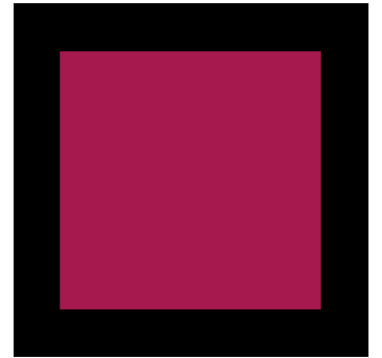
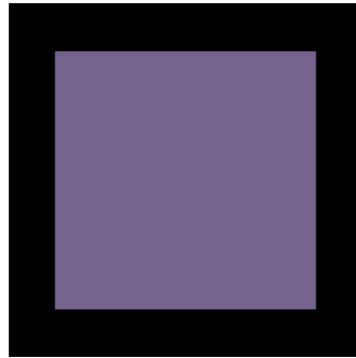


2014 Annual Report



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Report from our Board Chair

2014 has been another busy and successful year for FSJPL! It has been my pleasure to be involved with such a dynamic and exciting organization.

We continue to touch the lives of more and more people each year, with continued increases in active card holders, visitors to the library, digital circulation and program attendance.

Libraries provide a valuable service in our communities; they are a safe and welcoming space, an opportunity to connect with others through programming, and a physical or digital link to information and inspiration! Healthy communities need strong libraries

and FSJPL continues to look for new and exciting ways to support residents of the area.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank our funders, partners, staff and volunteers who make all of this possible! We have fantastic partnerships in the community and each one increases our ability to ensure that we have the library services our community needs and deserves!

As we look forward to 2015 and beyond, I know that Kerry and her team will continue to amaze and inspire us!

L.J. Lawson
Chairperson, FSJPLA

Report from our Library Director

What a fantastic year for FSJPL! 2014 brought a strong focus on programming, community partnerships, public engagement and of course, excellent customer service.

Our programming output expanded considerably to encompass a fully diverse demographic target. New partnerships within the community made for some highly creative outreach programs, some of which attracted province-wide media attention.

In April, we were honoured to accept a Community Award for our work in promoting literacy, language, multiculturalism, and community issues in Fort St John.

Our new website fsjpl.ca went live in the final weeks of December, after several months of detailed research and planning, allowing users easy

access to our resources, information, and calendar of events. The new site offers users the ability to quickly and easily suggest book purchases from anywhere, and also provides FSJPL supporters with an online donation submission option.

Looking back over 2014, we recognize the generous support of our funders, partners and sponsors as well as the overwhelming dedication of our staff, board members and volunteers - without whom FSJPL's successes would not be possible. I am grateful to each of you for your teamwork in continuing to make FSJPL a strong, relevant and innovative community service!

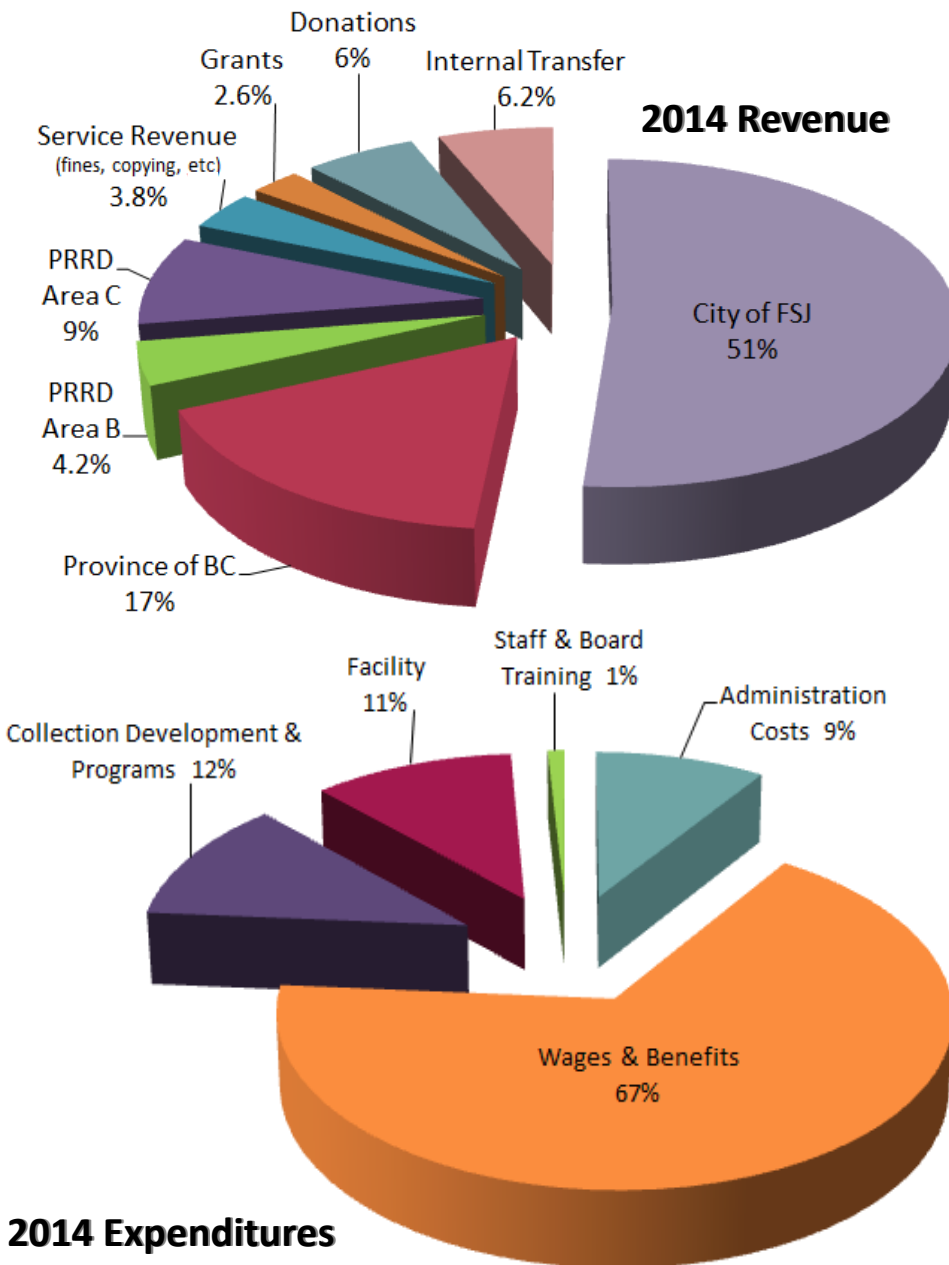
Kerry France
Library Director, FSJPL

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Andy Ackerman
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BC Book Prizes Tour
BC SPCA North Peace
The Canadian Grind
Canadian Library Association
Canfor
Carbon Mountain Drilling & Water Services Ltd.
City of Fort St John
Community Bridge
Dalco Instrument & Measurement Services Ltd.
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Peace River Regional District
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Province of BC - Libraries Branch
MooseFM Radio
Rotary Club of FSJ
S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
Success Before 6
School District 60
Settlement Workers in Schools
Sew It Yourself Shop
Shell Canada
Spectra Energy Transmission
Suncor
Telus Communications

Facts & Statistics

	2012	2013	2014	1 Year Growth
Total Active Cardholders	5,757	6,610	6,482	-2%
Program Attendance	1,378	3,997	5,810	45%
Digital Materials Circulation	6,313	12,122	14,491	20%
Physical Materials Circulation	126,957	105,178	108,328	3%
WiFi Usage	3,059	3,401	3,526	4%
Website Visits	17,624	19,674	20,264	3%
Public Computer Use	11,819	8,570	13,906	62%
In-Person Library Visits	80,589	77,833	85,578	10%



Population Served
35,112 ↑3%

New Cardholders
1,048 ↓2%

Items in Physical Collection
78,827 ↓2%

Digital Collection (ebooks, audiobooks, digital magazines)
118,062 ↑5%

No. of Program Sessions
502 ↑29%

Highest circulating genre
Children's Picture Books account for 30% of all circulations

2014 Staff of the Fort St John Library

Director of Library Services Kerry France

Program Coordinator & Children’s Librarian Morgan Peltier ▪ **Program Coordinator, Temporary** Kirsten Barkved
Library Technician Lorraine Brooks ▪ **Bookkeeper** Jane Sheldon ▪ **Interlibrary Loan Clerk** Jill Baccante
Technical Clerk Judy Mahood ▪ **Computer Skills Instructor** Tanya Boyd

Circulation Clerks

Kate Mahler ▪ Hunter McKay ▪ Mary Murphy ▪ Marie Napier ▪ Barbara Richter
 Amy von Stackelberg ▪ Ellen Wideman

Pages

Chris Aylward ▪ Makayla Chartrand ▪ Taylor Fancy ▪ Devorah Janzen ▪ Kalyn Johnston ▪ Lauren Ollenberger
 Heather Stark ▪ Ellie Temple

Report from the Friends of the Library Society

Our Executives:

- Mo Kroecher—President
- Yolande Harrison—Secretary
- Shirley Wortman—Treasurer
- Sheena Lillico—Director
- Teresa Walsh—Director
- Lana-Gay Elliott—Honorary Member

The history of the Friends of the Library has been linked to the history of FSJPL since its inception in 1950. Volunteers were essential to the operation of the library in the early years, and until 1993 when the library was unionized, were involved in the day to day business. Volunteers continue to work in the background in support of the library’s activities. The Friends of the Library Society was incorporated under the Society’s Act in April 1982. We assist the staff and board in promoting, improving and expanding services, in close liaison with the Library Director.

This past fiscal year has again reflected the public’s adoption of digital reading, which has resulted in a decreased revenue as fewer hardcover fiction and non fiction books are donated to the library. This has combined with our membership’s inability to recruit new volunteers to work consistently on organizing and selling donations. We have discussed this with management staff and have a current plan to attract

younger members and to revitalize the society. The total revenue for the preceding period Nov 1, 2012 to Oct 31, 2013 was \$6,950.96. Total revenue for this past fiscal year Nov 1, 2013 to Oct 31, 2014 was \$3,662.23. We also assisted FSJPL by selling Rotary MegaLottery tickets late in the year. Monies received will be reflected in next year’s budget.

Our revenue included the following:

Balance November 1, 2013	\$1,581.10
In-library book sales	\$2,307.00
January book sale	\$1,340.00
Memberships	\$ 15.00
Interest	<u>\$.23</u>
Total Revenue	\$5,243.33

Our expenses included the following:

Userful System Upgrade	\$3,300.00
Summer Reading Program	\$ 700.00
Wireless Barcode Scanners (2)	\$ 700.00
Minister of Finance	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$4,725.00
Bank Balance October 31, 2014	\$ 518.33

The Library Staff and Board would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to our many volunteers.

A very special thank you is extended to Mo, Yolande, Shirley, Sheena, Teresa, Lana-Gay, Lyle, Deena, Tim, Gareth, and Elders Bailie & Rawlinson!