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Pioneer physician honoured in dedication ceremony for KGH library

Dr. Cliff Henderson was joined by friends, family and colleagues today in a ceremony dedicating the new Kelowna General Hospital (KGH) library in his name.

“Dr. Henderson’s contributions over the last half century to medicine, to education and to the Okanagan have been immeasurable,” said Dr. Jan McIntosh, KGH Chief of Staff. “I can’t think of a more deserving member of our community to bestow this honour upon.”

The library is located on the ground floor of the new University of BC Faculty of Medicine and Interior Health Clinical Academic Campus (CAC), officially opened at KGH by Premier Gordon Campbell on January 25. It will now be known as the Dr. Clifford B. Henderson Library.

“It’s people like Dr. Henderson who make the Okanagan such a great place to call home,” said Steve Thomson, Kelowna-Mission MLA. “Through his selfless dedication to his patients, to education and learning in all its forms, he has made KGH and the city of Kelowna a better place.”

Dr. Henderson arrived in Kelowna in 1954 after doing his internship in Toronto and his family practice residency in Vancouver. He worked as a family doctor for four years before returning to Toronto to complete his pediatric residency. He returned to Kelowna in 1961, where he became the Okanagan Valley’s first pediatrician. He acted as the senior pediatrician at KGH until his retirement in 1992. And, fittingly, he was the chair of the KGH Library Committee from 1954 to 1984.

“The wonderful library we have today would not have happened were it not for the dedication and support of Dr. Henderson,” said Ruth Rochlin, Interior Health librarian at KGH. “My staff and I are honoured to be able to say we now work in the Dr. Clifford B. Henderson Library.”

The CAC is part of the Kelowna and Vernon Hospitals Project, which includes new patient care towers at KGH and Vernon Jubilee Hospital. The expansion is part of a \$432.9 million commitment to building patient care in the Interior.

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Dr. Clifford B. Henderson's contributions to the community

Dr. Henderson's contributions to the community were many and varied.

- In addition to his medical affiliations, he was a school trustee from 1962 to 1970.
- He was medical director at the Central Okanagan Child Development Centre from 1970 to 1995 and sits as a director with the CDC to this day.
- He remains the medical advisor to the Kelowna Children's Fund to Prevent Abuse and Neglect
- He is medical advisor to Compassionate Friends.
- He chaired the KGH Centennial Committee.
- He was also heavily involved in continuing medical education, serving on a number of medical boards.
- He was the chair of the KGH Library Committee from 1954 to 1984.