
Dear Members and Supporters,

Following a productive and successful 2024, the Foundation continues its important work in support of the Library. Please read on for a recap of our 2025 Annual General Meeting and the 2024 Annual Report from the Chair.

GDLF 2025 AGM Recap

The Gibsons & District Library Foundation Society's AGM was held on May 26, 2025, at the Library, and a guest who attended the meeting, Judith Hammill, was the lucky winner of the GDLF mug and tea towel door prize. Congratulations Judith!

It was a small gathering, but Tom Hayward's overview of the new GDLF website was very informative. Thank you, Tom, for putting this presentation together and for setting up and monitoring the Zoom connection. Very much appreciated. Also, a big thank you to Manjit Kang for once again running the voting portion of the meeting. Job well done. It was nice to visit with a few of the members over refreshments and discuss our accomplishments of the past year. The slate of nominations was acclaimed at the AGM as no one from the floor put their name forward.

At the GDLF Board meeting held immediately after the AGM, the Board positions for this year were confirmed as follows:

Chair	Elaine Jackson
Vice Chair	Gwen Willox
Secretary	Thomas Hayward
Treasurer	Catherine Jones
Trustee at Large	Keith Reynolds
Trustee at Large	Sandra Coll
Trustee Appointed from the GDP Library	Joy Bradbury

Thank you to the members who volunteer to be on the Board.

Just a reminder that if you have not paid your \$5.00 membership fee, it is now overdue. Memberships expire at the end of each AGM and we hope you will consider renewing your membership now. (NOTE: If you had joined the GDLF Society *as a new member after 2024 May 27*, then your current membership will remain valid to the conclusion of our 2026 AGM.)

We value your membership and it has never been easier for you to renew. Please use the following link to go directly to the online renewal form:

<https://gibsonslibraryfoundation.ca/how-to-help/membership-renewal/>

If you prefer, your membership renewal can also be paid by:

1. an e-transfer to treasurer@gibsonslibraryfoundation.ca using the question "Who do we support?" Answer: Library
OR...
2. a cheque payable to and mailed to the *Gibsons & District Library Foundation Society* at PO Box 109, Gibsons, BC V0N 1V0
OR...
3. dropping off cash to a staff member at the Library's front circulation desk, noting that your payment is for GDLF membership renewal.

We would love to have you renew your membership. Please consider doing this today! If you are unsure if you have paid your membership dues for this year, please email either:

Elaine Jackson at chair@gibsonslibraryfoundation.ca or
Tom Hayward at secretary@gibsonslibraryfoundation.ca to confirm.

Thank you and we hope you find some good reads at the Library for happy summer reading!

Elaine Jackson
Chair, Gibsons & District Library Foundation Society

2024 Annual Report from the Chair

2024 was a year for organizing our administrative processes, starting with a review of our Policies and Procedures Manual. Not necessarily glamorous work but important steps for efficient management of the Society.

Updating the Policies and Procedures Manual helped create some of the narrative on our new website, which was officially launched in May 2024. As we don't have an office or telephone number, the website becomes the main access point for the public to discover who we are and how to support us. We are very happy with the new site and to have a web presence. Please have a look at our website and let us know what you think: <https://gibsonslibraryfoundation.ca>

During the process of developing content for the website, we created a Values Statement. A Values Statement commonly defines who an organization is, their priorities, and guides decision making. We believe the following statement encompasses who we are and what we strive to do:

"The Gibsons & District Library Foundation Society (GDLF) believes that our Gibsons & District Public Library is a vibrant hub for culture, digital access, learning and community events. We are committed to providing the Library with ongoing financial assistance over and above core funding to help create a diverse, sustainable community Library. Through honest, transparent and responsible stewardship of all funds received from donors, we aspire to preserve and build our pool of resources for the benefit of our community Library today and into the future."

Recently, a member asked the Board what the GDLF does. We quoted our Values Statement and added that the Board reviews funding requests from the Library and approves requests that meet GDLF criteria for funding. We rely on fundraising initiatives, donations, and bequests from members and the generous public, and interest on our investments to fund those requests. The Board prudently manages the investments to increase their value while protecting the principal. The Foundation was fortunate to have received a bequest from Joe Peters in 2023, and a portion of that gift was invested to increase our endowment fund, and a portion added to our support of the renovation

of the Youth Area in the Library.

In 2024, the GDLF funding given to the Library had totalled \$30,737.72. Included in this funding was: \$5,000 for expanding the very popular Library of Things and maintaining STEAM Kits; \$1,500 for 60 books for the summer reading program; \$1,987.72 for updating the Gibsons Community Centre book locker overwrap to reflect the new logos and colours for both the Library and the GDLF; and a final contribution of \$22,250 towards the completion of the Youth Area Enhancement Project.

Our members are important to us. They provide a pool of people for volunteering as Board members, contributing to and helping with fundraising ideas and events, and recommending like-minded people for membership. If you know of someone who you think might like to support the Foundation, please sponsor their membership. Who knows what exciting things can happen when people come together over a great library!

We are proud to have been able to support these Library projects and services on behalf of our members.

Sincerely,
Elaine Jackson
Chair, Gibsons & District Library Foundation Society

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