



sechelt public library

## Sechelt Public Library Statement of Income and Expenses

Revenue	2012	2011
<b>Tax Support</b>		
District of Sechelt	316,156	304,350
Sunshine Coast Regional District	164,643	160,375
Sechelt Indian Government District	8,381	8,479
Provincial Government	65,955	65,618
Federal Government	4,704	6,900
Donations and Grants	7,460	5,246
Fines, Charges, Sundry	21,242	20,645
Interest	180	198
	<b>588,721</b>	<b>560,458</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Wages and Benefits	412,585	392,590
Recruitment - staff	0	0
Staff and Board Expenses	4,109	2,012
Library materials - books	42,495	43,593
Library materials - other	31,950	30,134
Library Materials – processing, repairs, freight	8,245	11,017
Building Repairs and Maintenance	10,989	11,838
Insurance	5,220	5,017
Utilities	11,728	12,392
Rent	0	0
Telephone and Internet	6,026	5,490
Programming and Promotion	3,765	3,921
Office and Sundry	8,089	8,069
Accounting	3,885	3,952
Computer Services	4,081	6,842
Contract Negotiation	0	0
Amortization	29,018	29,766
	<b>582,185</b>	<b>595,911</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses	<b>6,536</b>	<b>5,538</b>

Note: Complete Review Engagement Report for 2012, prepared by Bruce Richmond, CGA, is available for review during library hours.



### facts and figures

**10,810** library card holders at the end of 2012  
**241,804** items borrowed and used in the library (including e-books)  
**179,286** visits to the library based on the typical week survey  
**14,508** in house computer sessions  
**11,960** information questions answered  
**50,717** items in the collection

### interesting Canadian library facts

Every month 204,000 Canadians get job-seeking help at their public libraries.  
 76,000 times every month, business owners and employees use resources at public libraries to support their small businesses.  
 There were 100.2 million visits to Canadian libraries in 2011.  
 2,100,000 books were borrowed from 600 public libraries.  
 Canadian libraries offer over 8,500 internet workstations which are used over 18,000,000 times annually.  
 Nearly 2 out of 3 Canadians have library cards - about as many as have passports

### Funders

District of Sechelt  
 Sunshine Coast Regional District (Areas A, B, D and the Sechelt Indian Government District)  
 Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Education  
 Federal Government, Community Access Programme and the Canada Summer Jobs Programme



2012 annual report



## Message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees

2012 was another good year for the Sechelt Public Library. The Friends of the Library certainly boosted our profile in the community and enhanced their treasury with their activities, and they have plans for another dozen Book Faires during 2013. The Iris Loewen Endowment now provides funds on an annual basis to help underwrite our literacy programs for children. The SPL Foundation has been established to accumulate funds for future projects. We are confident that 2013 will be just as productive, but with different challenges to meet.

One of our greatest challenges is to select among the technological advances and the diversity of devices and programs those features most suited to the needs of our patrons. Our staff is now busy offering workshops to help our patrons understand the various social networking tools and learn how to download ebooks on their own personal devices. Watch the library website for updated information about these sessions.

There have been a number of recent changes to our online offerings. The usage restrictions placed upon ebook downloads have been a source of great frustration. We now subscribe to an advanced stage of licensing with OverDrive that allows multiple readers to access the most popular materials.

Many primary sources of information are disappearing behind “pay-walls” that require subscriptions for access. While there are still plenty of free news sources readily available on the internet, the pay-walls limit access to the columnists and opinion pieces that are often of most interest. We now offer our patrons the ability to bypass these restrictions and access their favourite sources from their home computers using our own subscriptions to information portals like PressDisplay and Zinio.

PressDisplay provides access to over 2,200 newspapers from 97 countries in 54 different languages. These appear in facsimile editions, as if you were looking at the printed page—with advertisements and all. Zinio provides access to a wide selection of popular magazines and offers free companion apps for downloading these magazines to mobile devices for reading offline.

It takes a bit of patience to set these up on your home system, but the end result is well worthwhile. You must open these portals through our website [www.sechelt.bclibrary.ca](http://www.sechelt.bclibrary.ca) and register with your library card. Each of the portals requires



Library Board 2012  
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that you establish an individual identity with them (and they will send you a test email to confirm your registration). You might wish to start with Zinio, because the welcome page offers an instructional video that gives step-by-step directions for account setup and a ‘how-it-works’ explanation that should resolve any questions you may have.

There are other new online offerings coming soon—such as Māngo, a language-learning site that offers basic interactive instruction in a variety of languages. Bookmark the “Online Library” tab on our website to access all these features, and remember—all it takes is your library card!

P.S.—in keeping with the spirit of the new hybrid library we have altered our motto just a bit...

*“Meet you @ the Library!”*

*Dan Fivehouse, Chair  
 Sechelt Public Library Board of Trustees*

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# 2012 in review

- Workshops on how to download ebooks were introduced in 2012. Ebook circulation is gaining steadily with approximately 500 to 600 downloads per month. In 2007, the ebook download number was around 40 a month.
- Acquisitions module of SITKA Evergreen has been significantly improved by staff input and the library is now able to take full advantage of a systematic approach to purchasing material.
- The in-person visits to the library have increased dramatically. The service population assigned to Sechelt Public Library is growing steadily and the membership to the library increases at approximately 1000 new members a year.
- In 2012, the teen section was updated with new shelves and some new furniture. The check in area was improved and is now more efficient.
- New Pre-school kits were added to the children's section thanks to a Raise-a-Reader grant of \$5000. Also Telus donated \$2000 to the library which was used to start the much needed ergonomic upgrade project.
- The new databases added in 2012 were: Zinio, online access to popular magazines, OneClick, downloadable e-audio books (books that are read by actors), PressDisplay, (National and International newspapers), and Mango (Language learning). In addition to these popular databases, there are new ebooks being added through Overdrive Advantage.

## Library Staff 2012

Chief Librarian .....	Helen Prosser
Technical Services.....	Rose Toenders
Public Services Supervisor.....	Lolly Mackenzie
Inter Library Loan / Information .....	Beth Dodds
Information Librarian / Website.....	Lorinda Waite
Children's Services.....	Bonny Creak
Administrative Services .....	Lynndie Dzuris
Public Service Assistants.....	Janette Hellmuth Teresa Eckford Pamela Runkle
Casual .....	Donna Walsh-Wheeldon Elaine Seepish
Sechelt Community Archives.....	Ann Watson
Internet Trainer .....	Jessica Gates

## Community Partnerships

- ◆ Capilano University
- ◆ Child Care Resource and Referral Centre
- ◆ Community Resource Centre
- ◆ Literacy Now
- ◆ School District # 46
- ◆ Sechelt Community Archives
- ◆ Sunshine Coast Community Foundation
- ◆ Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts
- ◆ Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition

## Library Supporters

- ◆ Friends of the Sechelt Public Library
- ◆ More than 50 volunteers assist by shelving books, repairing damaged library material and preparing library material for circulation.
- ◆ Board members volunteer large amounts of their time throughout the year to prepare for and attend meetings both at the library and in the community.

Sechelt Public Library is moving ahead with securing access to new and desirable online content, and with training people to access it, but this does not mean people are not visiting the library. The in-person visits from the community reached almost 180,000 in 2012. The computers were nearly constantly occupied and there were requests for more computers and space.

Thank you again to all volunteers who support the library with unfailing dedication. The big story in 2012 was the revitalization of the Friends of the Sechelt Public Library. With a lot of hard work, the Friends held very successful Book Faires throughout the summer. The Library is grateful for the remarkable community spirit that has created this Renaissance.

Thank you to the SPLA Board which continues to work on supporting the library with great patience and dedication. In 2012, a community survey was completed and the Library's public expressed their appreciation for the friendly and helpful front desk staff.

Also the Funders of the Library, District of Sechelt and SCRD, must be thanked for their ongoing support for the library services that everyone enjoys.



Helen Prosser, Chief Librarian



**Book Faire**



**Literacy Kits**



**Teen Book Club**



**Reading to baby**



**Volunteer Christmas**



**Summer Reading**