



**Books for Me! Literacy Foundation
Annual General Meeting • November 25, 2015
Year End Summary September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015**

BOARD MEMBERS


Mary Ann Cummings (President)
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Dana Hirst (Secretary)
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OPERATIONS

- Books for Me! programs were offered at 11 locations:
 - Admiral Seymour Elementary
 - Bob & Kay Ackles YMCA Neighbourhood House
 - Champlain Heights Annex
 - Chief Maquinna Annex
 - Collingwood Neighbourhood House
 - Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House
 - Graham Bruce Elementary
 - Lord Roberts Annex
 - Thunderbird Community Centre
 - Tillicum Annex
 - Woodard's YMCA Childcare Centre
- Approximately 26 volunteers were recruited and trained, plus Board Members. Some volunteers work with children helping them choose books, some volunteers deliver books to locations and other volunteers sort the books and help with book drives. All program volunteers who work with children must pass a criminal record check.
- A Volunteer Appreciation event was held in May.
- A 4-page newsletter was produced for Summer 2015, and distributed electronically to volunteers and donors.
- Through an on-going partnership with CWILL BC Society (Children's Writers and Illustrators of BC), Books for Me! has a program in place which brings CWILL members to make presentations at schools. This year, the partnership brought author readings to Champlain Heights Annex (Lori Sherritt-Fleming), Admiral Seymour Elementary (Ainslie Manson), Tillicum Annex School (Dianna Bonder), Graham Bruce Elementary (Karen Autio), Chief Maquinna Annex (Caroline Adderson) and Lord Roberts Annex (Elizabeth Shefrin).

- Director Shar Levine, an award-winning children's science author, donated two presentations to Books for Me! The lucky recipients were Graham Bruce Elementary and Admiral Seymour Elementary.
- Any books not currently in program locations are stored at Maple Leaf Storage at 1818 Quebec Street in Vancouver.
- General Liability Insurance is in place.
- As of August 31, 2015, 30,338 books have been chosen by children

FUNDING

- Revenue received during the year totaled \$22,557.78
- Private, Foundation and Corporate donation amounts from \$20 to \$5000 have been received. The Society is registered with CanadaHelps.org which allows it to accept online donations through the website. Each donor receives a personalized letter or email of thanks along with a tax receipt, except where the donation is made anonymously. To respect the donor's privacy, no confidential information is disclosed.
-  was our major corporate funder this year.
- The organization continues to apply for funding wherever possible.

BOOK DRIVES

- Book drives were held at numerous schools and businesses. Private donors continued to make donations of books.
- Book drives are planned for 2015-2016 through schools and corporations.

EXPENSES

- Storage rental costs of approximately \$5,900 for the book collection remains the largest expense to the Society.
- Insurance expense of \$1,935 was incurred.
- CWILL presenters are paid a \$200 honorarium by Books for Me!
- Other expenses include costs for bookplates, signage, volunteer criminal record checks, book storage boxes and author presentations.