

## **PROVINCIAL FUNDING TO BC PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

### **Grant Programs [Direct Provincial Funding to Public Libraries]:**

- Annual Operating Grants  
Provincial operating grants to public libraries, \$11 million in Fiscal Year 2008/09
- BC OneCard Funding  
\$2 million in FY 2008/09
- Federation support  
\$1.1 million in FY 2008-09
- Literacy [Equity] Grants  
\$900,000 in FY 2008/09
- Technology Grants  
\$900,000 in FY 2008/09
- Resource Sharing Grants  
\$293,000 in FY 2008/09
- Writers-in-Libraries – grants to support readings by BC writers as part of library programming  
\$36,650 in 2008/09
- Secondment Program – grants to share library expertise with smaller libraries  
\$9,350 in 2008/09

### **Province-wide Programs & Services [Provincial investment in]:**

- Core Database Initiative [suite of online resources licensed for all public libraries]  
\$1 million in FY 2008/09
- Multi-sector licensing initiative [additional online resources licensed for all public, K-12 and post-secondary libraries]  
\$800,000 total spread over FY 2008/09 and 2009/10
- AskAway virtual reference service  
\$350,000 in FY 2008/09
- SITKA Project – provincial implementation of Evergreen library management system  
\$600,000 in FY 2008/09
- Outlook Online – management software costs to facilitate resource sharing among BC public and post-secondary libraries  
\$168,000 in FY 2008/09

- Back up Information Resource for BC public libraries – grant paid to Vancouver Public Library to serve all public library information requests  
\$100,000 in FY 2008/09
- Books for BC Babies – early literacy program to encourage parents to read to their newborn  
\$250,000 provincial ministries in 2008/09
- Broadband upgrade assistance for northern libraries  
\$50,000 in 2008/09
- PLOT program – web site development and hosting for small and medium libraries  
\$100,000 in 2008/09
- WebJunction BC portal and training programs  
\$ in 2008/09
- Community Library Training Program – distance-based training program  
\$70,000 in 2008/09
- West Beyond the West Digitization project implementation  
\$20,000 in 2008/09
- Gateway initiatives – Library-to-Go implementation?, what else?  
\$300,000 in FY 2008/09
- Library Trustee orientation program  
\$20,000 in FY 2008/09
- Summer Reading Club – province-wide coordination  
\$50,000 in FY 2008/09
- Teen Reading Club – online social network promoting teen reading  
\$45,000 in FY 2008/09
- Toddle-to-the-Library – early literacy program for toddlers  
\$20,000 in FY 2008/09
- Reading Link Challenge – pilot literacy program for school-aged children  
\$15,000 in FY 2008/09
- Library Association Support – special projects and operating  
\$120,000 in FY2008/09
- Conference support, symposia, program consultations, consultant services support  
[funding varies]