2015 Annual Report

The Central Skagit Library is pleased to provide the Skagit County Board of Commissioners with an overview of our activities during 2015. The Library continues to offer services through a customer-oriented staff while also preparing for rapid expansion into a full-fledged library district. This year brought a great deal of change for the Library as the Board hired a new Library Director and began the search for a permanent home.

Statistics

Central Skagit Library District has operated in an 800 square foot office since early 2015. A robust offering of digital services was implemented to provide service to those patrons interested in electronic materials. In June of 2015 the library began checking out physical materials such as books, DVDs, and audiobooks. At year-end 2015, the collection had grown to 2,757 physical items. In that time our statistics have also continued to grow:

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**Grand Totals** *Includes 2014 to date*
Financial Statement

The Central Skagit Library District is poised to rapidly expand and has accumulated funding to put towards facilities, staffing, materials and equipment. The Central Skagit Library also had its first audit for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015. The resulting audit was clean with no findings. The audit team commended the Board of Trustees for their diligence and the good work done to get this library district created. Please see the attached budget spreadsheet for detailed year-end totals.

Central Skagit Library Treasury Balance Ending 12/31/2015

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Highlights and Accomplishments

- Developed a stable budget with reserve funds for establishment of a facility
- Received a clean three-year audit with no findings (attached)
- Hired a qualified and customer service-oriented staff
- Currently provides free Wi-Fi 24/7
- Created an informative website
- Developed a social media presence
- Participated in the Loggerodeo Parade and Sedro-Woolley Halloween event
- Conducted a successful summer reading program
  - 46 children registered
  - 249 children attended programs
  - Over 19,200 minutes spent reading!
- Implemented varied library services
  - Books, DVDs and audiobooks are being purchased and checked out
  - Providing a very wide variety of electronic resources available online (15 at last count)
    - eBooks and audio books
    - children’s eBooks and audio books
    - magazines and newspapers
    - music
    - movies and TV
    - language-learning programs
- Development of relationships/partnerships with other Skagit County libraries that allow patrons to borrow from other county libraries freely:
  - Agreements with La Conner, Upper Skagit and Anacortes libraries are approved
  - Agreements with Burlington, Mt. Vernon and Sedro-Woolley are dependent upon library collection growth in both digital and physical formats
The Future

- Exploring options for a adequately-sized central location to offer innovative library services
  - Dedicated children’s room
  - Children’s programs and events
  - Dedicated teen space
  - Book clubs
  - Computer lab
  - Internet Café with free Wi-Fi
  - Adult programs and events
  - Teen programs and events
  - Meeting space
  - Small group study space
- Focus on provision of excellent customer service
- Implement an Outreach Services program with the possibility of Bookmobile service
- Implement workshops to help patrons with computing and mobile technology
- Establish and maintain relationships/partnerships with all Skagit County libraries
- Developing positive working relationship with the municipalities in the district
- Explore ways to develop cooperative library services with the City of Sedro-Woolley
- Explore options for branch locations near population clusters throughout the Sedro-Woolley School District

Pictorial Highlights

Loggerodeo 2015
The Sedro-Woolley Lions partnered with Fred Meyer to purchase two bicycles to be given away at the end of the Summer Reading Program at the Central Skagit Library.

Summer Reading Program Promotion 2015
Zambini Brothers Puppetry Program
Summer Reading Program 2015

Winter Celebration Program 2015