

FOREWORD

What a year – in 2023, our Library was recognized with international, North American, and provincial awards!

FOUNDATION SUPPORT had a direct impact on our services:

- **Connecting children with literature, authors, and learning.** Hundreds of children attended author talks in French and English at Booktopia.
- **Helping seniors improve brain health and connectedness.** We launched a new Brain Health Collection and Library Bound Tea Social.
- **Lifting creative voices.** We cut the ribbon and opened our new Community Recording Studio, accessible to all library members.
- **Fostering a love of music.** Nearly 4,500 attendees enjoyed free concerts and lectures ranging from classical to jazz and everything in between.
- **Contending with big ideas.** More than 250 people attended our *Big Ideas* lectures with acclaimed authors Angela Sterritt and Chris Gainor.

Thanks to you, we were able to support projects big and small that go directly to promoting the well-being, social connections, and creative voices of people in West Vancouver.

Heather Kaart, Chair, WVML Foundation
Stephanie Hall, Director, WVML

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RECORDING STUDIO

Opened on May 2, the **Recording Studio** is among the best in any Western Canadian library.

The Recording Studio's first user was a class from Xwemelch'stn School (Capilano Little Ones School) to record the Skwxwú7mesh sníchim names of native plants in the Library's community demonstration garden, Swáýwi Temíxw. The studio has since been used by over 100 individuals.



LIBRARY BOUND TEA SOCIAL

This year, the Foundation has supported the **Library Bound Tea Social**, a new monthly program for people who cannot travel to the Library independently. Volunteers from the RBC Foundation came onsite to provide volunteer support and shared a donation of **\$1,500** to be used for assistive technology at the Library.

The impact has already been felt, with one patron saying how special it was to be picked up and brought in so they could look around the building—they had not been able to visit since 2015!



BRAIN HEALTH COLLECTION

DOING MORE WITH YOUR SUPPORT

West Vancouver's changing demographics has increased the demand for innovative tools and programs that promote healthy aging at home. Our Brain Health Collection offers over 19 free items to support individuals with neurocognitive disorders and anyone who wants to improve their brain health. This collection and social events wouldn't have been possible without the support from the Foundation.

Many of these items cost over \$100 each, making them unaffordable for many. "With many of us living longer lives, it is highly likely that we will have friends or family members who will experience brain health issues such as memory loss, dementia, or Alzheimer's disease. It is wonderful that WVML has developed the Brain Health Collection and event series to offer activities and programming that support those affected and their caregivers," says Heather Kaart, Library Foundation Board Chair.

The Library's Brain Health Collection and series of events launched in September and has received overwhelmingly positive patron feedback. One patron, whose wife had Alzheimer's, wished these resources were available earlier.

Introducing our **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**



Michael Bolton

I was fortunate to grow up in West Vancouver and attend West Bay School and Hillside Secondary. The West Vancouver Memorial Library was a constant in my life, and it has evolved into a warm and inviting social hub over the years. Being on the WVML Foundation Board is a natural fit for me, and I hope to contribute effectively using my previous board experience.

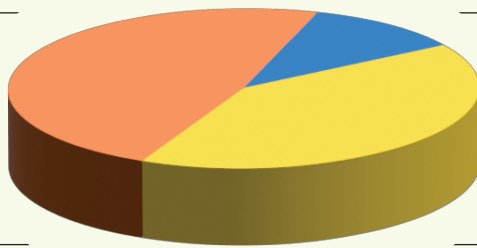


Tracy Wachmann

As a resident of West Vancouver since 1984, the Library has been an essential part of my life and the raising of two children who are avid book lovers. I have the privilege of giving back as a Trustee for the Library (and current Chair). The opportunity to join the Foundation Board is a way to acknowledge and support the Foundation's important role in the quality of the Library. I have recently retired from a career in law, the last 13 years of which were as the Public Interest Coordinator at UBC's law school.

KEY INVESTMENTS

2023 Budgeted amounts for WVML



- Collections \$124,336
- Programming \$142,564
- Technology Projects \$33,100

Thanks to our generous donors, our world-class library offers more state-of-the-art equipment, expanded print and digital book selections, and innovative programs from our talented staff.

Because of you, we invested in:

- more Large Print books and DVDs
- extra copies of popular ebook titles for adults and kids
- more Persian books
- free streaming videos (and no, it's not on Netflix), TED talks, and so much more!

HERE'S WHAT YOUR GIFT COULD DO



**\$60 or
\$5/month**

add an audiobook or Large Print book to the Library's collection



**\$120 or
\$10/month**

add one new item to our Brain Health Collection



**\$600 or
\$50/month**

purchase a new accessible reading device for people with print disabilities



**\$1,200 or
\$100/month**

double the size of the Brain Health Collection



**\$5,000 or
\$415/month**

fund a full year of an accessible program like our Library Bound Tea Social

GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTHY AGING

As we grow older, staying socially connected and maintaining good health becomes increasingly crucial. By raising \$30,000 for the Library this year, we can accelerate the delivery of programs that help reduce isolation among seniors, provide resources to combat dementia, and improve the overall quality of life and health for older residents of West Vancouver, as well as their families, friends, caregivers, and supporters.

Your unwavering support allows us to plan and execute long-term projects and services that will greatly benefit older individuals and their families, both in the present and in the future. You can make a donation online at wvml.ca/give **before December 31**, and you will receive a tax receipt.





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