

FOREWORD

A patron recently told the staff that they attended the Library's opening on Remembrance Day in 1950 and have continued to visit us to this day. That seventy-five years later, the Library still remains their favourite place. Your support and generosity ensures that WVML remains a special place for our patrons.

Thanks to donor support, 2025 was a year of great conversations. Our **Big Ideas** series hosted **Douglas Coupland** in conversation with **Marsha Lederman**, as well as **Art Talks** with **West Vancouver Art Museum** curator **Pantea Haghighi** in conversation with master weaver **Chepximiya Siyam' Chief Dr. Janice George** and architect **John Patkau**.

Each year, the Foundation contributes close to **\$300,000** to **enhance library collections, bring inspiring thinkers to our community, and support beloved programs**. In this special anniversary year, donor support also enabled several new initiatives, which you'll read about in this newsletter.

WVML can make this impact only because of you, our donors. Your support ensures that WVML remains a welcoming space for all our visitors. To celebrate 75 years of generosity, each donor who gives **\$75** or more in 2025 will be entered to win a **special-edition commemorative coin**.

With gratitude,
Anjili Bahadoorsingh, Chair, WVML Foundation
Stephanie Hall, Director, WVML

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Celebrating WVML's 75th year.



As part of our Big Ideas series, acclaimed author Douglas Coupland joined Marsha Lederman for a special conversation.



Special commemorative coins celebrating 75 years of WVML.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS



As part of the Library's 75th Anniversary celebrations and co-funded by the West Vancouver Foundation, staff commissioned local award-winning artist and **LEGO® Master Paul Hetherington** to create a detailed **replica of the West Vancouver Memorial Library**. Built from **17,850** individual pieces and completed in over **90 hours**, the sculpture displayed in the Main Hall continues to draw crowds of all ages.

The Library also launched a **community archive** project to capture personal memories, moments, and connections around WVML. A recording space was created in the Main Hall, allowing patrons to share their stories about how WVML has played a part in their lives. Hundreds of stories were recorded, and we look forward to sharing a selection with the community soon.

This fall, we hosted **Remembering the Early Years: A 75th Anniversary Fundraiser**. This celebration raised more than **\$60,000** in a single evening. These funds will directly support programming for the community. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who bought tickets, made a donation, participated in the auction, and, of course, our sponsors: **British Properties, Park Royal, The Partners Vancouver, Beedie, Grosvenor, Intergulf Development Group, North Shore News, Northwest Properties, Onni Group, Westerleigh Parc, and BC Partners in Planning Ltd.**



participants explored local green spaces, learned about mindful listening and the impact of the environment on perception. Additionally, participants had the opportunity to create their own short sound pieces using the Library's Recording Studio. The residency concluded with Hockley's performance at our first-ever **Welsh Music Salon**.

SOUND ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



This year, the Library was pleased to welcome Canadian clarinetist **Dr. Liam Hockley** as our **2025 Sound Artist in Residence**. During his residency, Hockley hosted two guided listening talks: **Sound and Place** and **Sound and Society**. In these sessions, he introduced audiences to the evolution of sound art from the 1940s to the present day, examining how recording technology, field recordings, and experimental composition can convey narratives, depict place, and evoke memories. He also led multiple **Sound Walks**, during which

HONOURING OUR DONORS AND SPONSORS

This year, **11 donors** committed **monthly gifts** to ensure we can build up substantial support into the future. Another significant contribution this year was a **\$40,000** donation from **Yvonne Wagner**. Her generosity will help sustain Library programs for years to come.

We are deeply grateful to our ongoing sponsors for their continued commitment to art, music, and literary events, including **British Properties, Amica West Vancouver, and Westerleigh PARC.**



Introducing our **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**



Jenny Bunning

I'm a federal public servant who values community and connection. I grew up spending countless hours in the Edgemont Village Library, and now I get to share that same love with my daughter at

the West Vancouver Library. With experience in policy, engagement, and fundraising, I'm committed to supporting programs that help families learn, grow, and thrive.



Patti Hepburn

I am a semi-retired commercial lawyer who has made West Vancouver home for my family for the past 30 years. I have a passion for learning and reading great literature, but, moreover, marvel at the Library's

ability to bring people together to make human connections. I have joined the Foundation Board to support that cause and to say thank you.



Debra Hadden

Having raised my family in West Vancouver, I have always seen the library as an amazing educational resource and hub for our community. I have more than 20 years of experience in corporate communications

and currently work with technology companies developing public relations strategies. It's an honour to apply my experience to the WVML Foundation.



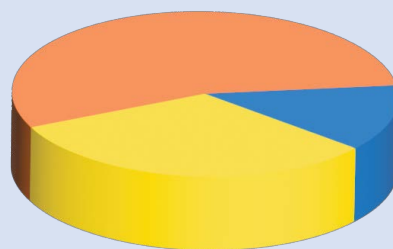
Erin Hood

Born and raised in West Vancouver, I have been a patron of the library since a young age. I now enjoy sharing my love of books and the library with my own small kids. As a Chartered Professional

Accountant (CPA), I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lend my skillsets to support an organization and a community that has benefitted me throughout my life.

KEY INVESTMENTS

2025 Budgeted amounts for WVML



- Collections \$104,760**
- Programming \$174,050**
- Technology \$40,000**

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.

Thanks to donor support, the library invested in:

- 75th Anniversary exhibits and archival projects
- Enhanced Recording Studio equipment
- Expanded children's and adult collections
- Multilingual materials
- Technology infrastructure and digital literacy programming



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