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Chairman's Report

The Library Foundation completed several important projects in the past year and is now ready to move into a new phase - actively seeking to raise funds to insure the long-term future of the Gibsons & District Public Library.

Thanks to the energy and creativity of Foundation director Lynda Coote and graphic designer Roger Handling, we now have an attractive logo, letterhead and bookmarks, key elements in our marketing and communications strategy. The Foundation is working on an Internet web page under the library's auspices, we have created a data base for our membership list and we have designed new membership forms and donor recognition forms. During the past year, the Foundation has also revised its policy manual and adopted a personal information protection policy. We were happy to assist the library with several projects, including On-line Public Access computer tables, fixed periodical shelving and the Coast Reads One Book project.

Alternating business meetings with "working" sessions has proved very useful, and we are continuing to fine-tune our committee structure. Our goals for the next year include increasing our membership (and encouraging new members to join the board or serve on committees) and using a targeted letter-writing campaign and other strategies to encourage donations to the Foundation. We are pleased to welcome Linda Caisley of Foundation Management Services to our Annual General Meeting. She will be meeting with the board later after the AGM to discuss ways in which her organization might be able to help the Foundation.

Tonight I want to say thank you to our hard-working secretary, Gayle Neilson, who is stepping down from the board. She is one of the Founding Members of the Library Foundation. I'm pleased to announce that she will continue to be an active Foundation member although the heavy demands of her teaching job will not allow her to continue as secretary. The Foundation is a small organization, but it has already had a positive impact on the library and its services. Thank you to everyone who supports our mission: "to generate long-term funding in support of the Gibsons & District Public Library and its services."

Vern Giesbrecht
Chairman
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