



2013 SPL FACTS & FIGURES

- 11,532 cardholders
- 192,742 items borrowed (including e-books)
- 150 people attended free e-book workshops
- 1,079 children reached through library programming
- Internet computers used 224 times every six days
- 14,000+ requests for information answered by staff
- 4600+ items were added to the collection
- 26 early literacy preschool kits, filled with books, toys and games, added to the collection
- 318 DVDs added to the collection
- 44,058 children's materials circulated

Sechelt Public Library Association 2013 Annual Report

FEBRUARY 2014

Message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees

2013 was a watershed year for the Sechelt Public Library as some of our most longed-for wishes came to fruition—the most significant being the service agreement between the Library and 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. We have also negotiated a memorandum of understanding with the District of Sechelt with regard to the shared use of facilities that recognizes the Library as the 'occupant' of its space and not as a 'tenant'. It also acknowledges that the Library has outgrown its space and that we share a joint responsibility to work toward the building's expansion.

The retirement of the 'rent' issue tied to the original tenancy agreement was marked with the contribution—by all funders—of their original 2013 budgeted amounts as a one-time grant to begin our renovation to establish an adult reading room. Work is now underway on this project. We have begun a major weeding of older/underutilized materials and then the shelving will be rearranged to create a quiet space for adult patrons to read, socialize, do research and study away from the children's area. This will feature more comfortable seating and additional internet connections for those who wish to work on their own personal electronic devices. The work will create some upheaval for a time during 2014, but result in a leaner collection with space for new and more relevant materials. The older materials will remain available by patron request for some

At the end of the summer, Helen Prosser left to pursue new challenges and Margaret Hodgins was hired as our new Chief Librarian. Margaret has a background in developing and delivering programs to rural communities, excellent public relations skills, and a good understanding of how to use technology in service to the Library's mandate.



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)

Message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees



Passing the love of reading on to the next generation.

“...the e-reader instructors were so patient and knowledgeable. I was amazed they could keep everyone on track!”



Best wishes to Helen Prosser

continued The Friends of the Sechelt Public Library have continued to be very active—mostly through their Book Faires and raffles that have garnered wide public support. Their membership now numbers more than 30 people, with at least that many more who volunteer on a casual basis. The money raised will assist the Chief Librarian with purchases not anticipated in our yearly budget. The Sechelt Public Library Foundation continues to manage bequests and gifts for long-term support of the Library.

We wish to thank some of those who have made all of this possible: former Chief Librarian Helen Prosser and SCR D Chair Garry Nohr (Halfmoon Bay) patiently guided the negotiations for our new agreements over a number of years. Our other SCR D funders Donna Shugar (Roberts Creek), Frank Mauro (Egmont/Pender Harbour) and the Shishálh nation have each made a long-term commitment to our welfare, as has Mayor John Henderson and the Sechelt council. Mike Shanks, Darnelda Siegers and Doug Hockley have all worked hard to advance our cause. The staff of both the District of Sechelt and the SCR D have been most supportive and helpful. And the staff and volunteers of the Sechelt Public Library itself have gone way beyond the call of duty to maintain our service standards and effectiveness throughout all the turmoil of the recent past. We are very optimistic that 2014 will prove to be as beneficial to our prospects as this past year has been, and we thank all our supporters for their continued efforts on our behalf.

Meet you @ the library!

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

Library Staff

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| Helen Prosser | Chief Librarian |
| Rose Toenders | Assistant Librarian / Technical Services |
| Lolly Mackenzie | Public Services Supervisor |
| Beth Dodds | Interlibrary loan / Information |
| Lorinda Waite | Information Librarian / Website |
| Bonny Creak | Children’s Services |
| Lynndie Dzuris | Administrative Services |
| Janette Hellmuth | Public Service Assistant / E-reader support |
| Teresa Eckford | Public Service Assistant / E-reader support |
| Pamela Runkle | Public Service Assistant |
| Donna Walsh-Wheeldon | Casual |
| Elaine Seepish | Casual |
| Ann Watson | Sechelt Community Archives |
| Matthew Gicquel | Internet Trainer (CAP) |

Library Supporters



The Friends of the Library famous Book Faires

Friends of the Library are a hard-working and savvy group of volunteers who fundraise for items which are outside of the library’s operational budget. They hold popular *Book Faires* and sell raffle tickets to support the library.

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

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

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

Sechelt Public Library

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.

2013 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2013	2012
Revenues:		
DofS Support	302,651	316,156
SCRD Support	189,206	164,643
SIGD Support	10,095	8,381
Provincial Support	67,665	65,955
Federal Support	3,214	4,704
Library Revenues	20,966	21,422
Donations & grants	<u>4,849</u>	<u>7,460</u>
Total	<u>598,646</u>	<u>588,721</u>
Expenses:		
Staff	404,617	412,585
Collections	57,992	74,445
Operations:	<u>103,949</u>	<u>95,155</u>
Total	<u>566,558</u>	<u>582,185</u>

Note: The complete Auditor’s Report prepared by Bruce M. Richmond, CGA is available for review during Library hours.



present
Readers Save The World!
...well not really, but:

READING IS GOOD FOR YOU

On average, readers have better:



Physical Health



Empathy



Mental Health

Reading for as little as 6 minutes can



reduce stress by 60%, slow heartbeat, ease muscle tension and alter your state of mind

Reading reduces stress:



Listening to music



Drinking a cup of tea



Going for a walk



Playing a video game

READING IS GOOD FOR OTHERS

Readers are more likely to help non-profit organizations:

Donating



(Goods and Money)

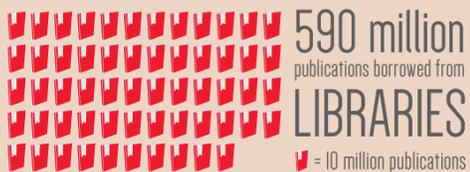
Volunteering



Readers
Non-readers

AND YOU'LL BE IN GOOD COMPANY

61% of Canadians have a library card



*So get reading - it literally makes you a better person.
Together we'll make the world a better place!*

Library numbers from 2012. All stats compiled by the National Reading Campaign. Learn more at nationalreadingcampaign.ca and cbc.ca/books



120 children attended the library's summer reading program in 2013



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