

BC Book Prizes Adopt-A-Library Program grows in its second year!

Vancouver, BC - This year as part of the BC Book Prizes On Tour, The West Coast Book Prize Society is pleased to continue and grow a new program to benefit the province's schools and communities, a province-wide community initiative: The BC Book Prizes Adopt-A-Library Program. Each year as part of the BC Book Prizes On Tour, a group of finalist authors tours communities throughout BC visiting one elementary school and one high school in each location, as well as reading at a public event in the evenings. The 2008 BC Book Prizes On Tour, a BC150 event, is our biggest tour to date, visiting a record 25 communities and bringing "real live authors" to literally thousands of children and adults throughout BC April 13-25.

Last year's inaugural Adopt-a-Library program furnished nine BC school libraries with a lasting, tangible legacy of these author visits: a collection of BC Book Prize titles valued at \$500. These books are purchased by the Book Prizes directly from the publishers with funding from local community-minded businesses and individuals, whose support is acknowledged in commemorative book plates.

In its second year, the Adopt-a-Library program thanks the following community and credit union sponsors of this initiative:

- Bulkley Valley Credit Union (Smithers Secondary, SMITHERS)
- CCEC Credit Union (Grandview Elementary, VANCOUVER)
- Columbia Basin Trust (Prince Charles Secondary, CRESTON; Amy Woodland Elementary, CRANBROOK; Twin Rivers Elementary, CASTLEGAR; Glenmerry Elementary, TRAIL; Redfish Elementary, NELSON)
- Integris Credit Union (Westwood and Beaverley Elementary, PRINCE GEORGE)
- Nelson and District Credit Union (L.V. Rogers Secondary, NELSON)
- Spruce Credit Union (Kelly Road Secondary and Heather Park Middle School, PRINCE GEORGE)
- Valley First Credit Union (Kelowna Secondary, KELOWNA)
- 16-37 Community Futures Development Corp (Caledonia Secondary, TERRACE)

Thanks to all for helping to bring the best of BC writing and publishing to the next generation of readers and authors.

Pictured below is Tom Atkins, Nelson & District Credit Union, presenting a cheque with Bryan Pike, BC Book Prize, to LV Rogers Staff.

