

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

INVERMERE PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Invermere Public Library (IPL) is situated on the traditional, unceded territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwépemc Peoples. The library is located within the municipal boundary of the District of Invermere (DOI) of the Columbia Valley. The IPL serves the District of Invermere and the Regional District of the East Kootenays (RDEK), from Spillimacheen to Canal Flats.

Our library is a safe, inclusive space that serves over 9,000 residents in the Columbia Valley. While our building is the community gathering space, we additionally provide library services online, and across the valley at local schools and community events. 2023 was a great year for IPL programming. The library and library staff provide safe, fun and informative programming that is working to foster strong literacy skills (print, digital, and beyond), encourages lifelong learning, and provides connection points for community members to gather.

366
free programs
& events



34,706
items
circulated

6,460
program
attendees



2,815
cardholders
at year end

1,714
adults

4,852
kids &
teens

572
new
cardholders

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

As the library resides on and serves a population that lives on the shared, unceded territory of the ʔakisq̓nuḱ People of the Ktunaxa Nation and the Shuswap Band of the Secwépemc Nation, it is important to be a space of learning for Truth and Reconciliation.



- In June, we hosted Ktunaxa poet, Smokii Sumac for a love poem writing workshop in partnership with CV Pride
- In July, we hosted Secwepemc poet and advocate Sasha Eugene, for her debut poetry collection launch.
- On September 30th, 2023, we hosted four learning events for all ages that brought in 87 attendees.
- We provided the space and advertising for the Ktunaxa Nation’s launch of their book, ǵapkiḱ, a history of the Ktunaxa people and land.

We made progress on the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan goals, notably:

- Increase the physical space of the library
 - Began work on the Bookmobile Project. Still in its early stages, our hope is to continue meeting the needs of our community by going to the where the residents are across the Columbia Valley. Along with a regular route around the valley, a bookmobile service will provide seniors living in care facilities access to books, and we can bring books, resources and programs to all our local schools and community events.
- Expand community outreach
 - Connected with new community organizations for events and continued outreach visits at the outlying elementary schools. Hosted summer programs for youth in Canal Flats, and partnered with Radium library for youth programming in Edgewater

2023 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

TOTAL REVENUES AND GRANTS	\$626,184
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$401,312

Note: In 2023, the Province provided libraries with a one-time enhancement grant, for IPL it was \$202,177, to be spent by the end of 2025. This is a boost to public library funding because there has not been an increase in funding since 2010, hence the reflected surplus.

2023 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

