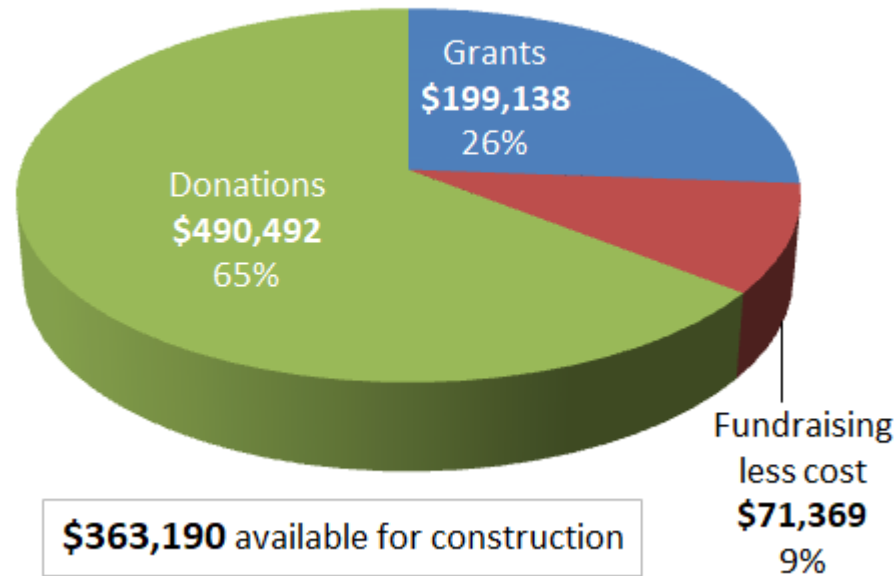


Many thanks to NLP committee members and the community for ongoing support

\$760,999 raised to Dec 31, 2023



Visit our website for the updates on the New Library Project
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2023 Fundraising Events:

- Polar Plunge (shared with Langham)
- Canada Day Carnival
- Outdoor Movie: SHREK
- Saturday Market Book Sale
- Deryn Collier Event with Diemm & desserts
- Local Art Library Bag sales
- Oso Negro Coffee Fundraiser
- Silent Art Auction
- Perimeter Plaque Challenge

Sponsors: CFNKLS, Village of Kaslo, CBT, Kootenay Savings, Fortis, local artists & volunteers.



**Kaslo & District
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Libraries by their nature and because they are located at the centre of communities, serve multiple needs in a way that no other public institution in Canada can.

- October 2023 Globe and Mail



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A year in review - by Celia & Eva

Operations returned to normal and then received a boost with the BC Enhancement Grant in 2023. With this, the board decided to open the library on Fridays for the next 3 years! Happy comments poured in about being open 5 days a week for the first time ever.

The Enhancement Grant has also helped to improve wages to meet with the rising cost of living. Wage schedules were reviewed and updated to retain new hires and award experience. These changes were merged with the 5-year operating budget for sustainability.

The board adopted the Accessibility Plan developed by Kootenay Library Accessibility Committee. Visit the website to read it and provide feedback on the plan or any barriers you face. The library website was updated for accessibility and staff were trained on how to create accessible content.

Lending library items has recovered and increased by 8% from 2019. Programs are back to normal with in person Story-time, Summer Reading Club, a variety of DIY ‘maker’ programs, author visits, school visits, and one-on-one digital learning sessions. We offered 110 program events and saw 922 participants.

The federal grant that we applied for in 2023 was not selected for funding, but we are not giving up. To date, over \$760,000 has been raised via donations, grants, and events. We are grateful for all the community support and will continue working towards a new library for Kaslo & Area D. Fundraising continued with nine events (see next page). The Canada Day Carnival was so much fun that we plan to do it again in 2024 – be sure to bring the whole family!

Many thanks to everyone who makes our library a community hub.

Service Area Population	2355
Library membership	52%
New Library Members	129
Items lent (physical)	22,606
Digital items lent (eg. Libby)	8,395
Library Programs	110
Program attendance	922
Website & catalogue visits	13,565

Board

Celia Cheatley, **Chair**
Leah Honkanen, **Vice-Chair**
Margaret Wanke
Molly Leathwood, **Village Rep**
Trish Feeney
Stephanie Judy

Staff

Eva Kelemen, **Library Director**
Angela Bennett, **Program Coordinator**
Sabrina Edwards, **Library Assistant**

& Volunteers

Tom Duchastel
Candace Frary
Linda McLennan
Eric Moon
Michelle Poulin
Elaine Richinger
Dianne Wilton

KDPL 2023 INCOME STATEMENT

Condensed version—Unaudited



REVENUE	2023	2022
RDCK Area D & Village of Kaslo	118,100	111,415
Province of BC	*33,705	*27,484
Grants & Partnerships	10,264	7,995
Donations	3,004	4,519
Fundraising, fees, interest	5,867	4,612
TOTAL	170,940	\$156,025
EXPENDITURES		
Collection Development	13,029	12,464
Programs & Services	15,175	10,482
Premises	12,706	12,082
Supplies	4,980	5,184
Administration	3,147	1,875
Accounting & Legal	4,475	4,475
Amortization & Loss on disposal of assets	2,267	4,662
Wages, benefits & prof. development	112,883	101,012
New Library Project (NLP)	** (30,876)	17,301
TOTAL		\$169,537
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	**33,154	(13,512)

NOTES TO STATEMENT

* Regular funding was boosted by the 2022 BC COVID relief & recovery grant and the 2023 BC Enhancement Grant for multi-year projects to reinstate open hours, hire Saturday staff, open on Fridays, and more.

** \$30,876 added to NLP funds in 2023 after expenses. If we removed NLP (and NLP interest) from the ‘operating’ budget, then there is a surplus of \$545 that has been transferred to reserves.

Library Partners

Association of BC Public Library Directors
BC Courthouse Library: Law Matters
BC Libraries Cooperative: SITKA
BC Library Association
BC Library Trustee Association
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy
Kaslo Community Services & KULYN
Kootenay Library Federation

Library grant funders:

Regional District of Central Kootenay - Area D
Village of Kaslo
Libraries Branch - Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Columbia Basin Trust (CBT)
Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA)
Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake (CFNKLS)
McKinnon Family Fund
Hiltrud Stock-Rohmann