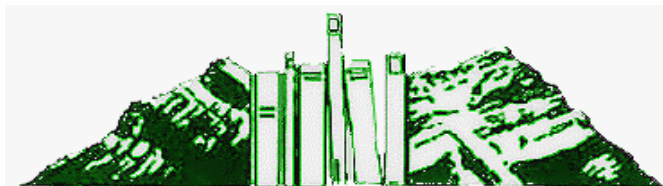


# Banff Public Library



## 2007 Annual Report

### A New Beginning 2007

In 2007, following 18 years in a regional library system, BPL enjoyed its first full year as an **independent public library**. Our intent in ending the association with the Marigold Library System was to provide **faster, more responsive library service**, customized to our community. The board and staff were delighted to achieve these goals in 2007. Now, when head librarian Holly Nguyen and her staff receive the requests, recommendations and suggestions that they encourage from the residents of Banff and ID 9, they are able to purchase, catalogue and place items on the library shelves within hours or days rather than the weeks or months of waiting that we experienced when items were acquired and processed elsewhere.

During 2007 the librarian and staff also expanded the range and frequency of programming, and library hours were extended to provide **seven day a week service throughout the year** – all without an increase in budget.

The **library was substantially physically refurbished** during 2007. New recycled rubber flooring replaced deteriorating slate tile throughout the entry, washrooms, and lobby areas. Interior walls were freshly painted. And - most notably – the shelving layout was reconfigured and old, mismatched shelving was replaced by customized modern library shelves. This change provided approximately 30% more space for the library collections, while making the library feel more open, spacious and inviting! Given our location within a national park, expanding capacity without changing the size of the library footprint was another important accomplishment.

#### Statistical Highlights

Library Members	3,463
Visits to Library	123,507
Circulation	98,799
Reference Questions	17,884
Children's Programmes	322
Participants	6,580
Author readings/presentations	15
Participants	416
Volunteer Hours	662
Interlibrary Loans	
Borrowed	215
Loaned	87

**Activities** In 2007 visitors to the library enjoyed numerous author readings and presentations, book and card making workshops and twelve different art shows. The librarian and staff also went into the community to present book talks and book displays at seniors' lunches, make weekly visits to the Banff Parent Link Centre, participate in the popular local events One Hot Summer and One Cool Winter, make seasonal visits to Lake Louise to provide outreach programming for families there, and more!

**Teens at the library** This year a special corner for teen use was created in the library and library staff initiated the P.D. (Pizza and Diversion) Programme where teens enjoyed pizza, snacks, board games, booktalks and good conversations. A "Be Loud in the Library" night where teen musicians were invited to perform was a noisy success! On a quieter note, an after-hours craft programme – Let's Get Crafty – gave teens an opportunity to create a perfect holiday gift.



Bare footed Kali absorbed in her reading.

**Kidstuff** Children enjoyed fun and creative programming at the library throughout 2007. They presented their own art in BPL's first children's art show in January, made African style masks during spring break at the library, and enthusiastically attended puppet shows – including "Toad Visits the Emperor" "The Frog Prince", "The Crocodile and the Hen, "The Brahman, the Tiger, and the Jackal."

The theme this year for the library's annual summer reading programme was "Read a Masterpiece." School-age children read books about music, art and writing and local artists and writers visited the library to share their work with the kids.

Storytime for preschoolers, twos, toddlers, babies, and French language storytime also continued throughout the year. School-age children participated in the library's "Once-a-Month-Fun" featuring stories and art activities.

### Library Board

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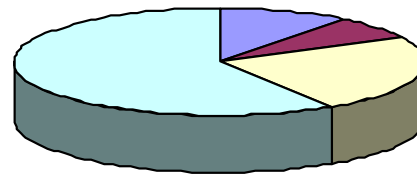
### Library Staff

Librarian: **Holly Nguyen**  
 Assistant Librarian: **Susanne Repstock**  
 Full-time Library Clerks: **Tonya Lowe Susan Pierce**  
**Liza Hay**  
 Part-time/Seasonal Library Clerks: **Heather Imrie Cat Klerks**  
**Kim Mayberry Martha Woolaver**  
 Storytellers: **Mandi Kujawa**  
**Melanie Beliveau (French Storytime)**

### Revenue 2007

Town of Banff	64.5%
Alberta Government	9.7%
Library Generated	10.2%
ID 9	1.9%
Marigold legal settlement	13.6%

### Expenses 2007



Library Collections	10.35%
Operations	7%
Facility Renewal	23.6%
Staff	59%

### SIDELINES

Programmes the library led or participated in with community partners:

- Banff Culture Walk
- Roots of Empathy
- Bow Valley Literacy Programme

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