

The Library Book: celebrating our past, present, and future

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Dave Obee's *The Library Book: A History of Service to British Columbians* celebrates the centennial anniversary of the British Columbia Library Association and commemorates the history and progress of B.C.'s libraries. The Library Book would make an excellent Christmas present, graduation present, or donor recognition gift.

B.C. libraries: Past, present, and future

A library is all about sharing — pooling our resources so we all benefit. That kind of thinking helped the early fur traders get through the tough, cold winters, and made life more pleasant for early settlers from Europe. Through the years, libraries have grown in size and in scope.

Today, there are hundreds of libraries — public, school, university, government and more — serving British Columbians. And they are not just about books any more. They provide a full range of services, including music, movies, access to the Internet and programs for all ages. Libraries inform us, enlighten us and entertain us, helping British Columbians achieve a higher level of literacy and learning.

The history of libraries in British Columbia has been shaped by many people, including Andrew Carnegie, Ethelbert Olaf Stuart Scholefield, Helen Gordon Stewart and Ray Culos. This book traces their work, and the development of libraries over the past century and a half. It also looks ahead at what is to come, and how libraries will continue to serve us for many more decades.

In the end, it all comes down to sharing — people working together for the common good.

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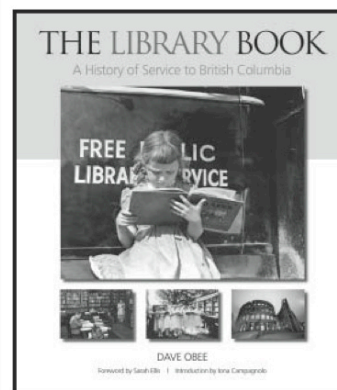
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THE LIBRARY BOOK:

A History of Service to British Columbians

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Written by *Times-Colonist* journalist and Friend-of-BC-Libraries **Dave Obee**, this handsome book marks the 100th anniversary of the British Columbia Library Association. A library retrospective, documented in anecdotes and many beautiful photographs, *The Library Book* starts with the circulating libraries maintained by the North-West Company in the years of the fur trade and progresses to the present day. Obee's

research brings to life some of the library world's more memorable predecessors and the events that shaped library development in B.C.

"In The Library Book author Dave Obee, a brilliant and articulate chronicler, captures succinctly the exciting story of a century of library service to British Columbians. It is an incredible work of historical significance and indeed is an excellent read. A copy should be on everyone's coffee table."

— **Ray Culos**, Former head of the Library Development Commission

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