

FOREWORD

2022 is an exciting year for our Foundation, as we see a long hoped for dream start to become reality through the support of major donors. Work has begun on our recording studio, which will open in early 2023. The studio will allow community members to lift up their creative voices—whether they are students making school projects, seniors and elders recording oral history, or fledgeling musicians.

Foundation funding in 2022 supported adaptive technology for people with visual and print disabilities and provided community connection through innovative programs like Dial-a-Story. The Library's Accessible Services department was honoured with a national award for excellence, reflecting the enhanced service levels made possible by donors.

As always, our efforts helped enrich the Library's collections, including an array of new materials for children, Mandarin and Farsi speakers, and seniors. Through the year, we supported a thrilling array of concerts, author talks, and educational lectures. The much-loved TED talks were back in-person, and our beloved music lecture series were presented in a hybrid format.

Thank you for investing in our community's learning and quality of life through Library services!

Stephanie Hall, *Director, WVML*

Heather Kaart, *Chair, WVML Foundation*

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PHILANTHROPY HAS NO AGE LIMIT!

This summer, three young library lovers raised over \$300 at a lemonade stand for one of their favourite community services—the Library! Please join us in thanking Mallika, Arsha, and Liana for their generous contribution. What a wonderful example of giving back to our community.

A CONVERSATION WITH BEVERLEY MCLACHLIN

On **November 3**, we hosted our first major fundraising event in three years with bestselling author and former Supreme Court Justice **Beverley McLachlin**.

It was a wonderful conversation, expertly moderated by WVML Director Stephanie Hall, about Beverley's experiences growing up, her time on the Supreme Court of Canada, and her work as an author.



With your support, we raised over \$47,000. Thank you to all who bought tickets and donated, especially our sponsors: British Pacific Properties, Grosvenor, Lawson Lundell LLP, North Shore News, Roper Greyell LLP, Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel, and Westerleigh PARC.

Thanks to a generous donation, a group of UBC law students attended (pictured above with Beverley).

In her memoir, Beverley McLachlin writes that her childhood library saved her life:

"Would I have grown up to be the person I am now without it? Most certainly not."

HISTORICAL FICTION meets the present

By Patricia Bowles, with photos by Joy Tutsch

This all began when I read a fascinating library book called **A Game of Birds and Wolves: The Ingenious Young Women Whose Secret Board Game Helped Win World War II** by Simon Parkin. It's a well-researched book about a Navy Captain and group of ten Wrens (members of the Women's Royal Naval Service) who devised a way to reveal the tactics behind the vicious success of the German U-boats. I recommended the book to my good friend, Joy Tutsch, a Library volunteer and avid reader. The following week I received a text from Joy inviting me to tea to meet her neighbour, Gillian Carder, who, it turned out, had been ranked as a Leading Navy Wren in WWII. Joy gave Gillian the book, which she read with great interest.



Several weeks later she agreed to meet for a chat. We met her in her lovely apartment with a clear view of the ocean. She had carefully laid out on her dining room table some photographs, her radio mechanic workbook, a diary with 1945 on the cover, and ration card. After the tea was poured, she began to tell us her story.



Gillian was 13 when the war started and she was evacuated to Devon to live with her grandparents. She said that there were constant air raid warnings causing her to hide under stairways. She talked about the bombing of Exeter nearby, and the sky lighting up with fires in Plymouth. She remembers the lineups for food, and pointed to the "one small egg every four weeks" allowed as an example of just how much the food was rationed.

In 1944, she went to Bristol to apply to become a Wren and requested to be a radio mechanic. The first six weeks of her seven-month training took place in Loch Lomond, Scotland, and then she moved down to London to finish the course.

Based at Paddock House, Somerset, the six mechanics (three women, three men) were taken to airfields in the English countryside to fix airplane radios and climb up radio towers, Gillian clothed in her fashionable bell bottom Wren uniform.

On VE day May 8, 1945, she writes, **"it's marvelous, I can't believe it, flags everywhere, red, white and blue, and dancing in the mess tonight."**

Gillian was released from the Women's Royal Naval Service in 1946. She married Ralph Carder in England in 1959 and subsequently moved to Canada. Gillian has lived in Dundarave for 50 years and is an avid library user.

" I Love the Library. The staff are friendly and extremely helpful. There is a wonderful program that helps seniors... Kelly helps me select the books that I am most interested in and my daughter picks them up. I know that they would also deliver them right to my door if I asked them to. "

Introducing our NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Carol Chestnut

I recently retired from the legal world and had been considering how best to give back to the community where I grew up, and where I have lived for the past

21 years. Since I am a regular user of the Library, and spent almost every Saturday as a child in the children's section (back when it was downstairs!), the opportunity to serve on the Foundation Board seemed like a perfect fit. I am eager to help continue the programs that currently exist and to contribute to devising new initiatives.



Koichi Ron Shimoda

I believe that public libraries are key, welcoming, and safe community resources for self-directed lifelong learning. Therefore, I decided to volunteer as a Trustee for WVML

after returning to Vancouver. I have served as a Trustee of WVML for the last seven years. I served on and Chaired the Finance Committee for seven years, and four years, respectively. I served six years as a Director of Federation (18 Metro Vancouver Public Libraries) Public Library InterLINK, representing WVML. I served as Treasurer, and member of the Executive Committee for the last six years. I was an Executive for global investment banking, securities, and insurances institutions headquartered in North America, and Europe, leading businesses in Asia Pacific. I have also provided audit and accounting services along with high value HR, strategic, and IT consulting.



Andrew Tao, CPA, CGA

Education can enlighten and empower people and thus change their lives. The Library is a place where people like new immigrants, seniors, and people with disabilities

can gather and thus avoid social isolation. The Library gives people happiness, health, dignity, respect and hope.

My first job in the federal government was to help clients with their Employment Insurance claims. I saw for myself how people like me have suffered and struggled, and how my work could help and make a big difference in their lives. It was such a rewarding and gratifying experience that it became my passion to serve the public.

Volunteering at WVMLF gives me the opportunity to help people in need, contribute to our society, and make a positive impact.



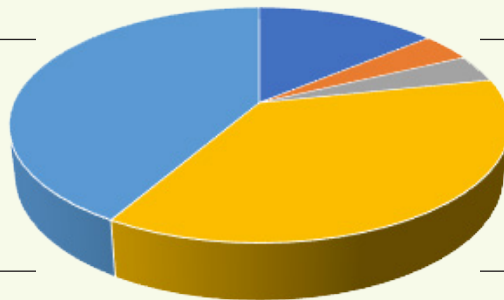
Sarah Zhang

The first place I visited after my family immigrated from China was my local library. I was amazed by the vast book collections and how helpful the librarian was.

When I was introduced to the volunteer opportunity at the WVML Foundation, I made an immediate decision to apply with the mindset of giving back to my community. This opportunity felt especially personal since I would have a chance to provide the same experience to others that I had years ago. I have worked with high school students in the past decade. I've always encouraged them to contribute to the community. Now, it is my turn. I am so thrilled to be a part of the WVML Foundation.

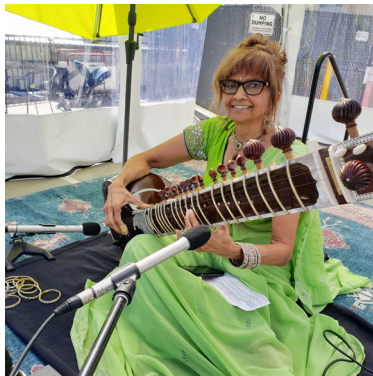
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amounts
for WVML**



- Adult Collections
- Children's Collections
- Music Collections
- Programs
- Technology and Projects

These funds supported Friday Night Concerts, materials for seniors and Accessible Services patrons, an event with the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, our recording studio, and so much more.



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