

2013 Annual Report



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Report from our Board Chair

What a wonderful year 2013 has been for FSJPL! We see new users coming in or accessing us online every month. The community continues to be able to enjoy us within FSJPL to visit, borrow materials and participate in activities. We also have an ever growing online community who are reading books and magazines, learning a new language or enjoying the various other digital materials we have available, whenever they want, wherever they want!

There are so many people who make all of this possible. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank our funders, partners, staff and volunteers. The success of FSJPL is a community effort and we appreciate the continued support we receive. We do great things for our community when we work together!

The generosity of our community never ceases to amaze me. In 2013, when we did not receive federal funding for our summer reading program, community businesses came together to DOUBLE our normal funding for this program so that the program could continue to encourage young readers to continue reading during the summer months.

We continue to look forward to 2014 and beyond, as we continue to work through our strategic plan that will ensure FSJPL stays relevant and provides the services the community needs and deserves.

L.J. Lawson
Chairperson,
Fort St John Public Library Association

Report from our Library Director

The vital importance of being able to offer an 'online library branch' in addition to a bricks-and-mortar building is today's reality for public libraries. FSJPL continues to make much progress in this area through 2013.

Use of our online digital collection continues to expand as more and more people explore the large collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines available to them, night or day, free of charge.

Along with steady growth in our active cardholders, our 2013 program attendance has shown a marked increase; more people, including families and new Canadians, are discovering the fantastic free programs FSJPL offers. This year, overwhelming support from community partnerships and private-sector sponsors enabled us to expand many programs.

Undoubtedly the largest impact to staff this year was the retirement of long-time circulation clerk Marie Napier after fifteen years of service. Her years of dedication to serving the patrons of FSJPL were recognized at our Staff and Board Brunch in December. Lucky for us, Marie has recently become a casual employee, helping FSJPL even beyond retirement.

FSJPL's successes in 2013 were simply not possible without the support of our funders, partners and sponsors, nor without the teamwork and dedication of our staff, board members and volunteers. Thank you all for contributing to another great year at FSJPL!

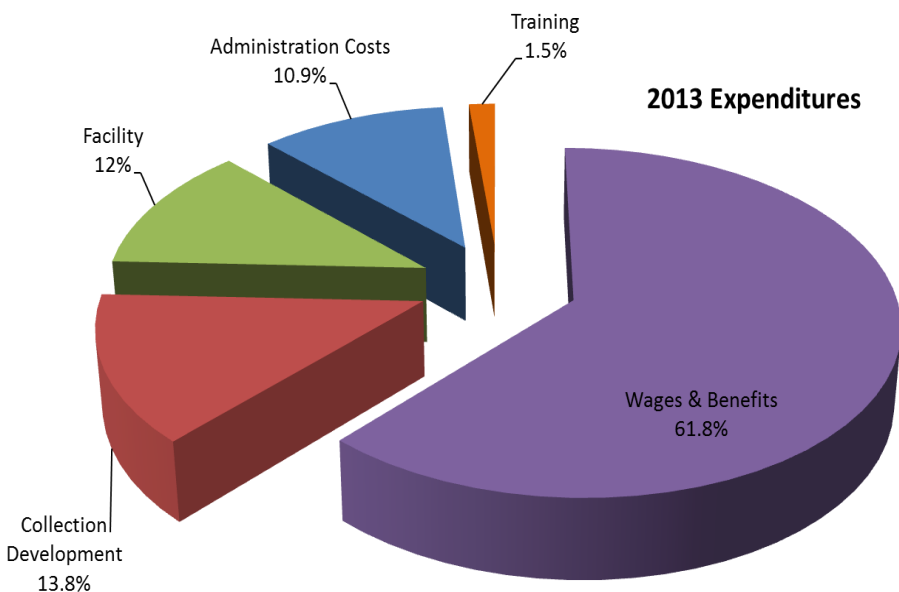
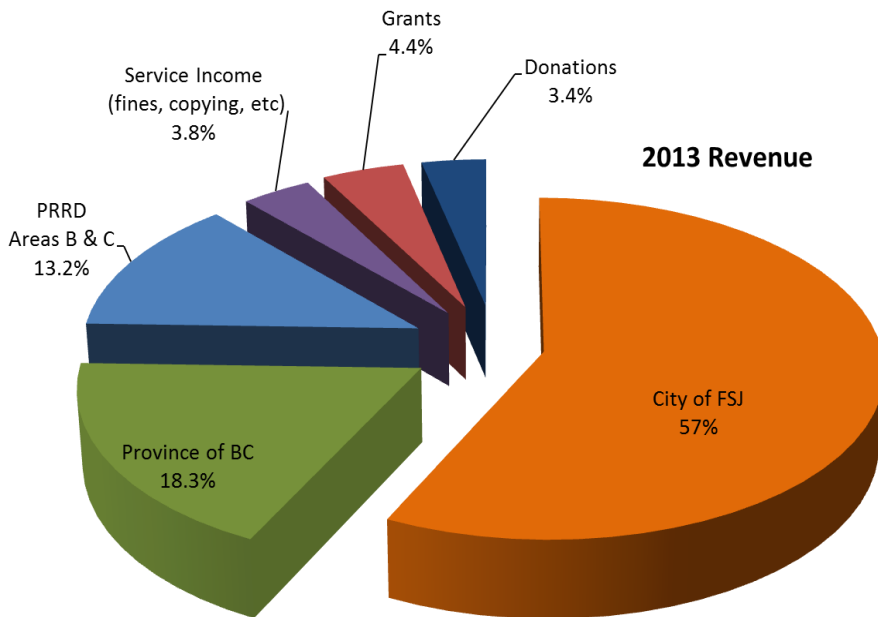
Kerry France
Library Director, FSJPL

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 Sew It Yourself Shop
 Shell Canada
 Shoppers Drug Mart
 Spectra Energy
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 Talisman Energy
 Telus Communications
 Tru Hardware

Facts & Statistics

| | 2012 | 2013 | Growth |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Total Active Cardholders | 5,757 | 6,610 | + 14.8% |
| Program Attendance | 1,378 | 3,997 | +190% |
| E and digital circulation | 6,313 | 12,122 | + 92% |
| Wi-Fi Usage | 3,059 | 3,401 | + 11% |
| Website Visits | 17,624 | 19,674 | + 12% |



Population Served
34,194

New Cardholders
1,071

Items in Physical Collection
80,796

Physical Items Borrowed
105,178

Digital Collection (ebooks, audiobooks, digital magazines)
112,011

Public Computer Logins
8,570

Program Sessions
388

In-Person Library Visits
77,833

2013 Staff of the Fort St John Library

Director Kerry France

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

Circulation Clerks

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

Pages

Heather Stark ▪ Michaela Yuen ▪ Hailey Johnston ▪ Ellie Temple ▪ Chris Aylward
 Makayla Chartrand ▪ Devorah Janzen ▪ Taylor McLeod ▪ Shay-Lyn Smitheram

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

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.

During our fiscal year November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2013 we held two successful books sales, as well as processed and sold donated books in the library. Money raised supported library acquisitions. Book donations have noticeably decreased in the past year and a half.

This is probably due to the popularity of eBooks, as we receive fewer hard and soft cover books. Consequently, we saw a decrease of \$1,487.25 in book sale revenue in this fiscal year. We carried over \$1581.10 into this fiscal year, where we continue to fund new library acquisitions.

Our revenue included the following:

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| Balance October 31, 2013 | \$2,648.46 |
| In-library book sales | \$2,285.55 |
| January book sale | \$1,041.45 |
| June book sale | \$ 775.50 |
| Donation | \$ 200.00 |

Our expenses included the following:

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| Summer Reading Program | \$2,000.00 |
| Cube end tables (2) | \$1,223.88 |
| Tuffet Seats, Children’s area (2) | \$ 399.21 |
| Countertop for iPads in Children’s area | \$ 616.00 |
| 42” Television | \$ 514.92 |
| Toys for Children’s area | \$ 506.12 |

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, and the LDS Elders.