Burnaby Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT

A Message from the Chair

In 2007, the Library Board focused primarily on completing BPL’s 2008-2010 Strategic Plan. The Board met several times throughout 2007 and winter 2008 to bring together the information received from the community through the needs assessment process, information on current trends in library services, and the views of BPL staff and management into a coherent set of strategies for BPL. This has been a very rewarding process for both Board members and staff, and the Board thanks everyone who contributed to the making of this plan. We look forward to implementing the strategies in the plan and continuing to ensure that the Library is meeting the needs of the people of Burnaby.

Our new plan reflects this Library’s continuing commitment to collections and people, as we believe that it is through the sharing of stories, ideas and information that the Library contributes to a vibrant community where everyone is informed, literate and entertained. You’ll be able to view the full Strategic Plan starting June 17 by visiting the Library’s website at www.bpl.bc.ca.

As a direct result of the feedback gathered from the community during the strategic planning process, the Board made a number of service improvements in 2007.

One Search - allows you to search through all of our databases, as well as our library catalogue, at the same time! This saves you time, eliminates the trouble of figuring out which database works, and gets you the information you need more quickly. Visit www.bpl.bc.ca, click on ‘Databases’, then click on ‘One Search’.

Free Reserves – Your first 30 requests per calendar year are now free, and after that it’s just 50¢ per request. Items can be requested through an in-branch public access terminal, through your home computer, or by asking a staff member. The item is sitting on the shelf at another BPL branch, then the request is free and is not considered one of your 30 annual requests. Requested items will be held for you at the branch of your choice for a maximum of five days, and we’ll let you know when you can pick them up.

Burnaby Public Library has been chosen as one of 3 BC libraries to test BiblioCommons. This new software allows users to do everything they can do in our regular catalogue plus write reviews, keep their own history of what they have borrowed, see what other people recommend, keep lists of trusted users whose tastes correspond with their own, see cover art, and see what has been recently returned to the library. BPL users will see the contributed content, both from other Burnaby users and from users from the other test libraries in BC and Ontario. BiblioCommons is continually developing new and exciting features in response to user feedback. Check our website for your chance to participate in testing this exciting new social discovery software.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our Library staff, who continue to show a willingness to take on new challenges and a dedication and commitment to provide the best possible service to our patrons.

Ruth Hardy, Chair, Burnaby Public Library Board.

2007 LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS: Left to right: Andy Chiang, Ruth Hardy (Chair), Gary Wong (Vice-Chair), Ernest Maitland, Karen Purdy, Iqbal Dhanani, Linda Eaves, Mondee Redman and Councillor Nick Volkow.

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