



**Books for Me! Literacy Foundation
Annual General Meeting • November 21, 2018
Year End Summary September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018
Directors' Report**

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OPERATIONS

- Books for Me! programs were offered at 15 locations, all in Vancouver:

Schools

Admiral Seymour Elementary
Captain James Cook Elementary
George T. Cunningham Elementary School, which is combined with
Sir Guy Carleton Elementary
Graham Bruce Elementary
Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary
Grandview Elementary (Jan - June 2018)
Tillicum Annex
Xpey' Elementary

Community Locations

Bob & Kay Ackles YMCA Neighbourhood House
Collingwood Neighbourhood House
Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House
Oak Tree Clinic (HIV Care), BC Women's Hospital
Thunderbird Community Centre
Woodward's YMCA Childcare Centre

- Approximately 35 volunteers, plus Board Members, serve the children in Books for Me! programs. Some volunteers work with children helping them choose books, some volunteers deliver books to locations and other volunteers sort the books and help with book drives. All program volunteers who work with children must pass a criminal record check.
- A Volunteer Appreciation event was held in May.
- One newsletter was produced and distributed electronically.

- Through an on-going partnership with CWILL BC Society (Children's Writers and Illustrators of BC), Books for Me! had a program in place which brings CWILL members to schools to make presentations, generally one presentation per school, funds permitting.
- Any books not currently in program locations are stored at Maple Leaf Storage at 1818 Quebec Street in Vancouver.
- General Liability Insurance is in place.
- As of August 31, 2018, over 66,000 books have been chosen by children

FUNDING

- Revenue received during the year totaled \$12,149.
- Private, Foundation and Corporate donation amounts from \$10 to \$5,000 were received. The Society is registered with CanadaHelps.org which allows it to accept online donations through the website. Each donor receives a personalized letter or email of thanks along with a tax receipt, except where the donation is made anonymously. To respect the donor's privacy, no confidential information is disclosed.

BOOK DRIVES

- Book drives were held at numerous schools and businesses. Private donors continued to make donations of books.
- Book drives are planned for 2018-2019 through schools and other organizations.

EXPENSES

- Storage rental costs of approximately \$11,512 for the book collection remains the largest expense to the Society.
- CWILL presenters are paid a \$250 honorarium by Books for Me!
- Other expenses include costs for bookplates, signage, volunteer criminal record checks, book storage boxes and author presentations.
- Total expenses for the year were \$15,385