest that matured in August, 2021. It was decided to leave \$40,000 of the \$140,000 in the library's chequing account and \$100,000 put into 1-year redeemable term deposit. Jamie D. received word from HUB insurance confirming the library has \$50K liability coverage for volunteers in our existing insurance policy. It also indicated we need to do an updated inventory of the library soon. We are grateful to the Village and Regional District for agreeing to an annual 3% increase of our annual funding. Paul Peterson (RDCK) verbally indicated agreement, though it won't be official until the RDCK gives its approval. We are aware we need to reapply to the Village in 2024 for the annual increase. 2022 Nakusp Library Budget approved by majority of trustees via email Dec. 18/21.

Friends of the Library:
Spring-Cleaning Bee happened in early April. Barbara recruited six new FOLS. She resumed the FOL monthly newsletter in April. Library staff, FOL and board members participated in a highly successful annual book sale in September 2021. Thank you cards were sent to FOLS for their help with the sale.

Top Fiction for 2021

	1	The Ministry for the Future by Kim Stanley Robinson
American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins	2	
	3	The Law of Innocence by Michael Connelly
Five Little Indians by Michelle Good	4	
	5	Dark Sky by C.J. Box
Police by Jo Nesbø	6	
	7	Indians on Vacation by Thomas King
Rabbits for Food by Binnie Kirshenbaum	8	
	9	Stories of Your Life and Others by Ted Chiang
The River Why by David James Duncan	10	

Annual Report from the Chair continued

During a meeting with Claire, Barbara, Jamie and Ida about it was decided that Ida & Barbara will take over the job of periodic weeding of library books. Volunteer Appreciation Tea will be revisited in the Spring 2022. Barbara MacPherson has agreed to continue as the FOL coordinator in a consulting capacity. She hopes to train one of the FOL as her successor in the coming year.

Fund Raising Committee: More Than Wine Raffle was held in March as in-house event instead of on-line with a \$200 gift certificate prize. Linda Harrington canvassed for magazine subscription donations - 7 of 8 of the donors have agreed to donate. The Library's Silent Auction was held online again this year which generated over a \$1000. The Annual Book Sale was held this year on September 25 and earned approximately \$2000. Xmas crafts and Blue-Sky socks were available. Given the restrictions we had it was a good year of fund raising.

Governance: We were delighted to welcome Jamie Dumonceaux in June 2021 and said a sad farewell to Barbara MacPherson in Nov 2021. Shori Smith took on the Recording Secretary position at the beginning of the year and Terry Welsh took on the Vice Chair position in Nov 2021.

Top Non-Fiction for 2021

Braiding Sweetgrass
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

The Wild Wisdom of Weeds
by Katrina Blair

Dementia reimagined
by Tia Powell

Finding the mother tree
by Suzanne Simard

The Forager's Pantry
by Ellen Zachos

How to Catch a Mole
by Mark Hamer

**Storey's curious compendium
of practical and obscure skills**

Weekend hats
by Cecily Glowik
MacDonald

**21 Things You May Not Know
About the Indian Act**
by Robert P. Joseph

Little House Living
by David James Duncan

Annual Report from the Chair continued

TOP DVDS IN 2021

Les Miserables	1	2	City of God
The Fall	3	4	Detectorists Series 1
Downton Abbey	5	6	Endeavour Series 7
In the Heat of the Night	7	8	Loving Vincent
Vera	9	10	Call of the Wild

Dedicated trustees Jerry Van Immerzeel, Linda Harrington, Terry Welsh, Deborah Austin, Elaine Rogers continued in their roles, and Susan DeSandoli remained as our valued Village representative. New trustees were given a tour of the library by the Library Director as well as an orientation of the library trustee manual and finances from the Treasurer. All trustees provided a short bio and picture for the library's website. Two new sub-committees were created: Garden

Committee for the Walton Bequest Committee and the Maintenance Committee for the Safety Committee.

Kootenay Library Federation: Shori Smith was the KLF representative with Terry Welsh the alternate. The KLF sponsored workshops that members of our board could participate in during the year. KLF provided us with two Zoom accounts; KLF offers: "Funded 100% by the KLF, your Library Board can consult with a labor and employment lawyer." We received a cheque for \$600 from the KLF, which was part of the leftover funds from COVID requirements. This will be used for our collection. Terry W. volunteered to be the Treasurer of the KLF. Terry reports as KLF Treasurer: KLF is financially solid; very well managed.

Personnel Committee: Due to the complications of Covid and testing, there was a brief staffing shortage at the beginning of April. Sadly, Sandy Watt resigned once the summer was over in order to spend more time with her family. We were very glad to welcome Cindy Schroff back. Mikayla Lewis was hired again as the summer student. Staff reviews conducted by our Library Director and the

Annual Report from the Chair continued

Library Director's annual review took place in October and November 2021. Personnel Committee (Barbara MacPherson, Linda Harrington and Paula Rogers) completed Claire P.'s annual review November 13, 2021. She has and continues to do an outstanding job as Library Director. We welcomed Stephanie Korolyk (Nov-Feb) to the library as the Young Canada Works (YCW) Assistant Librarian Intern. Stephanie will be focusing on programming and outreach, which will be achieved through weekly craft packages or other programming ventures.

Policy Committee: It was decided at the beginning of the year to delete Zoom recordings after the Minutes were approved. Policies approved: Conduct, Gifts and Donations and Voting by Email and by Phone. Ongoing updates/revisions/new policies created were reviewed by the committee, Claire, Deborah and Barbara. Phone Tree updated by Claire for staff and board in April.

Junior Fiction Top 10

1. The city of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
2. Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure by Jeff Kinney
3. Dragons and Marshmallows by Asia Citro
4. Homer Price by Robert McCloskey
5. James and the giant peach by Roald Dahl
6. An author's odyssey by Chris Colfer
7. Captain Underpants and the big, bad battle of the Bionic Booger Boy by Dave Pilkey
8. Diary of a Wimpy Kid 3: The last straw by Jeff Kinney
9. Farmer Giles of Ham by J. R. R. Tolkien
10. Inheritance, or, The Vault of Souls by Christopher Paolini

Annual Report from the Chair continued

"Outdoor" Collection	LED Therapy Lamp	1	Public Relations & Advocacy Committee: Ongoing discussions regarding censorship for books and other means was postponed. It was concluded that this is an in-depth topic and should be engaged during a library retreat. Ongoing communications continues on Facebook, Tik Tok and YouTube as well as local newspapers and the library's website.
	Soprano ukelele	2	
	Snap Circuits Jr.	3	
	Steel Tongue Drum	4	
	Mushrooms field guide	5	
	Bugs & Slugs field guide	6	
	Digital metal detector	7	
	Digital radon detector	8	
	Butterflies & pollinators field guide	9	
	Bees & other pollinators field guide	10	

Strategic Planning Committee: Accepted the final draft of the strategic plan: February 11, 2021. Claire created a condensed version and posted it on the library's website.

Safety Committee: The Library Director and staff did an excellent job of implementing and modifying COVID and communicable illness safety protocols as mandated by the province. Two large and two small Hepa air purifiers have been received; one more will be purchased for the lounge. The 'enclosure' project, under the library's front stairs, was completed with the excellent coordination of Terry W who engaged Home Hardware, the Village and Michael Myhal's help. A faulty vent which caused a leak in the library's back room was fixed by Richard Cann. Roof replacement may be needed, investigations will occur in the spring of 2022. The remounting of the library's sign, when Village staff have time, possibly the Spring 2022. Front steps were repainted with excellent results by Kish Pederson in the summer.

Annual Report from the Chair continued

Walton Bequest Committee: Further to the discussion under Financial Committee section re: investing some of the bequest money, a discussion was also held on getting the process moving on the proposed addition to the library. It was agreed to start investigating the engineering and building aspects.

Susan D. reminded us we should have specifics before we talk to the Village about our proposal. Claire P. and Melissa K. and Terry W. contacted CBT regarding grant specifications for this project.

In addition, the Garden sub-committee cleaned and winterized the garden beds on the southeast side of the building in preparation for spring planting. Claire has reorganized the lounge and created a private space for meetings etc. and may re-name it the Walton Study

We are grateful for the continued financial support of the Village of Nakusp, Director Paul Peterson and the RDCK, and the provincial government, as well as the

financial support from our many fantastic members. It is an honor to work with such dedicated staff, board and community members to create such a thriving and exceptional library!

Paula Rogers,

Chair, Nakusp Public
Library Board of Trustees

New Memberships

2019	2020	2021
184	90	113

Message from the Library Director

In 2021, the Nakusp Public Library's centenary year, the library continued to adapt and offer services throughout the fluctuating challenge of the pandemic through curbside delivery, library takeout, in-person browsing, e-materials, online resources and virtual programming. Although we weren't able to have much in-person activity, there were many changes in the library.

One of the first additions was plexiglass at the circulation desk. Handsomely mounted atop a row of attractive red encyclopedias, the necessary addition fits in nicely. Two birch-veneer shelves have been installed in the foyer to accommodate the library takeout holds, making them easy to open the door and access for people who do not want to come into the library. The bell at the bottom of the stairs has been very useful in enabling patrons to receive their materials or gain access to the building's elevator.

When the library was closed to browsing and offered curbside service due to rising case counts in Nakusp, Library staff jumped at the chance to take on some reorganizing. Science fiction and fantasy titles were integrated into the adult fiction collection, enabling browsers to discover titles in other genres written by a favourite author. The magazine collection was moved into the foyer to create more space in the lounge area in response to a large number of requests for a study, exam and virtual meeting space in 2021.

The Library staff continued to offer a variety of online and take-home crafts through the year. As usual, the Summer Reading Club programming, with Mikala Lewis taking the reins again this year, was a huge hit with kids and parents during the summer. Online workshops and author readings were real gems of our online offerings, and attracted a very wide audience.

The Library made some significant and fun additions to its already fun collection – including a metal detector, sunlamps, ukuleles, but also much more. As well, an air quality detector was installed at the library, giving real-time data about particulates in the air; you can find its data online.

We had 122 people sign up for memberships over the past year, many of them new to Nakusp, and we have seen a significant increase in the circulation of e-books and online audiobooks.

In 2022 the Library will continue to improve its meeting spaces in response to continued requests, and in anticipation for much-missed in-person events. We are looking forward to celebrating over 100 years of service to the area – in person!

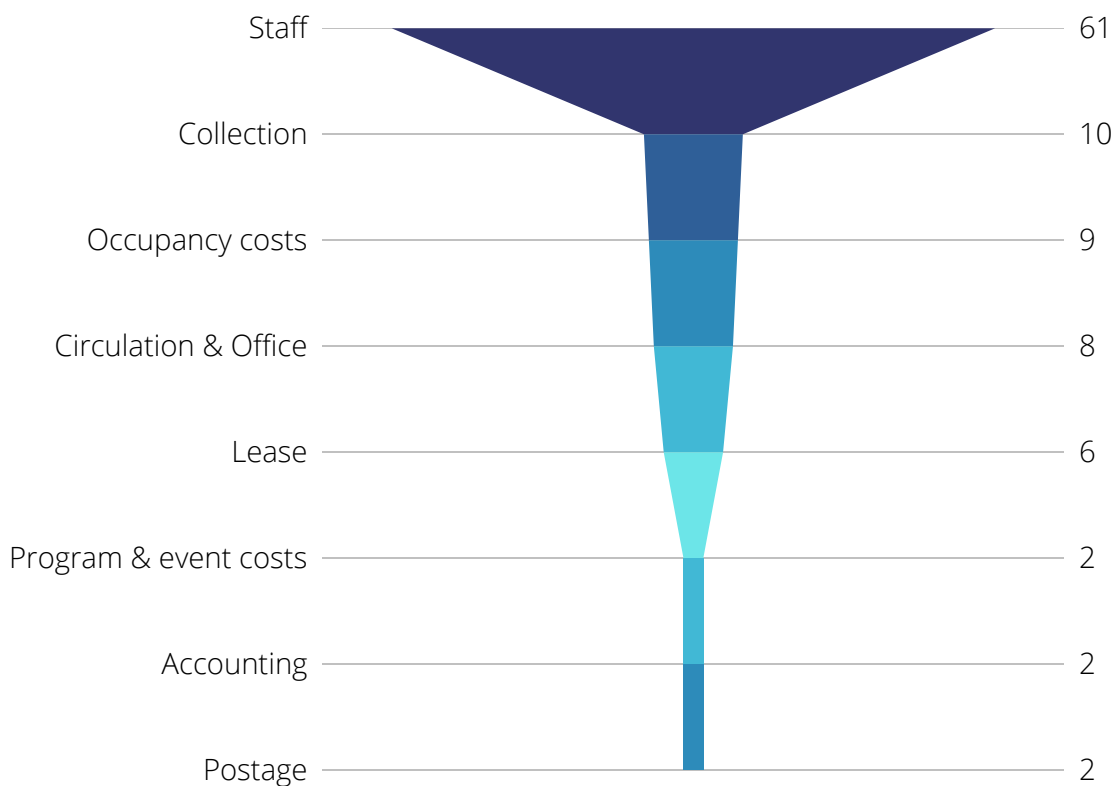
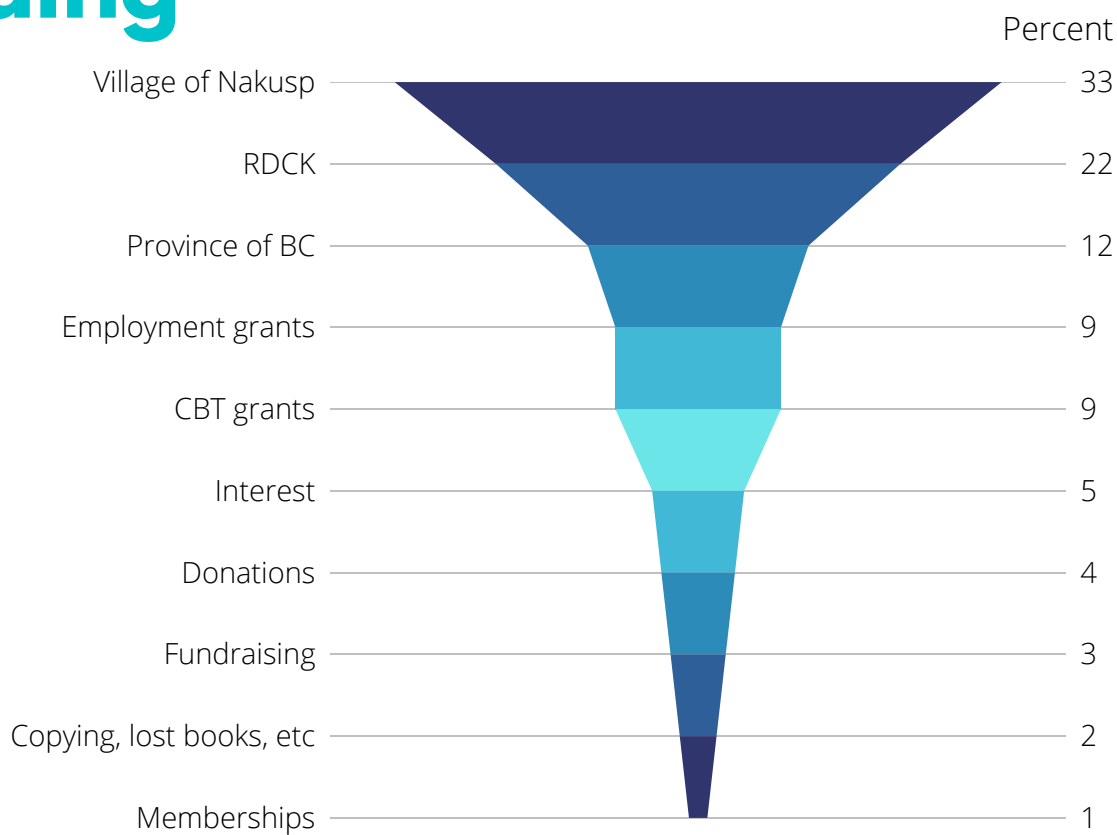
Claire Paradis,
Library Director

Staff & Volunteers



Funding

REVENUE



EXPENSES



**Reconfigured
study & meeting space**

**Public computers now
with air purifiers**



**50 new Large Print
titles**

**Adult fiction: Science
Fiction and Fantasy
included**

PROGRAMMING

IN PERSON

- Puzzle swap
- Blind Date with a Book
- Media Literacy at the Nakusp Youth Centre
- Summer Reading Club with Mikala Lewis
- Scotch Broom Bash with Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society
- Take home crafts with Stephanie Korolyk

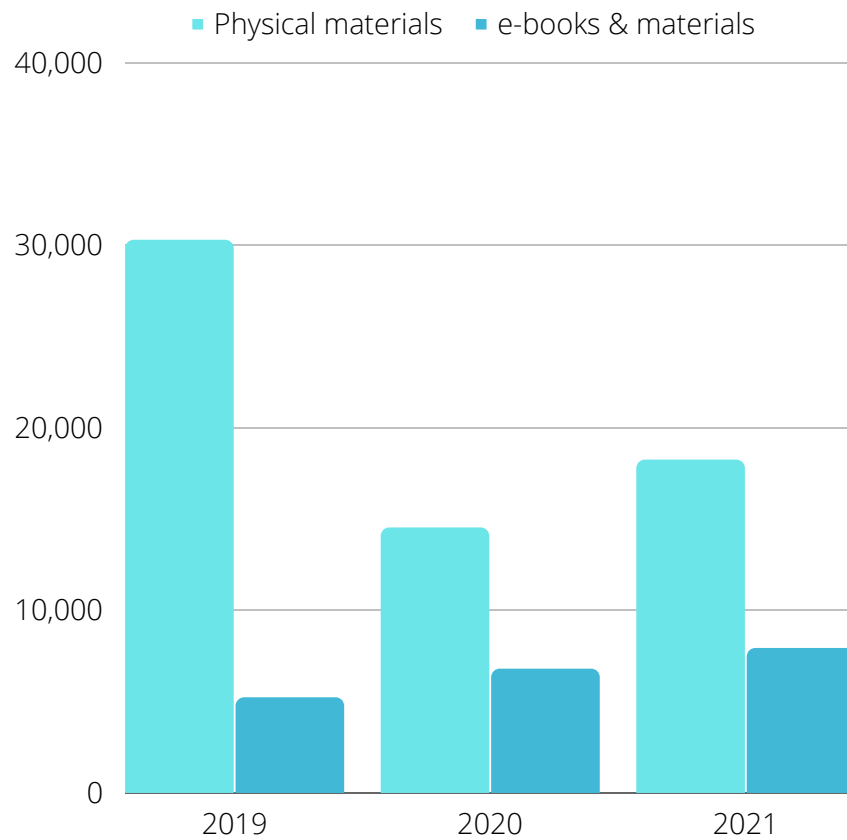


ONLINE

- Creative Joy crafts with Donna Marko & Melissa Koftinoff
- Bird Identification with Gary Davidson
- Tree Identification with Erin McLeod
- Storytime with Joy Soucy
- Introduction to Journalism with Kootenay Teen News (Nelson Public Library)
- Author readings: Lara Stovel, Vanessa Farnsworth, Rod Dunnett, Marilyn James, Susan Dunnigan, Margaret Franz



2021 Circulation



	Physical materials	e-materials
2019	30279	5238
2020	14520	6799
2021	18237	7934

COVID, COVID, COVID



Reduced capacity - social distancing

Mask mandate

Plexiglass barriers

Reduced access: bathrooms, public computers, seating

Cleaning protocols: high-touch areas, hand sanitizing

Quarantining materials for 72 hours

Air purifiers

Harmful and Disruptive Behaviour Policy

Patron and Staff Code of Conduct

COVID Safety Plan, Communicable Disease Plan

Reduced service: Library Takeout only

- May 6-18
- August 21 - September 8