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Bowen Library hosts kids author Frank Edwards at BICS

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It's never too early to start reading! Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring our Books for Babies gift bags.

Bowen Island Public Library Annual Report 2014



Message from the Library Board Chair, Andrea Little

This past year the Board was very focused on the expansion of our current space. The annex that began as a simple structure adjacent to the library has grown into an exciting new vision for an annex and art gallery in partnership with the Bowen Island Arts Council. The Annex & Gallery Project addresses many of our strategic goals - enhancing our space, working collaboratively with the community and developing a Centre for Sharing. It is an exciting project that will enrich our village centre and has engaged and inspired the Bowen community.

To address some of our technology goals we continued to fund our Tech Tutor position through donations, grants and library reserve funds. The continuous demand for tech support indicated an ongoing need and so the board submitted a budget request to the municipality that included a technology support position for two days a week.

The board is energized by the continual support the Library receives from all sectors of the community. We enjoy a wonderful working relationship with our municipality. The volunteers that come forward to be involved, either by working in the library and/or by raising funds to support the library, are an incredible group of committed individuals. Thank you to the staff, volunteers and Friends of the Bowen Island Library who work together to provide exceptional library services to Bowen residents and visitors to the island. The board thanks them and their dedication to the library.



Proposed Library Annex & Gallery
Artist concept by Angie Bosworth

2014 Highlights

Partnership with Bowen Arts Council to include an art gallery and Arts Council offices in the library annex project.

Knick Knack Nook Auction raises \$12,000 for Annex & Gallery Project.

Mayoral Candidate Q&A hosted by Bowen Library for 2014 municipal elections

Roof replaced on our iconic heritage building.

Author visit by Elizabeth May, Green Party leader, co-sponsored by Library and Arts Council

Message from the Chief Librarian, Tina Nielsen

The Annex & Gallery project moved forward significantly in 2014. Approval was granted by council, preliminary plans were drawn up and costed, and excitement grew in the community. The Knick Knack Nook (KKN) selected our project as the beneficiary of their bi-annual auction and raised more than \$12,000. Individual donors made contributions and community members have offered future fundraising events on our behalf.

Programming grew this year as we tested out new ideas. From the Reflections on Ag-

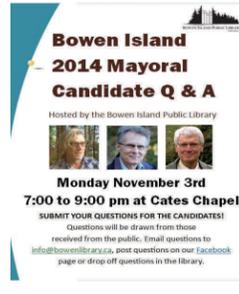
ing Discussion Group and the Literary Saloon, to Bowen's first ever Mayoral candidate Q&A, the library is creating a forum for the sharing of ideas, knowledge and learning. We look forward to many more innovative programs in the new annex that will connect islanders to each other and nurture discovery and intellectual stimulation.

The library building was re-roofed in 2014 giving us a renewed exterior presence and much needed security against the winter rains. For health security, we now have an Automated External Defib-

rillator in the library providing another location in the busy Snug Cove area for access to this life saving device.

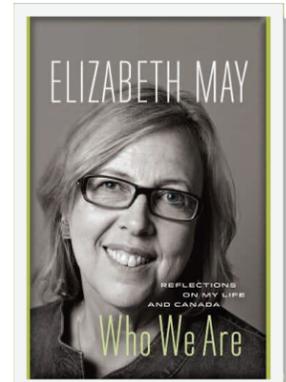
Many thanks to the more than 50 individuals who continue our long history of library support through volunteerism: the board of trustees, library volunteers and the Friends of the Bowen Island Library. They are integral to our mandate and operations and they make our library and our community a richer place

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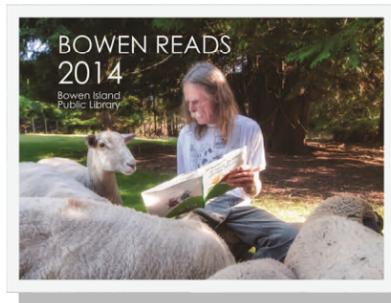


Bowen's first ever Mayoral Candidate Q&A hosted by the library.

Tech Tutoring increased by more than 50% in 2014. The demand for technology training and assistance shows no sign of slowing down.



October 2014, Elizabeth May visit co-sponsored with Bowen Arts council.



The success of our 2014 *Bowen Reads* calendar raised several thousand dollars for the Annex and prompted a second calendar for 2015.

“Your Tech Tutor Program has been incredibly helpful to me. What an amazing service! Leo is a perfect tutor.”
A Tech Tutor Customer



Artist rendering by Michael Epp

We are excited to be partnering with the Bowen Island Arts Council (BIAC) to expand our annex project to include a gallery and offices for BIAC



The Knick Knack Nook Auction in October raised more than \$12,000 for the Annex & Gallery Project. Everything from toys to fine art was available at great prices!



Beautiful new cedar shake roof. September 2014



Statistics

		2014	2013	% change
CIRCULATION	Circulation physical materials	39,494	39,460	0
	Circulation electronic materials	3,308	3,904	-15%
	TOTAL CIRCULATION	42,802	43,364	-1%
COLLECTIONS	Physical collections	16,290	16,441	0
	Electronic collections	61,491	58,225	+6%
	TOTAL COLLECTIONS	77,781	74,666	+4%
QUESTIONS ANSWERED	TOTAL QUESTIONS	4,896	4600	+6%
PROGRAMMES	Number of programmes	86	99	-13%
	Total attendance	1,238	1,629	-24%
TECH TUTORING	Number of Appointments	466	305	+53%
PATRON REGISTRATION	TOTAL PATRONS	5,063	4,745	+7%
	Total active patrons	2,363	2,400	-2%
	New patrons added	357	288	+24%
LIBRARY VISITS	In person visits	34,045	34,821	-2%
	Website visits	28,262	19,410	+45%
	Public internet use	2,900	2,709	+7%
	Wifi connections	11,720	8,386	+40%
	Materials used In-library	7,000	6,622	+6%



Preschool visits always include checking out lots of books.

“Hearing people speak, I feel more enlightened as to the wishes and needs and fears of the aging population. I believe there is much more to say.”
Reflections on Aging participant

REVENUE	\$
Bowen Island Municipality	195,400
Provincial grants	24,787
Other grants	2,477
Library revenues (fees & fines)	6,026
Donations & miscellaneous	14,425
Transfer from reserves	0
TOTAL	243,115

EXPENDITURES	\$
Collections – physical	28,900
Collections - electronic	2,060
Transfer to reserves	6,083
Operating	18,652
Building	11,219
Salaries and benefits	173,493
Capital & projects	2,708
TOTAL	234,115