

Libraries Across Borders Annual Report for 2009

Projects Funded by LAB in 2009

The Applications Review Committee selected 8 projects to receive funds from Libraries Across Borders (LAB). These were:

1. Lillooet Area Library Association, BC Canada
\$3,500.00 Story Time Contract for Book Bus
 2. World Neighbours Canada, Burkina Faso
\$3,000.00 Koalla Community Library, Resource materials in French and local languages
 3. Child Aid, Guatemala \$5,000.00
Programme coordinator for training librarians
 4. TRAS - Tezu Library, Tibetan settlement in India
\$3,000.00 Learning materials in local languages
 5. Afrotech, Cura Village Library Kenya \$2,000.00
Local resource materials/shelving
 6. Positively Africa Lesotho \$2,100.00
first phase - resource materials for Phehisanong an HIV/Aids Orphans and Vulnerable Children Community Project & Primary School Library
- LAB continued fund-raising for Pehhisanong throughout the year.
7. ACTS - Chamazi Community Library, Tanzania
\$1,500.00 Library room furniture

Fundraising Activities

1. LAB held a silent auction at the annual BCLA conference in May, and raised \$1877.00

Items for the donations came from LAB members, friends, LAB Sponsored organizations, and corporate sponsors.



2. In August we had a table at the annual Quayside Festival, where we sold fair trade organic coffee from Etico and used books. Total revenue from this event was \$303.00



3. Word on the Street
This was LAB's third year at WOTS. The LAB table promoted projects we've funded, sold books, and took donations.
4. Bon Voyage at the Rhizome
A farewell party for Gigs was held at the Rhizome Café in November. Gigs gave a wonderful presentation on the evolution of LAB. Admission was by donation, and other fundraising activities included a 50/50 draw and 10% of all proceeds from hand made crafts sold by 10,000 Villages. LAB raised \$570.00 from this event.

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