

FOREWORD

The **West Vancouver Memorial Library** is often described as a 'jewel' in our community, and it is the support of our donors that makes it shine.

Each year, the Foundation contributes around **\$300,000** to the Library to host big-name authors (like **Naomi Klein**), expand collections, and support programs such as the **Summer Reading Club**, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library. New Foundation-funded initiatives this year include the programs accompanying **Carey Newman/Hayalthkin'geme's Witness Blanket** exhibition and the **Sound Artist in Residence** program.

This fall, Foundation funding enabled the Library to enhance the setup for large events, including the installation of a first-rate sound system for the concerts you love. It also enabled us to host a live fashion show featuring well-known costume historian **Ivan Sayers**.

We were fortunate to have the support of **British Pacific Properties** and **Amica West Vancouver** for our **Friday Night Concert Series** again this year, with British Pacific Properties signing on to support the Library for five fall series.

Special thanks to our Foundation Board members, especially outgoing Chair **Heather Kaart** and Treasurer **Mehran Farmanara**, for their invaluable contributions through the pandemic and beyond.

Warmly,
Anjili Bahadoorsingh, Chair, WVML Foundation
Stephanie Hall, Director, WVML

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Renowned author Naomi Klein enthralled audiences last September as she read from her latest book.



Costume historian Ivan Sayers hosted a fashion show and lecture that dazzled guests.



Elinor Frey performed at our Friday Night Concert Series.

WITNESS BLANKET



From January 26 to March 10, the West Vancouver Memorial Library hosted the touring replica of **Carey Newman/Hayalhtkin'game's** *Witness Blanket* art exhibition, funded by the **Province of British Columbia** through the **Ministry of Municipal Affairs**.

Thanks to support from the **Library Foundation** and donors like you, we created a space for reflection, healing, and dialogue. Partnering with the **Squamish Nation Elders Centre** and **Capilano Little Ones School (Xwemélch'stn Etsimxawtxw)**, we provided private viewings for **45 Elders** and **10 children**, offering them a safe space to connect with these powerful stories.

Over six weeks, the *Witness Blanket* reached **52,367** visitors, leaving a lasting impression. **Fifteen** staff members collaborated on nine programs, including **Tech Talks**, **author talks**, **film screenings**, and curated **booklists**. More than **500** people attended in person, while **200** students joined a live YouTube session with Carey Newman/Hayalhtkin'game, expanding the conversation to future generations. These opportunities aren't always possible through core government funding—they're made possible by donors like you.

For as little as \$20 a month, you can help ensure that we continue offering transformative programs like the *Witness Blanket* and provide even more opportunities for learning, reflection, and connection to West Vancouver.



SOUND ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

With your support, the Library welcomed award-winning Vancouver musician **Sam Lynch**, known for her album *Little Disappearance*, as our first **Sound Artist in Residence**. From August to November, Sam led workshops and music programs in our **Recording Studio**. Participants learned to mix and record their own lullabies, explored music careers with a panel of Vancouver musicians, and enjoyed a live concert where Sam debuted her new material. Your generosity made this possible. Thank you for helping us bring creative opportunities like this to life!

TIMOTHY CAULFIELD EVENT

On November 6, the Foundation hosted **Professor Timothy Caulfield**—renowned health law expert, bestselling author, and Netflix host—at the **Kay Meek Arts Centre** for an engaging talk on how *Misinformation is Killing Us*. In a lively conversation with **Library Director Stephanie Hall**, Caulfield—famous for debunking health myths—shared practical advice on fighting against misinformation in our daily lives.



Introducing our **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**



Scott Brownlie

Born and raised in West Vancouver, I have a deep sense of commitment to our great community. I am a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and serve as the Manager of Finance for the Vancouver Foundation. It is a privilege to apply my experience to steward the WVML Foundation.



Vahid Ghafarpour

Serving on the Library Foundation Board allows me to contribute actively and give back to the community that has enriched my family's life. I am driven by the desire to set an example for my children and instill in them a sense of responsibility and a commitment to making a positive impact.



Charlotte McLaughlin

As a West Vancouver resident for over 35 years, we raised our daughters to be lifelong readers with our Library's support. Retired from a career in business development, I've served as Executive Director of the West Vancouver Foundation and on various District committees.

HONOURING OUR DONORS' IMPACT

This year, our donors have truly gone above and beyond. One example of this generosity comes from a local book club that made a heartfelt donation in honour of their friend.

We are also inspired by supporters like **Patricia Bowles**, who not only helped organise this year's fundraiser, but also made a generous contribution herself. Donor **Junmei Zhao** raised **\$5,500** with friends at her birthday party this year, and the **Shuang Music School** donated **\$3,000** from their spring concert.

Donors like these exemplify the spirit of giving that runs through our entire community.



KEY INVESTMENTS

2024 Budgeted amounts for WVML



- **Adult collections \$63,846**
- **Children's collections \$16,500**
- **CDs/streaming music \$21,990**
- **Technology projects \$87,100**
- **Programming \$176,164**

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!



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