

Share the Wealth: Libraries Across Borders Fundraiser

By Shirley Giggey.



Libraries Across Borders pulled out all the stops and had a very successful and fun fundraising evening on November 1, 2008 in the Alma van Dusen Room at Vancouver Public Library. With great food, wine and wonderful, lively music provided gratis from Kirk Elliott and Doug Atkinson, (of Canadian Video Services all the way from Toronto), the guests numbering 50 plus were entertained and informed by presentations from Rhian Piprell showing us the benefits of training of librarians for school and mobile library services in Guatemala; Betty Weaver from Lillooet Area Library Services with wonderful pictures and descriptions of the Book Bus serving the rural First Nations communities around Lillooet and Daphne Hales of the Trans Himalayan Aid Society, describing the incredible plight of Tibetan refugees and how our Libraries Across Borders grant for learning resources is helping the refugee children living in a very remote area of North East India. Guests could also find out more about all the great projects that Libraries Across Borders has supported from the displays, on-going slide shows and from any one of the wonderful group of Libraries Across Borders volunteers throughout the evening.



Marilyn MacPherson and Carol Elder – at Reception.



TRAS and LAB – a great partnership.

Under the direction of our very capable emcee, Doug Atkinson, (yes, doing double duty!), we raised almost \$3000 to help deserving community library and literacy initiatives around the world and here in First Nations communities in British Columbia. Dr. Yosef Wosk, our most generous supporter, offered to match the monies we raised at the Event and any additional donations up to Christmas. We are very, very grateful for his continued support. In 2008, Libraries Across Borders has also received substantial donations from United Library Services, S&B Books, The Public Employees Association of BC and Mid-West Tapes. Thank you!

We were fortunate to receive additional and very kind support for the event from BCLA for the catering, Vancouver Public Library for the room, equipment and technical support, and from Melanie Houlden who donated a great selection of wine in addition to all the guests who pulled out their cheque books and visa cards and made the event such a great success.

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