

2011 was another successful year for adult programs. With the support of community partners and volunteers, we were able to provide a successful author reading series that saw several award-winning authors visit the Library; a big thank you to **Jessica's Book Nook** for their continued support in helping to organize these events.

Other Adult Programs included a popular wine and cheese tasting with **Georgian Hills Vineyard & The Cheese Gallery**, an internet fraud presentation, and weekly technology help from **Richard 'The Computer Guy'**.

We continue to partner with local businesses and the Town to organize the fifth annual **Green Fair**. The Green Fair celebrates efforts towards greener living by drawing attention to Green Resources in the community and at the Library.

And not to forget...

Our fifth **Annual Parking Lot Party** was held in appreciation of our loyal community. Both local businesses and community members graciously supported this event and we would like to thank them sincerely for this.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our number one key partnership and support network, **The Blue Mountains Staff and Council** – we are grateful for your continued support.



Library Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10:00-5:00pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00-8:00pm
Sunday: 12:00-4:00pm

Vision Statement:
The Blue Mountains Public Library
is widely recognized as a dynamic center of community life.

Mission Statement:
The Blue Mountains Public Library
continues to enrich the lives of all members of the community
by offering a wide range of materials, services, and programs.

Value Statement:
Our actions demonstrate that we are responsive, innovative,
fully accessible,
and welcoming to our community.



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Library Staff

This past year has been busy and exciting for the BMPL. Throughout 2011 you were receiving friendly and professional services from:

Chief Executive Officer - Carol Cooley
Elisa Chandler, Coordinator Technical Services
Donna St. Jacques, Coordinator Desk Services
Jennifer Perks, Coordinator Children & Youth Services
Anita Matone – Part-time Library Assistant
David Camplin, Permanent Part-time Library Assistant, Children & Youth Services
Kristen Davison, Term Part-time Library Assistant, Children & Youth Services
Emma Barker, Library Assistant, Administrative Services

The Library Board

The Library Board is appointed by Council to represent the interests of the community and to provide governance for the Library. Library Board members are volunteers who give generously of their time and skills.

Meet the 2011 Library Board Members:

Cathy Innes -Chairperson
Isabelle Reboh - Vice Chair
Jean Salvatore
Linda Grigg
Lynda Ardiel
Jim Armstrong
Gail Whitbeck
Joe Halos - Councillor
Michael Martin –Councillor

What is the Operational Cost of the Blue Mountains Public Library?

The unaudited year end was \$601 668 in 2011. Funding comes from the municipal and provincial taxes, fines and fees, donations and fundraising. These funds provide you and your family with free books, media, periodicals, and programs.

Technology Making a Difference

You can visit the library on-line, from the comfort of your own home, at www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca. Since the launch of the integrated library system, Koha, you can browse the catalogue and reserve/renew your books. In 2011 we also purchased an Early Literacy Station. This computer, for 2-8 year olds, features over 50 educational software programs with engaging graphics and intuitive menus. Children can use the colourful keyboard, mouse or touch screen to access games, stories and activities that improve reading, math, science, art and computer skills.

Volunteers

The volunteer program remains a strong asset to the Library. Our volunteers assist us with a variety of tasks that help us serve the public more efficiently. Some of these tasks include: processing and shelving books, assisting with children's programs, delivering books to our homebound patrons, and keeping the magazine collection in order! A warm thank-you goes out to our dedicated team for all of their hard work in 2011.

Arts Advisory Council

The Arts Advisory Council is a volunteer body who oversee cultural events at the library. These committed volunteers are responsible for facilitating art exhibits and coordinating educational and cultural presentations at the Library; their work also generates extra funds for the Library. The library staff and board members would like to thank the AAC members for their dedication to this group.



Community Partners

The Library is a centre for community life and activity. As such, we have many community partners who work with us to provide you with a wide variety of quality programs and services.

Programs would not be possible without the generous contributions made by our community partners and volunteers; through their support we were able to offer more programs in 2011.

Our Programs

Our on-going programs for children include the Tuesday after-school games (T.A.G), Hour in the tower (H.I.T), Toddler time, and Baby Time, and Wii Wednesdays.

In addition to regular weekly programs, we also host several special events throughout the year. A highlight special program in 2011 was when **Jessica's Book Nook**, **Thornbury BIA**, and the Library worked to bring esteemed children author/illustrator **Werner Zimmermann** during Thornbury's 35th annual Olde Fashioned Christmas.

In November 2011 the Library worked with the Community for Youth Coalition (C4YC), The Blue Mountains, The Municipality of Meaford, and Grey Bruce Public Health to organize the annual **Grey Bruce Youth Summit**. This event attracted over 75 youth from the Grey Bruce area.