

Sechelt Public Library Association

2014 Annual Report

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VISION

Excellence in service with access for all.

MISSION

The mission of the Sechelt Public Library is to be a friendly gateway to ideas, knowledge, information and literature for life-long learning and enjoyment.

Message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees

2014 got off to a great start with the introduction of our new Chief Librarian, Margaret Hodgins, whose excellent public relations skills, her background in developing and delivering community programming, and her fine grasp of how to use technology in service to the Library's mandate have all served us well this year. Her tenure here began with the signing of a service agreement with our local funders that finally moves library funding to a 'per capita' basis (like most other public institutions) and guarantees our core operating funding for the next five years. With flexible scheduling we are able to offer extended operating hours beginning March 1st, 2015. In June, we reached a new four-year agreement with our staff (represented by CUPE).

The renovation of our adult reading room is now well-advanced. The major weeding of older/underutilized materials has opened up shelf space that is being used for new and more relevant acquisitions. The shelving has been rearranged to create more space for DVDs and fiction—which are most in demand. The older materials still remain available by patron request. During 2015, the magazine racks will be repositioned to provide more of a buffer between the reading area and the childrens' section.

The Friends of the Library played a dynamic role in library activity this past year. They used the proceeds from their highly-successful Book Faires to assist the Chief Librarian with significant purchases not covered by our core operating budget.

They donated the funds to buy the sloping shelves that now present the books on the bottom row in each stack at an angle that allows (contd)



LIBRARY BOARD 2013: L to R L. Stewart, M. Shanks (DofS), F. Wasserlein, A. Hopkins, D. Fivehouse, A. Janisch, L. McCready, P. Harvey
Missing from photo: G. Nohr (SCRD), B. Shimazaki



Summer reading...
Coast style.

“...Thank you so much for taking the time to have us at the library. I especially liked that you took the time out to do a traditional First Nations story for our children.”



The “Big Move” to shift the collection.

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their titles to be easily read while standing. They purchased all the new (and very comfortable...) reading chairs now scattered throughout the library. They lobbied and donated the funds for the acquisition of an entire collection of 'International Murder/Mystery' DVDs (225 of them!) that have proven to be immensely popular with patrons. The video display above the front desk, the display banner used at community events, and the new magazine rack in the childrens' area were also donated by the Friends. One other addition to the credit of the Friends (and their consultations with municipal officials) is the installation of a defibrillator in the lobby and the training of all our permanent staff in its use.

Once again our staff and volunteers have exceeded expectations to enhance our service standards and effectiveness, and we are very optimistic that 2015 will prove to be as beneficial to our prospects as this past year has been. Thank you to all our supporters for your continued efforts on our behalf.

Meet you @ the library!

Dan Fivehouse,
Chair / Sechelt Public Library Association, Board of Trustees

Message from the Chief Librarian

Public Libraries exist to fill many roles in a community. No longer always a focal point for research, the library remains a provider of books and newspapers, purchasing items of interest for children, youth and adults, but its contribution to community life goes far beyond. Even with a growing and well used digital collection, we still welcomed almost 100,000 people through our doors in 2014. When so many resources are available online, why do we continue to see this foot traffic? In an article for *Municipal World*, Anne Marie Madziak explains that the public library “also serve[s] as crucial public space where community members can congregate, connect with another, learn together and participate in community conversations.” Indeed, the worldwide trend in libraries is to make more room for *people*.

With an excellent interlibrary loan system in place, you can access almost any book in a matter of days. In the years ahead, we want to balance collections with the need for people to gather, to learn about and use technology and to share experiences. We want to focus on our community, reach out to an aging population, and provide meaningful programs and services as well as great books to read. Please drop in, see what is new, put a suggestion in the suggestion box or talk to our staff about what you would like to see for our library. Now, more than ever, the public library is a community place.

Margaret Hodgins, MLIS
Chief Librarian

Library Supporters



Library volunteers assist the library by shelving books, repairing damaged library materials, cleaning DVDs and preparing library material for circulation.



Friends of the Library are a hard-working and savvy group of volunteers who fundraise for items which are outside of the library's budget. They donated approximately 2000+ hours of their time in 2014!

Community Partnerships

Capilano University
 Child Care Resource and Referral Centre
 Community Resource Centre
 Festival of the Written Arts
 Gibsons and District Public Library
 School District No. 6
 Sechelt Community Archives
 Sunshine Coast Community Foundation
 Sunshine Coast Credit Union
 Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts
 Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition

Library Foundation volunteers are actively planning for the long-term financial sustainability of the Library in the community.

Library Board members volunteer their expertise and large amounts of their time throughout the year to prepare for and attend meetings in the library and in the community.

2014 Library Operating FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2014	2013
Revenues:		
DofS Support	314,096	302,651
SCRD (A,B,D) Support	174,814	189,206
SIGD Support	8,899	10,095
Provincial Support	75,512	67,665
Federal Support	3,445	3,214
Library Revenues	19,402	20,966
Donations & grants	17,151	4,849
Total	613,720	598,646
Expenses:		
Salaries & Benefits	432,215	404,617
Collections	64,180	57,992
Operations	78,143	73,359
Programs & Promotion	4,874	3,708
Amortization:	21,600	26,882
Total	601,013	566,558

Library Staff

Our most valuable collection:

Bonny Creak, Beth Dodds, Teresa Eckford,
 Lynndie Dzuris, Sophie Gawn, Janette Hellmuth,
 Margaret Hodgins, Lolly Mackenzie, Pamela Runkle,
 Rose Toenders, Lorinda Waite
 Elaine Seepish, Donna Walsh-Wheeldon

Sechelt Public Library Quick facts 2014

- Staff responded to 22,224 questions in person and by phone.
- The library received 99,710 visitors.
- Public computers were used 12,397 times.
- 11,752 people accessed the library's WI-FI.
- 19,399 e-newspapers, e-magazines, e-books and e-audiobooks were signed out.
- Over 188,000 items were borrowed from the library, including digital items.
- The library gained 684 new resident members.
- The library website received over almost 40,000 visits.
- 716 children and teens attended library programs – our outreach extends from Madeira Park to Roberts Creek!



The library increased adult programming significantly in 2014. E-reader training moved to one-on-one sessions, and Financial Literacy, Seed Saving and readings by local authors rounded out the year.



Children attending the summer reading club read an astonishing 2,930 books / chapters!

CANADA'S LIBRARIES



360 million visits to libraries across Canada
= 10 million visits

590 million publications were borrowed



25 million # of questions asked by users

Source:
National Statistical and Values
Profile of Canadian Libraries, 2012
[primarily 2010 data]

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