



Happy Holidays from Kaslo & District Public Library December 2021 Newsletter

It has been an exciting year for the Kaslo and District Public Library as we passed key milestones towards a much-needed new building.

- With the generous support of Kaslo & Area D residents (donations/auction), Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) and the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake Society (CFNKLS) we were able to complete our payment back to the Village of Kaslo by June 2021 for the land at Front & 5th St.
- Our energetic Fundraising Committee & additional volunteers organized the online auction, information booths on Saturday Market days with a Jelly Bean contest, an outdoor movie night that was co-sponsored by FortisBC and Kootenay Savings, an auction of a truckload of logs donated by Kaslo & District Community Forest, a Read-a-thon, and promoted year-end donation opportunities.
- Our team also constructed a billboard, created a project website page, and crafted news releases and posters to increase public awareness of progress and fundraising events.
- Watch for upcoming fundraising events in 2022. Covid restrictions permitting, we are planning a Bingo night, a formal gala event, a surprise summer event to delight residents and visitors alike, and another on-line auction which proved so successful last year.

New Library Project 2021

Fundraising committee established January 4
events are highlighted

Website page for New Library Project created for fast updates

Virtual Town Hall Feb 24 to discuss project and answer questions



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Billboard constructed and installed by Apr 17 to showcase concept design and project updates. Includes a free library.

Online auction from April 23-May 2 raised \$26,700

'Gratitude Float' for May 24 parade to celebrate 100 years and thank Kaslo & Area D for support (pictured below)

PHASE 1: Secure Land completed in JUNE
\$120,000 (via donations, auction, CFNKLS grant)
repaid Village reserves

Received Murray Pearson Family donation of \$200,000 over 2 years –a tremendous boost to this project

ICIP (infrastructure) grant from Oct 2020 was denied

Market booths & Jelly Bean contest

Fundraising and fun events:

Outdoor movie night
Load of logs auction
Read-a-thon

Request for proposals posted on BC Bid Oct 15 to further design & costing with architectural firm*

Promoted Giving Tuesday, Year End Giving & **KDPL Cards by Donation**

*Hired Carscadden Dec 1 for PHASE 2: Class B Design & Costing

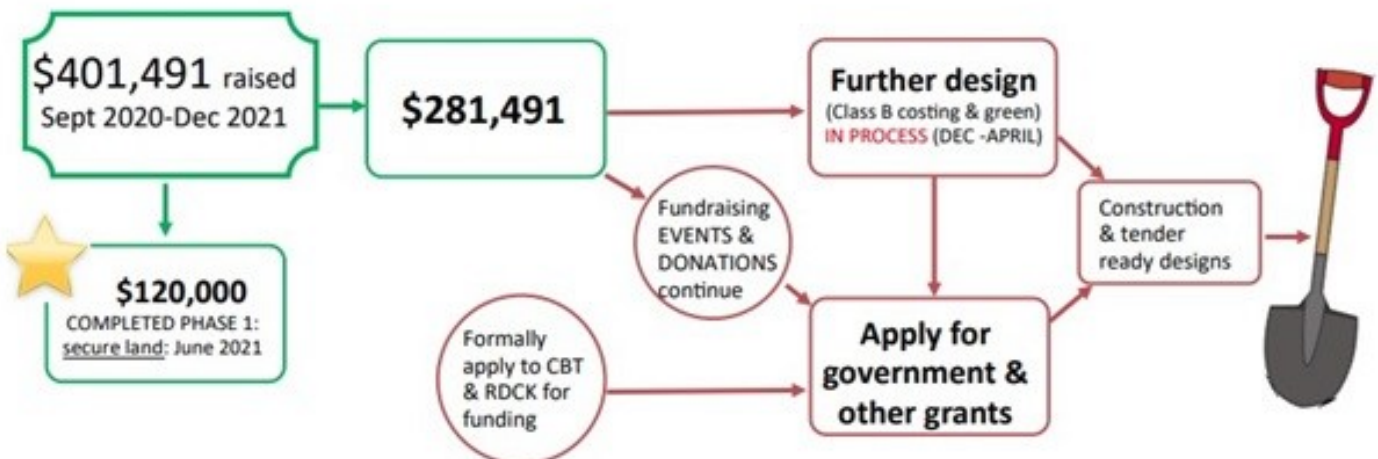
Donations(all): 364,915
Fundraising: 33,576
CFNKLS grant: 3,000
Total Dec 20: \$401,491

Gratitude Float for 'Don't burst my bubble parade' in May



The graphic below shows what we've completed (**green**) and projects we are working on (**red**) to achieve the goal of 'breaking ground' (shovel) to build a new library for Kaslo & Area D. Fundraising continues to be important for success with larger grants. The more we can raise, the better our chances will be!

In addition to fundraising, another way to increase chance of success with the next grant application is to further the design with more detailed plans and more precise cost estimates (class B). Our main goals are to keep the project affordable for our community and include as much energy efficiency as possible—for example a 'green' build that is net-zero carbon or net-zero carbon ready. This supports Kaslo's adoption of the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan as well as the Provincial and Federal Government direction for new infrastructure.



Next steps

In October, the Building Committee issued a Request for Proposals on the BCbid website for an architectural firm to further the design and costing by April 30, 2022. We received a number of excellent proposals and, in early December, Carscadden Stokes Taylor Architects was selected. This Vancouver-based firm, supplemented by their proposed engineering sub-consultants had the best combination of experience, approach and pricing to best meet our needs. They possessed the most extensive experience with green energy, heritage and library building design. The team is beginning with a review of the existing conceptual plan to determine what changes are needed based on community feedback and the stringent requirements of green building design.

If you have not yet done so, please take a look at the existing concept design (click [here](#)) and provide feedback to Eva Kelemen at info@kaslo.bc.library.ca

Comments received by Friday, January 14 will be relayed to the architectural team.

Visit our [website](https://kaslo.bc.libraries.coop) for updates <https://kaslo.bc.libraries.coop>

Thank You!

We are awed and humbled by the extent to which the Kaslo and Area D residents have embraced this new library project by generously donating small and large amounts during the past year. The new library will only become a reality because of the interest and commitment of people like you.

We appreciate all the library board and community members who have served on the Fundraising Committee and KDPL Building Committee in 2021, as well as the many volunteers who contributed their experience, efforts, services or products to support our on-line auction, billboard and other fundraising events.

We are deeply appreciative of the continued partnership we have with the Village of Kaslo. Without this support, the new library building project would not be possible.

Season's Greetings

The Kaslo and District Library Board and Staff wish to thank all the library members and residents of our service area for your ongoing support. It has been another challenging year as we have looked to safe ways to continue our services which enhance the resilience of our community.

We send our heartfelt season's greetings to all of you for health and happiness in the New Year.



To donate, mail a cheque to KDPL, Box 760, Kaslo BC, V0G 1M0 or find us on [Canada Helps](#)
E-transfers also possible—contact staff at info@kaslo.bc.library.ca