

# Report from the Co-Chairs Mayne Reading Centre Society AGM February 28, 2015

## **Summary**

The Mayne Island Reading Centre had another exciting year. Some of the highlights of the year include: the highest circulation ever; many successful and well-attended programs; our first entry in the Fall Fair Parade; one full year with access to e-books; preparatory work for launching a new website and Facebook page; and the groundwork for the challenge to the Mayne Island community to read Thomas King's The Inconvenient Indian.

## **Library Use**

In 2014, there were 1433 registered borrowers of which 20 are BC OneCard holders. There were 111 new library cards issued in 2014 of which 11 were BC OneCard borrowers and 13 were children. There are now 26 children registered as borrowers at the MIL; prior to moving to the Sitka automated checkout system, children borrowed material on their parents cards.

During our Typical Use Survey week, we had 207 visitors to the library. This number is multiplied by 52 to estimate the number of library visitors for the whole year, giving us an estimated 10,764 visitors. This number is slightly inflated because the Survey was done September 8-13, a week when schools were closed due to the teachers' strike.

## **Collection and Circulation**

Book selectors and cataloguers (Liz Howard, Sheila Dunnachie, Nick Cooke, and Judi Walker) added 703 new titles to the collection. Our total holdings at year-end were 8,179 items, of which 6139 are adult, 337 are Young Adult and 1703 are children's books. We also have access to e-books and audio material available through the BC Libraries Cooperative's Library2Go service as well as access to audio books for patrons with perceptual disabilities through the National Network for Equitable Services (NNELS).

We circulated 11,299 items through our automated checkout system and 81 books through the Interlibrary Loan program for a total of 11,380 items. (We are still waiting for the total number of e-books and audio materials loaned through Books to Go.) This is an average of 948 books loaned every month or approximately 11 books for every Mayne Islander. Children's and YA material accounted for 32.2% of the circulation; 67.8% adult.

Year	Total Circulation	Monthly Average
2004	4067	478 (Note: library was closed for 3 months for renovations)
2005	6274	523
2006	7408	617
2007	9240	770
2008	9295	775
2009	9177	765 (Note: Closed for 1 month for repairs)
2010	9410	784
2011	10997	916
2012	11202	933 (Sitka launched in November)
2013	10,888 (+160 e-book loans)	907
2014	11,380 (e-book count not available yet)	948

## Programs

The Program Committee (Eleanor Cocker, David Chase, Libbie Bake, Ed Pederson, Diane Akey and Judi Walker) hosted five author readings: Marie Elliott, Sally Ireland, Pam Withers, May Q. Wong, and Christine Lowther. NFB film showings included Chi, Hue, Oscar Winning Shorts, and Vanishing Point (presented with the Conservancy). Nine Friday storytime sessions were all well-attended with an average of 20 attendees for each session. The Summer Reading Club had 41 young members.

One of the highlights of the year was participating in the Fall Fair Parade. We had 22 participants plus Peggy Robertson's Big Blue Truck. We all got together the week before the parade to make book covers to wear; Libbie Bake designed and ordered a lovely banner for us to carry as well as big "READ" buttons for us to hand out. It was great fun. And best of all, we won first prize in the category "Car and Walkers."

Nearing the end of the year, we started to get ready for the 2015 Mayne Island Reading Challenge. Working with John Aitken and Miners Bay Books we sent 10 copies of Thomas King's The Inconvenient Indian out into the community to begin a conversation around Truth and Healing for Canada's First Nations people. The aim of the reading challenge is to have 100 people read and comment on the book before June 21st, which is National Aboriginal Day in Canada.

## **Technology**

The Board passed an Internet Use policy this year and posted it in the Library. We also purchased and installed 3 new computers for public use. Early in 2015 we will install a receipt printer. (Alas, the end of the date-due stamp!) The new webpage and our new Facebook page were both launched in early 2015. The new web interface gives our borrowers access to many databases, most available from home using a Mayne Island library card; a few, due to the licensing, are only available for use on the PAC terminals at the Library.

## **Strategic Planning**

The Board revised the Goals and Objectives for the year and finished off a couple of big projects. The long-awaited Policy and Procedures Manual was finally completed. Big thanks to Trish Janvrin for all the formatting and final revisions. Another huge project was the new webpage. Carmen, our SGIL Library Coordinator did the lions' share of the work on this; Judi Walker was our local contact. Although there is still some fine-tuning to be done, the new page is far more user-friendly, looks great, includes an Events section and gives non-Facebook folks access to our Library Facebook page.

## **What's Coming in 2015**

The Board's focus for 2015 will be on the Library building, programming and the Reading Challenge. We desperately need to replace the carpeting, some of the shelving and some of the furniture. These may require that we close the library for a period of time, particularly while we replace the flooring. The Library will be participating in Festival Active Pass, providing readings by 10 local authors. The Reading Challenge, which began January 1st, will wind up on June 21st. At that point, all of the comments will be collated and shared with the community and with Thomas King.

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