

# ANNUAL REPORT 2008



whistler public  
**LIBRARY**



# Letter from the Director & Board Chair

2008 began with the library closed to the public in order to take care of some heavy lifting: the physical move of our collection and staff equipment into our new facility. We invited members of the public to help us by participating in Books on the Move, with each person carrying one book from the old building to the new. It was a symbolic but important contribution, embraced by young and old alike. Next, library staff and the professional movers came in to move the majority of the 40,000 item collection. After a four-week frenzy, we finally opened our doors to the public on January 26.

Beyond having up to 1,500 people per day come through the library, whether to simply look around or to avail themselves of our services, we hosted a wide variety of programs and events in 2008. Author readings, Vanoc's Paralympic 2-year Countdown Celebration, a Quest University Lecture Series, a New Music in New Places concert, and the CBC Christmas Carol performance were all well received. In April, we hosted Libration, our Grand Opening celebration, which included children's programs; a panel of local chefs discussing their favourite cookbooks (with samples); a Dancing & Drumming performance by the Lil'wat Nation; and the infamous Literary Martini Party (anyone for a Tequila Mockingbird?). We also started a basic literacy and ESL program in cooperation with Capilano College, and the Community Room was used by numerous community and business groups for meetings and workshops.

2008 was truly a landmark year for Whistler Public Library, and we'd like to thank our staff, our volunteers (including the many we forgot to list), the Friends of the Whistler Public Library, and the Board of Trustees for all their hard work in getting us through the move, with the many changes and adjustments. Not only did we move into a new facility, but we also installed self-checkout machines, computer booking software for the Digital Learning Centre, and a new open source library catalogue as part of a Provincial consortium. It was a very intense year, and everyone went above and beyond to get things done.

Toward the end of the year, we began the next task: that of formulating a new Strategic Plan for Whistler Public Library. We engaged Whistlerites from all walks of life in the process, so that we could make a plan for the next few years and ensure that the library succeeds in our primary goal of serving our community. We want the new library to truly be Whistler's Gateway to Knowledge.

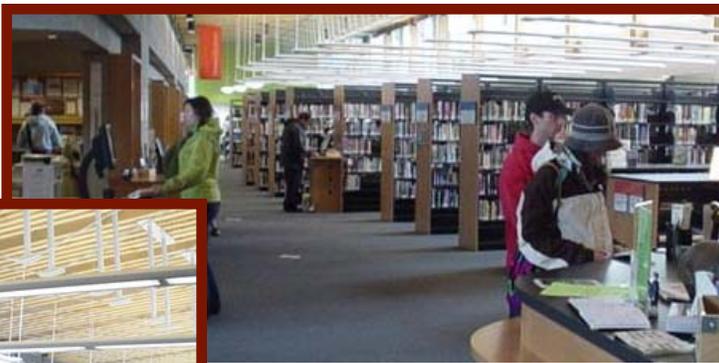
**Lauren Stara**  
Library Director

**Alix Nicoll, Chair**  
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One of the banner designs  
installed on Main Street

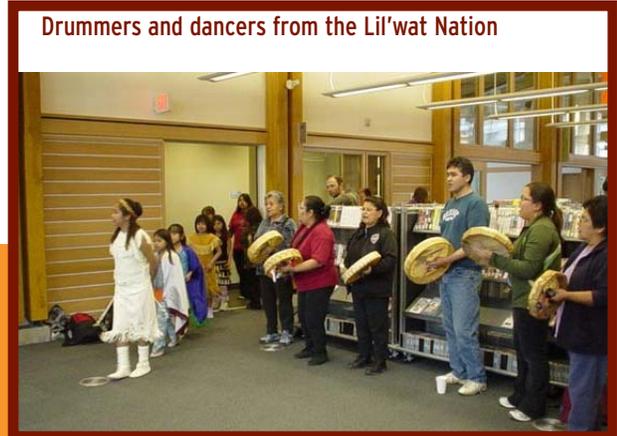




The main stacks in the new library



Miga and Sumi at the Paralympic 2-year Countdown Celebration



Drummers and dancers from the Lil'wat Nation

# Facts & Figures

Collection	2007	2008
Books	35,996	41,568
Videos/DVDs	2,691	3,433
CDs & Audiobooks	2,397	2,831
Other	95	129
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,179</b>	<b>47,961</b>

Magazine subscriptions	95	138
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Items checked out	129,260	127,831
ILLs from other libraries	888	465
ILLs to other libraries	1,208	2,242
Questions answered	3,484	16,328

## Programs

Adult (#)	4	692
Children's (#)	141	282
Total attendance	4,320	8,985
Visitors	97,864	247,472
Active cardholders	14,556	20,542
Hours open per year	2,598	2,453

Revenue	2007	2008
Municipal support	\$544,880.00	\$757,639.00
Regional district support	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00
Provincial PLSB grants	\$54,702.00	\$55,583.00
Other project grants	\$4,806.00	\$1,000.00
Library generated revenue	\$27,332.00	\$56,983.00
Donations and Fundraising	\$8,576.00	\$150,270.00
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$643,196.00</b>	<b>\$1,024,375.00</b>

Expenditure	2007	2008
Salaries and benefits	\$487,285.00	\$641,874.00
Library materials	\$73,074.00	\$97,529.00
Electronic databases and subscriptions	\$5,129.00	\$4,090.00
Total library materials expenditure	\$78,203.00	\$101,619.00
Computer systems & telecommunications	\$12,224.00	\$28,083.00
Library facilities	\$11,543.00	\$63,319.00
Capital expenditure	\$233,483.00	\$387,754.00
Other expenditure	\$52,840.00	\$44,782.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$875,578.00</b>	<b>\$1,267,431.00</b>
Transfers to reserve funds	\$1,100.00	\$129,420.00

# Staff

Lauren Stara, Director  
Nadine White, Public Services Librarian  
Jomichele Seidl, Youth Services Librarian (Jan-May)  
Libby McKeever, Youth Services Coordinator (May-Dec)  
Danusia Smit, Circulation Supervisor  
Susanna Lam, Administrative Assistant

## Library Assistants

Jane Clifford  
Marilyn Crichton  
Claire Johnson  
Darel Lee  
Verna MacDonald  
Beverly Newell  
Jennifer Pringle  
Manon St. Pierre  
Adrienne Theed  
Suzanne Thomas

## Student Shelters

Marlin Beswetherick  
Kristina Hemingson  
Chelsea Iaconetti-Bush  
Celestina Jones  
Zendai Kashino  
Kyle MacDonald  
Katelyn McKeever  
Emily Overbeck



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