

FROM THE DIRECTOR



In November of 2013, something that most of us know became that much more apparent—that the Library is a vital hub for the community.

When telecommunications broke down, the community came to the Library—for information on what was happening, for computers, Internet access and free WiFi to contact loved ones, do company payroll, print boarding passes, and much more. Circulation of materials also rose as more patrons checked out books and DVDs to fill in previous computer and television time at home.

The Library was proud to meet the community's needs for connectivity, information, recreation, and just plain comfort during this stressful time.

As Library membership rises and usage increases, we find ourselves facing challenges associated with that growth. Library building space and parking are at a premium. We recognize that demand for meeting room space has grown, as has the need for multiple small study rooms. We'll be examining use of space and possible changes as we move forward.

We are honored to continue providing the community with services, resources and programs for over 6,000 registered library users. We welcome your comments, questions and suggestions for your Library, your community hub.

~ Laurie Orton, Library Director

FROM THE BOARD

A highlight of 2013 was the successful completion of our regular accountability audit by the Washington State Auditor's Office for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. These audits evaluate internal controls and procedures of the Library focusing on those areas representing the highest risk of noncompliance, misappropriation or misuse.

The report by the State Auditor's Office concluded, "In the areas examined, the District's internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets. The District also complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures."

Our goal as Trustees is to ensure that our community has the best Library services with the most effective and efficient use of our tax dollars. Thank you for your continuing support of the Library.

~ Fred Henley, President

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Our Mission Statement

Providing community access to diverse and relevant collections, information resources, and services in support of individual educational, occupational, and recreational interests. We offer a welcoming place for community connection and for the promotion of the joys of reading and learning.

*Discover Life's Possibilities
@ the Library!*

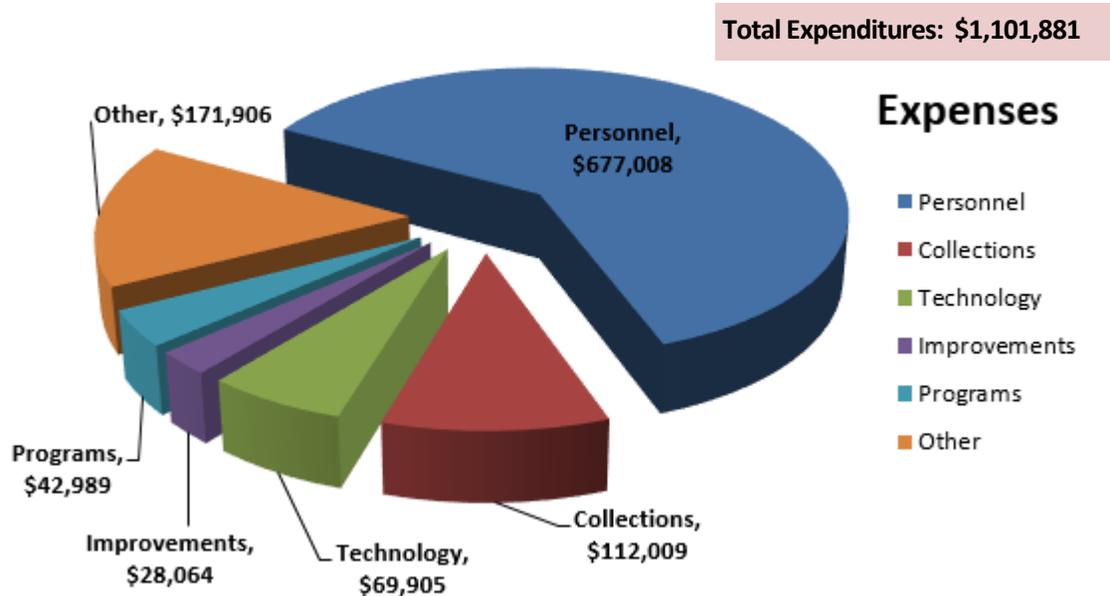
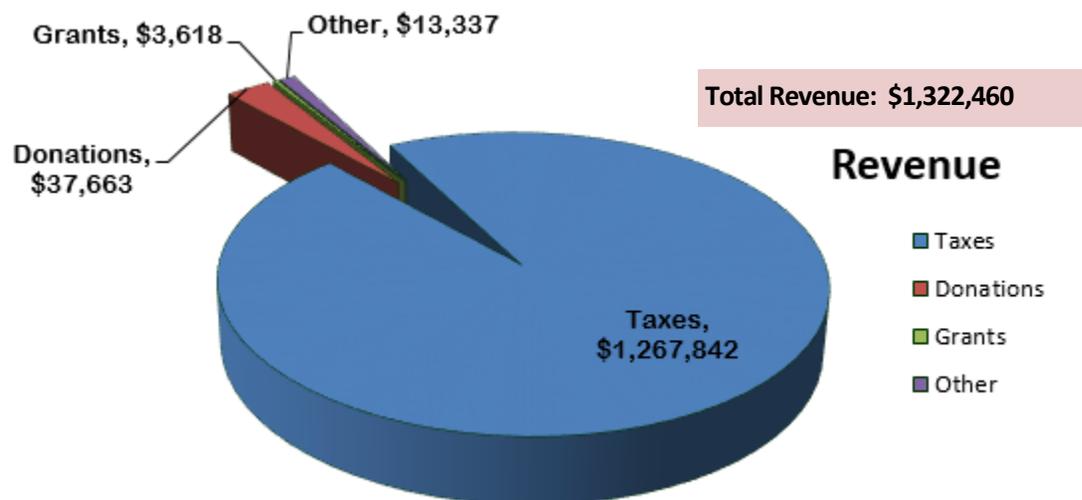
DURING 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

Collection Inventory: The Library was closed for three days during August 2013 in order for staff to conduct an inventory of all Library collection items. The inventory fixed any problems left over from the web based ILS trial in 2012 and updated the current catalog. Collection oversight is an important aspect of Library asset management and sets the stage for migration to an updated Library system.

Friends of the Library Partnership: The Friends of the SJI Library continue to provide us with financial support for several programs and acquisitions. Most significantly, FOL sponsors the Library's highly successful Summer Reading Program that supports literacy by encouraging continued reading through the school summer hiatus.

Gifts & Donations: The SJI Library is grateful and pleased not only for your on-going support but for other gifts and donations that we receive throughout the year. These include sponsorships of magazine subscriptions and books by popular authors and also major gifts. During 2013, the Library was gifted a carved totem pole as a bequest from Patsi Daugherty. This unusual totem by Robert Horn now has pride of place in our Northwest Collection area. The Library was also honored to receive a bequest from the estate of long-time islander and Library supporter Dodie Gann. A long-standing donation also goes to help support our popular and successful English Language Learning Program. Thank you for your generous support!



NOTABLE NUMBERS FOR 2013

6,087 total registered users	516 children & adult programs	25,660 sessions on public internet computers
3,890 volunteer service hours	172,401 items checked out	118,449 total in person visits
2,766 public service hours	2,724 interlibrary loans filled	