

Copies of The Library Book shared

Compiled by Leanna Jantzi.

The Library Book was published by the B.C. Library Association, using money granted by the Libraries and Literacy Branch (LLB) (formerly Public Library Service Branch). Jacqueline van Dyk of LLB took a lead role in organizing the project, working with an advisory group of retired BCLA members and author Dave Obee. To gather information for the book, the author relied on an extensive network of current and past librarians and archivists and others with an interest in libraries. The book would not have been possible without their support. It was considered important to celebrate both the history of BC's libraries and the centennial of the BCLA.

Over the past many months, public libraries have given copies of The Library Book to local, provincial, and federal government officials. The following are examples of events that took place around the province. Included in these submissions is a thank you from Ian E. Wilson, Librarian & Archivist of Canada Emeritus.

Nakusp



MLA Katrine Conroy (L) receives a copy of The Library Book from Nakusp Librarian Sabina Iseli-Otto(R). Photo by Claire Paradis, Arrow Lakes News.

Nakusp Public Library presented The Library Book to West Kootenay Boundary MLA Katrine Conroy in September, 2011. The Library also gave MLA Conroy one of its beautiful book bags and some freshly-picked chanterelle mushrooms.

Submitted by Sabina Iseli-Otto, Librarian, Nakusp Public Library.

Nelson



Nelson Public Library's June Stockdale presents MLA Michelle Mungall with a copy of The Library Book. Photo by Nancy Radonich.

In August, 2011, Nelson-Creston MLA Michelle Mungall visited Nelson Public Library and received a copy of The Library Book from Chief Librarian June Stockdale. During MLA Mungall's visit, she read stories for the Summer Reading Club wrap-up event.

Submitted by Anne DeGrace, Adult Services Coordinator, Nelson Public Library.

Tri-Cities

Representatives of Coquitlam Public Library, Port Moody Public Library, and Terry Fox Library (FVRL) met with James Moore — Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages and MP for Port Moody Westwood - Port Coquitlam — at his constituency office in Port Moody on October 13, 2011. Moore was thanked for his government's support of public libraries in the Tri-Cities. In the recent past, Tri-City Libraries have received federal government grants for expansion of Coquitlam Public Library's Poirier Branch; a New Horizons for Seniors project; and a Lest We Forget project.

Submitted by Lynne Russell, Director of Library Services, Port Moody Public Library.

**From Ian E. Wilson,
Librarian & Archivist of Canada Emeritus**

Thank you very much for the excellent history of library service in British Columbia. It is a highly fitting way to mark the Centennial of the BC Library Association.

I have had some time during the holidays to read portions. It is a superb production, in its research, its

writing, design and presentation. Please convey my sincere congratulations to all who were involved in this influential project. I trust the association has been using it to advance the cause of libraries at both the municipal and provincial levels.

I was especially pleased to see the references and photo of one of my predecessors, Dr. W. Kaye Lamb.