

Library Staff

2010 was a year full of many successful changes as well as programs in the Library. Throughout 2010 you were receiving friendly and professional services from:

Carol Cooley – CEO
Laurel Moss – Coordinator Technical Services
Donna St. Jacques – Coordinator Desk Services
Jennifer Perks – Coordinator Children & Youth Services
Ken Haigh – Administrative Services
Emma Barker– Library Assistant
Sheila Durzi – Children’s Services Assistant /Interim
Coordinator Children & Youth Services
Caitlin Roach- Children’s Services Assistant
Kristen Davison- Children’s Services Assistant
Keri Green/Laura Goldmintz/ Elora Tarlo - Pages
Kathryn Osborne– Summer Student

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 2010.

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.

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.

2010 Board Members:

Cathy Innes -Chairperson
Mary Little - Vice Chair
Dennis Stainer
Jean Salvatore
Christine Morrad
Ellen Anderson -Mayor
Michael Martin –Councilor

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

The unaudited year end was \$553,000 in 2010. 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.

The Library On-line

You can visit the library on-line, from the comfort of your own home, at www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca. Since the 2008 launch of the integrated library system, Koha, you can now browse the catalogue and reserve and renew your books. We were also fortunate to receive funding from Ontario’s Ministry of Culture and Overdrive INC and were able to introduce downloadable audio books to our patrons. See Library staff for more details on these services.



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 for children and teens 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 to youth aged 13-18 years old. As part of this programming incentive, in early 2010 we hosted our second annual Blue Mountains Youth Film Festival in partnership with the Town of the Blue Mountains, and with support from the Community for Youth Coalition, The Rocklyn Academy, Jessica’s Book Nook, Heavenly Sweets, and Thornbury One Stop Video. Our on-going programs for children include the Chess Club, Hour in the Tower, Parent/Child Book Club, Time for Tots, and Baby Time. Many volunteers, both adult and youth, have helped in facilitating these programs -

2010 was also a 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 support in organizing these events.

Other Adult Programs are supported by our community partners. *The Beaver Valley Kinettes* run our well used Books on Wheels Service. This service provides books and other materials to our patrons who are home bound.

We also partnered with local business 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.

But don't get us wrong...

We LIKE our FUN too!

Our fourth 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 11:00-8:00pm

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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