

Sparwood Public Library

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Librarian's report

1983 was truly a significant year for the Sparwood Public Library. The total number of books and material taken out over the year reached 26,409 items, up some 3,041 over 1982—this despite the fact that the library had to close for two weeks during the summer.

Total membership was up about 200 borrowers over 1982. 918 hardcover titles were added, and about 500 paperbacks purchased. 349 books were discarded as they were either lost, ruined or of no use to the library any more. Total bookstock, including paperbacks, reference books and the Bruce Ramsey Collection was just shy of 12,000 titles.

We were fortunate to have three workers on a government program help catalog the Bruce Ramsey collection. Some finishing touches have yet to be done.

The library finally got painted with the help of some community service workers. The paint job makes the library a more pleasant place to work and visit. We were able to add new furnishings in 1983: new shelving and a book truck was made available by a grant from Westar Mining. The shelving has helped to ease the congestion in the library. A photocopier valued at \$3000 was donated by the District of Sparwood, and is being used heavily and is paying for itself.

Money from the Legal Services Society help purchase the BC Statutes and Regulations. Grants from the Crestview Foundation and Koerner Foundation went towards the purchases of much need children's books.

Happily the library recieved new volunteers in 1983: Dena DePaoli, Joy Romero and for a short time Marsha Paine. They along with Betty Ramsey and Elizabeth Bjornson have been a great help and to them I extend my thanks.

Two events for children were very successful: In April, Eric Wilson a Canadian children's author visited the Elk Valley and had very successful book talks at the elementary schools. Wilson's books are still in great demand with the children. We also showed a series of films which were well attended—so well in fact that we made a profit!

The library board worked hard this past year in trying to upgrade the library—it is through their efforts that many of the gains have been realized. I am especially pleased that they have formulated a constitution, by-laws, and a set of policies. These guidelines will help direct the future of the library for years to come.

Late in 1983, I started a column called the Book Nook for the Crows Nest Clarion. It is hoped that this column will increase the public's awareness in the library and its services.

I completed the community librarian's course and attended a workshop in Vancouver in September. It was a very useful workshop in which I met many librarians from all across B. C. We shared useful information and advice.

1984 should be another extraordinary year if the trends started in 1983 continue. As it will be the tenth anniversary of the establishment of a public library association in Sparwood, it would be most fitting that this be the year that the beginnings of a new library be realized.

Jim Bertioia

SPARWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT
1983

Board of Trustees:

Chairman:	John Walmsley
Vice Chairman:	David Paine
Secretary:	Valerie DePaoli
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Trustees:	Renee Auger (Jan - Oct)
	Barbara Coutts
	Beverley Kovak
	Janet Matt
	Bruce Ramsey

Municipal council
representative: , Joseph Jarina

RDEK representative: Jim Smith

Librarian: James Bertoia

Library Volunteers: Elizabeth Bjornson
Dena DePaoli
Joy Romero
Betty Ramsey

Chairman's Report

It is extremely satisfying to review this past year because of the continued growth and development of the Sparwood Public Library Association. In former years growth was attributed to the increase in population, but this can not be the case for 1983. I believe that more and more people are discovering that our library now has an excellent inventory of books, and that it is able to provide many valuable and worthwhile services.

At the beginning of 1983 the board set a number of priorities: these were to continue planning for a new library, to press for an increase in local tax support, to formulate a permanent list of policies, and to draw up a constitution and by-laws.

The planning for a new library took the form of soliciting the written support of as many organizations as possible, and of getting the District of Sparwood to include the project in its five year plan of capital expenditures. We now have the support of most of the organizations and of Council.

The Board continues to succeed in closing the gap between local tax support and the provincial average. This is due in large part to the genuine interest of the council members in maintaining quality library services. In this regard, I would like to recognize former alderman Joe Jarina, and Mayor Toto Miller for their help and advice throughout the year.

At the beginning of the year a committee was struck to assist the librarian in formulating policies. Members of the committee were Barbara Coutts, Bev Kovak, Kathy Laybourne, and David Paine. The committee presented to the board a Material Selection Policy and a Personnel Policy. I would like to thank these trustees for their valuable contribution.

David Paine took the responsibility of drawing up a constitution. The constitution is now complete and ready for our consideration today. Congratulations and thanks are due to David for the excellent job he has done.

I would like to finish by recognizing and thanking the people and groups who have provided assistance during the past year: Financial assistance was provided by the District of Sparwood, the Provincial Government, the Regional District of East Kootenay, Westar Mining, Byron Creek Collieries, Legal Services Society, the Crestview Foundation and the Koerner Foundation.

The trustees, Valerie DePaoli, Bruce Ramsey, Janet Matt, Bev Kovak, Barbara Coutts, Kathy Laybourne, Renee Auger, and David Paine, have all contributed so much by serving as officers, working on committees and providing valuable advice at meetings.

Jim Bertolia's report will once again show excellent growth in all library services and library use. This is no accident, but a result of the very fine work that Jim is doing. On behalf of the Board I would like to commend Jim and thank him for all the extra volunteer time that he devotes to the library.

Finally, I would like to thank all our volunteers for their selfless donation of time: Betty Ramsey, Valerie DePaoli, Elizabeth Bjornson, Joy Romero, Marsha Paine and Dena DePaoli are all deserving of the community's gratitude. Without them the library could not function in the efficient manner it does at present.

John Walmsley

SPARWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

STATISTICS 1983

Current membership: *	Added in 83	Added in 82	TOTAL
Adult:	574	465	1039
Children:	314	195	509
Total:	888	660	1548

* membership is for a two year period

Circulation:	1983	1982
Adult books:	17433	17685
Children's books:	8976	5683
Total:	26409	23368

Hardcover bookstock:	1983	1982
Adult fiction:	2203	2005
Adult non-fiction:	2852	2573
Children's fiction:	1405	1313
Children's non-fiction:	902	824
Total:	7362	6715

Titles added:	1983	1982
Adult fiction:	240	355
Adult non-fiction:	455	360
Children's fiction:	145	55
Children's non-fiction:	78	59
Total:	918	829

Total titles discarded:	1983	1982
	349	65

Paperback books purchased:	approx. 500
Total paperback collection:	approx. 3000

Bruce Ramsey Collection: approx 1500 titles

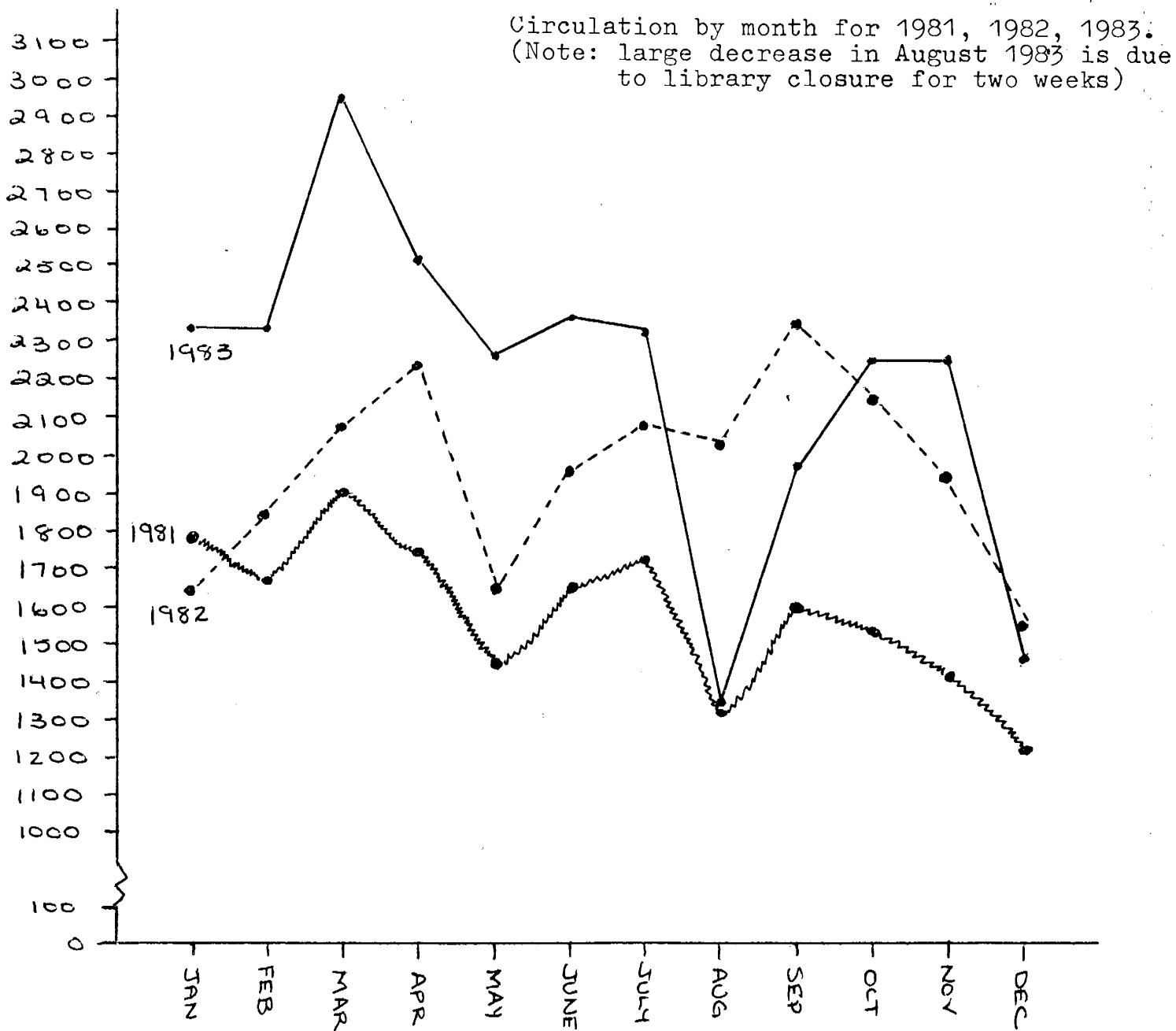
Total bookstock including paperbacks, Ramsey Collection:	approx. 11870
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Number of hours open weekly: 24.5

Number of interlibrary loans requested:	1983	1982
	380	415

Number of magazines and periodicals	1983	1982
	23	19

Number of reference questions asked:	1983	1982
	approx. 30	N/A



Sparwood Public Library Association
Annual General Meeting

11 January 1984

A G E N D A

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of January 1983 annual general meeting read and adopted
3. Correspondence
4. Chairman's report
5. Librarian's report
6. Treasurer's report and adoption of 1983 financial statement
7. Committee reports:
 - a) Constitution, and bylaws
8. New business
9. Election of officers for 1984
10. Adjournment

YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT: 1983

Month	BANK Debit	Credit	REVENUE Grants	Internal	Books	Wages & Benefits	Rent	Utilities Telephone	Library Supplies	Contin.	Misc.	Insurance	Furniture	Savings
Jan	3589.73				299.53	2107.03	800.00	31.77	307.87	9.25	34.28			
Feb	3621.21	5530.06	500.00	5030.06	1229.34	1489.08	800.00	7.99	32.00	60.00	2.80			
Mar	2041.95				34.90	1297.41		32.60	622.99	22.30	31.75			
Apr	2098.64				195.55	1787.22		43.44	42.19		30.24			
May	3226.25	7638.23	2500.00	5138.23	552.17	1435.53	800.00	46.14	371.50		20.91			
Jun	2376.03	3380.00	3300.00	80.00	407.88	1087.91		848.94		25.75	5.55			
Jul	4117.97				669.25	2387.81	800.00	47.21	212.70		1.00			
Aug	1798.71	10695.77	10599.00	96.77	117.00	696.17		69.38		85.60	13.56	817.00		
Sep	4136.44	3388.62	3300.00	88.62	364.91	1352.49	800.00	300.13			7.07		1311.84	
Oct	10109.91	18099.22	18000.00	99.22	188.46	1607.79		62.41	120.92		130.33			8000.00
Nov	4278.47	916.31	700.00	216.31	1290.87	923.09	800.00	37.73	328.70		5.50		192.58	700.00
Dec	14109.07	3335.00	3335.00		6801.94	2693.34		415.93	48.65	209.52	63.70		540.99	3335.00
TOTALS	55504.38	52983.21	42234.00	10749.21	12151.80	18864.87	4800.00	1943.67	2087.52	412.42	346.69	817.00	2045.41	12035.00

Balance as per Bank,
December 31, 1982: 3810.76
Deposits for 1983: 52983.21
56793.97
Less cheques for 1983: 55504.38
Balance in Bank: 1289.59

For Working Budget:

Total income grants, internal,
interest from bank and donations: 43774.59
Total expenditures
~~e~~including transfer of funds to savings: 43469.38
Difference of: 305.21

Balance as per Bonus savings: 13821.84
Balance as per Commerce savings: 582.12
14403.96
Balance in chequeing: 1289.59
15693.55
Total