

Totem Pole Information:

Height: 20 feet

Log: Yellow Cedar

Designer: Jim Heaton

Carvers:

- Joe King
- Daniel Klanott
- Jeffrey Klanott

Student carvers:

- Cody Fisher
- Cory Grant
- Zach James

Project partners:

- Chilkoot Indian Association
- Haines Borough Public Library
- Institute of Museum and Library Services

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This **TOTEM POLE PROJECT** was a partnership between Chilkoot Indian Association and the Haines Borough Public Library.

Purpose:

- ♦ Teach traditional carving skills
- ♦ Teach Tlingit language skills
- ♦ Tell the library's story using traditional Tlingit symbols and contemporary design
- ♦ Increase visibility of Chilkoot Indian Association's partnership with the library
- ♦ Provide a lasting piece of Tlingit art for the community

"Some 800 years ago a magnificent, strong, true, yellow cedar began its journey upward. It stands in our midst today. It stands for us as a symbol in our valley and will stand long after we have left this celebration, long after our individual names have become only distant whispers."

"The tree discovered last spring in the forest, now our totem pole, is the focal point by which today we celebrate the cultural wealth of our valley. It tells the story of our library within the context of the culture of this valley. It is a beautiful pole, a beautiful story."

~Excerpt from speech at the Totem Pole Dedication Ceremony

A DESCRIPTION OF THE MEANING OF THE FIGURES ON THE POLE

