

# **Director's Report**

## **Sechelt Public Library**

**May 30, 2021 – June 26, 2021**

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## 1. Something You May Not Know...

We have always talked about libraries doing more and more – with less and less... So here is something to think about.

At our library you can:

1. Use a public computer (for free)
  - a. Our staff are always ready and available to assist and much staff time is taken up by this
2. Scan documents (free)
  - a. Our staff scan documents for patrons as it requires a bit more specific navigation on the photocopier machine
3. Fax documents (slight charge as we use our phone lines and there is a cost)
  - a. Our staff also assist patrons with sending faxes. We are almost the **ONLY** place on the Sunshine Coast where patrons can still send a fax. I have even assisted with faxing extremely time sensitive organ donor documents and our staff have helped with much more. Many government documents still have a fax requirement.
4. Print documents (slight costs)
  - a. We have photocopiers in the library for public use, and they are used on a consistent basis. Besides all the computer assistance our staff give in general, some printing jobs also demand much staff time. 8 out of 10 printing jobs require 5-20 minutes of staff time each. If you want to print something, you can do it a number of ways:
    - 1) Sign on to Library WIFI (patrons always require staff assistance with this), send a print job from your phone directly to the printer. Staff then handle the transaction for payment.
    - 2) Sign on to Library WIFI (patrons always require staff assistance with this), send a print job from your own laptop directly to the printer. Staff then handle to transaction for payment.
    - 3) Sign on to a library public computer, send your print job to the print queue, make payment in the coin op which then will release your print job. Troubleshooting assistance (navigating the computer, finding documents online, formatting, print issues, etc) can take our staff enormous amounts of staff time. This can involve everything from assisting with huge architectural drawings, difficult navigation of government websites, financial assistance document printing or strange formatting. What I'd like to point out here is that we always have, but overwhelmingly since the beginning of COVID, helped patrons with things government offices (Service BC and Service Canada) **SHOULD** have been doing and should be doing but weren't and aren't. Even CRA tax forms are not being supplied to the post offices in large enough quantities because somehow the CRA thinks everyone should be clever enough or even have the ability to go online. We end up navigating CRA website

with very frustrated and anxious patrons who need assistance printing out forms for physically fill in.

- 4) Walk up to a staff member and get assistance with any print job. We are always here to help with patrons print jobs. Again, much staff time is taken.

5. Obtain free Technology Assistance

- a. We are fortunate we have a Technology Education Coordinator – and someone extraordinary in it.
- b. Technology assistance is yet again another thing patrons are needing from libraries that goes way beyond books.
- c. To date in 2021 we have given over **130 hours** of **FREE** assistance and instruction to patrons through personal one on one appointments, in a quiet and private area we created, with everything they need technical assistance with. We also assist patrons via phone and email. Patrons come from all over the place - Roberts Creek, Sechelt, Halfmoon Bay, Pender and Egmont. This is an amazing service in our community and we to be able to offer it at such a professional level.

## 2. Mask Fighting - Policing our Library

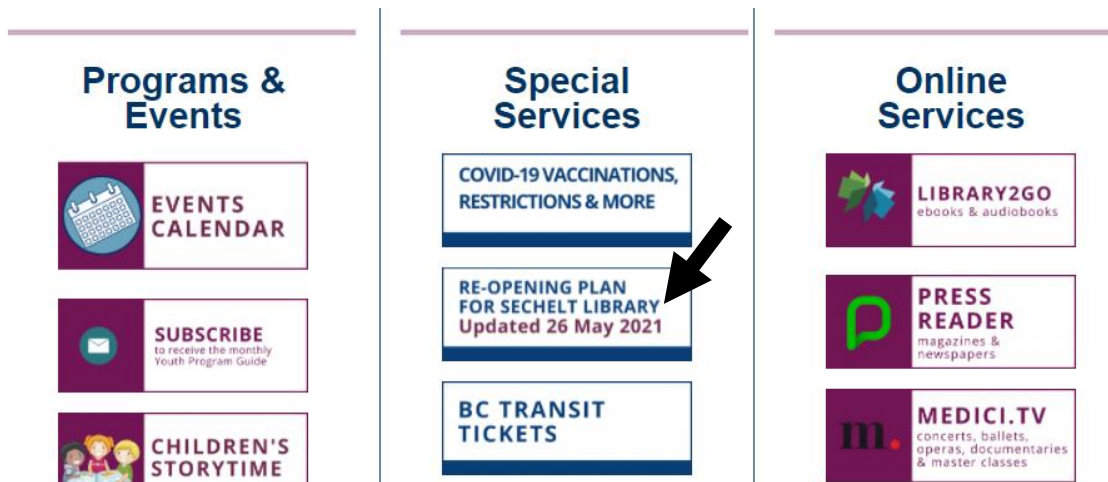
And the policing continues... Library staff still encounter patrons whose masks have purposely “slipped down” below the nose and or mouth. The favorite hangout location for our mask vigilante’s is the reading area in the magazine section and in the second public computer area. Even yesterday, a mask wearing patron go into a vicious argument with a patron who didn’t want to wear his mask properly and fists were even drawn. Again, our objective is that all patrons feel safe and welcome in our library space. This requires extra staff time to go on “patrol” for the specific purpose of enforcing the mask order.

BC’s Restart Plan, indicates the mask requirements will be as follows going forward:

Step 2 (Jun 15)	Required
Step 3 (July 1)	Recommended
Step 4 (Sep 7)	Personal Choice

## 3. BC Restart Plan – Phase 4 of our SPL Reopening and Safety Plan

We are now in the second phase of the BC Restart Plan which commenced June 15<sup>th</sup>. This is outlined in Phase 4 (page 28) of our official Sechelt Library Re-Opening and Safety Plan (linked from the website home page).



## **LIBRARY PLAN – PHASE 4 - STEP 2 (June 15, 2021)**

### **Mask Wearing**

Public: Enforced as per provincial mask orders still in place for indoor public settings like the library, foyer and community room.

Staff: Sitting at desk and eating in kitchen are the only allowances for non-mask wearing.

### **Sanitizing**

Sanitizing stations still in place at front of library and various places within

### **Physical Distancing**

Still required

### **Staff Sign-In for Daily Health Check**

Still required

### **Cleaning Procedures**

Full cleaning procedures still in place

### **Seating**

Still limited due to physical distancing requirements

### **Computer Access**

Still limited due to physical distancing requirements

### **Programming - Exercise**

Indoors:

High intensity indoors - max is capacity with physical distancing (masks)

Low intensity indoors - max is capacity with physical distancing (masks)

Outdoors:

High intensity outdoors - max is capacity with physical distancing (no mask)

Low intensity outdoors - max is capacity with physical distancing (no mask)

### **Programming – regular**

Indoors Seated – max 50 (masks required)

Outdoors Seated – max 50 (masks not required)

### **One-On One Tutoring**

Still in place with masks and glass

Hopefully on July 1<sup>st</sup> we will be able to move towards this:

### **LIBRARY PLAN – PHASE 4 (STEP 3) – July 1, 2021**

#### **Mask Wearing**

Public: recommended but cannot be enforced for indoor public settings like the library, foyer and community room.

Staff: recommended but cannot be not enforced in staff area

#### **Sanitizing**

Sanitizing stations still in place at front of library and various places within

#### **Physical Distancing**

Not required. Just careful social contact.

#### **Staff Sign-In for Daily Health Check**

Still required

#### **Cleaning Procedures**

Full cleaning procedures still in place

#### **Seating**

Will be opened fully

#### **Computer Access**

Will be opened fully

#### **Programming - Exercise**

Indoors:

High intensity indoors – allowed with usual capacity (masks recommended)

Low intensity indoors – allowed with usual capacity (masks recommended)

Outdoors:

High intensity outdoors – allowed with usual capacity

Low intensity outdoors – allowed with usual capacity

#### **Programming – regular**

Indoors Seated – allowed with usual capacity (masks recommended)

Outdoors Seated – allowed with usual capacity

#### **One-On One Tutoring**

Still in place with glass. We will still require mask wearing for one on one tutoring.

### **LIBRARY PLAN – PHASE 4 (STEP 4) – September 7, 2021**

#### **Mask Wearing**

Public: personal choice

Staff: personal choice

#### **Sanitizing**

Sanitizing stations still in place at front of library and various places within

#### **Physical Distancing**

Not required

#### **Staff Sign-In for Daily Health Check**

May still continue informally even if not a Worksafe BC requirement.

#### **Cleaning Procedures**

May be altered as per Worksafe BC requirements.

#### **Seating**

Full capacity

### **Computer Access**

Full capacity

### **Programming - Exercise**

Indoors:

High intensity indoors – allowed with usual capacity (masks optional)

Low intensity indoors – allowed with usual capacity (masks optional)

Outdoors:

High intensity outdoors – allowed

Low intensity outdoors – allowed

### **Programming – regular**

Indoors Seated – allowed with usual capacity (masks optional)

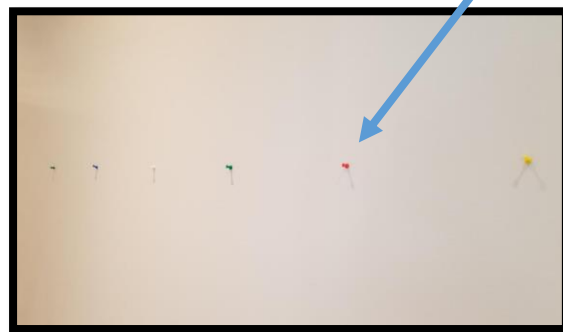
Outdoors Seated – allowed with usual capacity

### **One-On One Tutoring**

Still in place with glass. Masks optional.

## **4. Anti-Racism Week – May 23-29**

Hmmm... Apparently, this BC Government anti-racism week (with pretty artwork) should have been anti-theft week as well... At least they left the pins.



## **5. Meetings and Partnerships this Month**

ABCPLD Meetings

Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition

Interlink AAG

DOS, Sechelt Library and Healthy Communities Grant Liaison

CUPE 391 Union

New to BC Steering Committee

United Way Community of Practice

## 6. Funding Payments

The Funding and Service Agreement includes percentage and payment timing obligations:

	Beginning of Q1	Beginning of Q2	Beginning of Q3	Beginning of Q4
DOS	30%	30%	20%	20%
SCRD	25%	25%	25%	25%
SIGD	50% January 5	50% May 31		

Funding received to date:

	Q1 pmt	Q2 pmt	Q3 pmt	Q4 pmt
DOS	Received	Received		
SCRD	Received	Received		
SIGD	<b>Received Jun 24</b>	<b>Received Jun 24</b>	N/A	N/A

## 7. BC Provincial Grant for Libraries

The BC Province Libraries Branch has just advised that the BC Provincial Grant for libraries for 2021 will be awarded on the same grant funding basis as 2020 (\$78k). No increase no decrease. The larger problem is that, as you know, this provincial grant has not increased in the past 12 years.

I have spoken about this issue many times with all of you and many times during the funding requests at budgeting meetings. Every year we are asked to do more and more as libraries in our communities. The vast number of issues we assist patrons with, the services we offer, the programs and activities we put on, the technology assistance services we offer, the printing we do, the problems we solve – it increases year after year. What libraries do in their communities goes so much beyond books.

This means that the municipalities and organizations that fund every library in BC, have to, year after year, make up for the stagnant funding levels the province of BC allocates. Costs have most certainly increased in 12 years and the provincial grant has not. This is not right. As a consequence, our “asks” of the funders each year are kept to such a bare minimum, sometimes even to our detriment, so that the funders burden is kept as low as possible.

Although every library organization, collectively and separately, has been campaigning year after year to the BC Province for a change to their library funding allocation, we are now also asking our municipalities to campaign with Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs (libraries as also now a part of this ministry). I have spoken about this with SCR D Chair Lori Pratt and DOS Mayor Siegers as well. This is the basis of a letter we will be supplying (in conjunction with my Association of BC Libraries Directors Group) to the District of Sechelt in their effort, along with other SSC partners, in their quest for a meeting in September with Minister Osborne to discuss, among other things, library funding.



## \$22 Million in 2022

**The Ask: A sustained, ongoing increase to the public library annual operating grants to \$22 million a year in 2022. Moving forward, we also ask that the increase be tied to inflation.**

Public libraries require continuous and increasing investment to provide opportunities for life-long learning, increase equity and social inclusion, and create cities that are healthier and more affordable.

Since 2009, public library supporters have asked that the provincial government provide funding for public libraries that, at a minimum, includes annual increases to account for inflation. Despite these repeated requests, public libraries have been left with chronic provincial underfunding at approximately \$14 million.

While the provincial funding has declined in the past decade, the municipal portion has risen considerably. This decline in provincial funding reflects a regressive approach of shifting cost to municipal property tax payers.

This year we are asking the provincial government for \$22 million for public libraries in 2022. This request for sustained, increased funding was supported by the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services as part of the Budget 2020 and 2021 Consultation process.

We ask that the BC government commit to increasing library funding to a minimum of \$22 million annually to reflect inflationary and population increases and recommit to a progressive funding approach, reflecting the role of public libraries in achieving the goals of the Province and our communities.

## 8. Grant Application – CVITP

CVITP = Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. We are now able to apply for this grant in 2021 and will be doing so next week. Based on the number of tax preparations we accommodated in our Sechelt Library, we can apply for up to a maximum of \$500 to help cover costs associated with providing this service. Terri Fjaagesund, our fabulous volunteer, prepared **184 tax returns - for FREE** to patrons at Sechelt Library. Terry tells us that Sechelt Library accommodated the most tax preparations EVER per volunteer within this CVITP program. We are proud of this as we really went out of our way to ensure every available time slot and location possible was available to Terry so she could prepare taxes – for FREE – for the citizens in Sechelt, Roberts Creek, Halfmoon Bay, Pender Harbour and Egmont.

## 9. Grant Application – Canada Healthy Communities Initiative

The District of Sechelt, the SIGD and the Sechelt Library are partnering on a grant application for Canada Health Communities Initiative. A reorganization of the exterior space surrounding the Library Building, the recreation Centre, the Police Station and the Seaside Centre is being discussed to make room for a larger gathering space in the center. This center Gathering Space would potentially hold children's play areas, a large outdoor covered area where we could host library programs and events and incorporate native craftsmanship structures as well.

Update:

At the June 16th council meeting, a document entitled "Journeying Together in Partnership" was presented. Eight separate projects were included including the Gathering Space discussed above. 4 of those 8 projects, included the Gathering Space, were identified as being good candidates for application under the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative grant. After additional discussions with the District, this Gathering Space project should be in the final stages, if not complete, in the \$250,000 grant application process.

The District requested that I submit a Letter of Support for the grant application process. It is noted below.

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Grant Application Project:

**"A Gathering Place"**

June 16, 2021

Sechelt Public Library supports the District of Sechelt, our landlord, in their grant application for "a safe and vibrant public space" through the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative. Here is why.

Libraries save lives. I was told that by a patron and I believe her. We, as staff, are here to serve our community, in whatever way we can, and positively affect their daily lives. More than just books, we listen, we educate, we assist and we even entertain. We also partner with many community organizations to bring the best of ideas to our community members.

COVID 19 forced us to respond to an ever-changing health and safety environment and adapt accordingly. During this evolution of adaption, needs had now become very apparent in this new environment of heightened awareness on health and safety. We needed to adapt our programming and services to be able to adapt to an outdoor setting. We needed the ability to: host outdoor music programs like ukulele playing, have community members knit outdoors in a fresh air environment, host outdoor literacy events like Drag Queen Story Telling, host outdoor chair yoga for seniors and to partner with a Shishálh Nation artisan in the carving of a native canoe or totem pole in the spirit of reconciliation and in being good community neighbors.

Our library staff came up with a wish list of great outdoor space improvement ideas for the adaption of our programming and services, ultimately benefitting the community as a whole. These great ideas became part of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Grant Application called "A Gathering Place" applied for by the District of Sechelt.

Please consider this grant application with high regard. Not only our library, but our community as a whole, will ultimately be enriched.

Sincerely,

*Leianne Emery*

Leianne Emery  
Director, Sechelt Public Library



## 10. KITS

In addition to the incredible STEAM kits we usually focus on here, we do have other kits! Here is an update:

### **STEAM KITS**

- STEAM = Science, technology, engineering, art and math.
- All funding for this came from the province in a one-time technology grant
- Currently 22 processed and catalogued (hugely time consuming) – 5 more to go!
- These continue to be very popular and are almost always all out or waiting to be picked up
- Our STEAM kit presentation to BC Library Directors continues to receive very positive comments – many from the big lower mainland libraries

### **TECH KITS**

- Includes a Samsung Tablet, protective cover, charging chords
- Includes a data plan for those who want to borrow a Tablet but do not have WIFI at home
- These Tablets were made possible by our award of a grant application with United way Healthy Aging CORE.
- 5 kits in total

### **RADON DETECTION KITS**

- Kits include 1 radon monitor (Model: Corentium Home) : 1 box, 1 operating manual, 1 fact sheet - 3 triple A batteries and 1 usage sheet. 1 electronic unit, approx 25 cm high x 30 cm wide + 1 instruction manual, usage sheet and fact sheet housed in box
- 3 kits in total

### **LIGHT THERAPY KITS (Happy Lights):**

- 1 therapy lamp ; 14 x 6 x 2.5 in.
- Very popular in winter months
- 7 kits in total


## 11. July Program Guide


BC Health and Safety Guidelines still restrict some of the inputs to how and where we can do our programming. In the July brochure, we have separated activities and programming into “In Person” and “Online” as some patrons may be more comfortable with one over the other. We had to stop our very popular Spanish Classes as, due to the high cost, we have to watch our fixed budget. We will revisit this again if possible.


Also added in the July brochure is a section for the “Friends of the Library”. You will note that BOOK FAIRES will once again be commencing – with donation restrictions.


### YOUTH PROGRAMS


See the Summer Reading Club handout for more Children's programs!

**Saturday StoryTime**   
**Saturdays\* 10:30-11am**  
 Join Sam for stories, songs and play outside the library. For families with children 5 and under. \*Check website for exact dates


**Youth Book Club**   
**July 14th, 3:30-4:30**  
**in the library's Teen area**  
 Calling all book lovers! Join us to discuss books. See the website for book choices. Age 9-13. Registration required.

**Teen Book Club**   
**July 6th, 3:30-4:30**  
**in the library's Teen area**  
 Calling all book lovers! Join us to discuss books. See the website for book choices. Age 13-19. Registration required.

**Dungeons & Dragons**   
**Tuesdays starting July 6th, 5:30-8:30**  
 Adventure begins at the library! Come and delve into the fantastic stories of Dungeons and Dragons and take part in creative story gaming. New players welcome. Ages 12+ (teens and adults)


**Teen Advisory Group & Teen Book Reviews**   
**Join our Teen Discord**  
 Have a say in what Teen programs we offer, review books and earn volunteer hours. Email sam.iversen@secheltlibrary.ca to join. Ages 13-19.

### Coloring and Games




YBVXCIGCEINVESTIGATE  
 GBLWRKKAYOHYQVOAFMVJ  
 YGPZSKSGSXMTBYMJYMPX  
 CFERSJYYMNZQAQAILFHI  
 AIVGELQOBOIYXDGYNOIZ  
 SNMCVDEZEGMOTENDLRFF  
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magnifying glass	fingerprint	detective
deduction	red herring	culprit
mystery	suspect	motive
alibi	sleuth	clue



**SECHELT LIBRARY**  
Space to think

## July 2021 Program Guide



IN PERSON	IN PERSON	ONLINE VIA ZOOM
<p><b>Stitchin'</b> </p> <p><b>Mondays, 11:00-12:30</b> Bring your knitting/crochet/stitching project and enjoy a friendly stitching session with other crafters.</p> <p><b>Pound/Zumba</b> </p> <p><b>Thursdays, 3:00-4:00</b> Fun fitness classes with fabulous instructor MJ Leitner! Visit the Sechelt Library website for more information.</p> <p><b>Ukulele Jam</b> </p> <p><b>Fridays, 12:00-1:00</b> Outdoor fun ukulele for all levels (weather &amp; COVID protocols permitting). Other instruments welcome!</p> <p><b>Ukulele Lessons</b> </p> <p><b>Thursdays, starting July 8, 1:00-2:00</b> Sign up for this beginner ukulele lesson series with Susan Telfer using the James Hill method.</p> <p><b>Genealogy</b> </p> <p><b>Mondays, Fridays</b> Curious about your history? Want to discover your family tree? Appointment required.</p>	<p><b>Tech Help</b> </p> <p><b>Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays</b> Have a technology question? Want to learn how to use your device? Appointment required.</p> <p><b>Repair Cafe</b> </p> <p><b>Saturday, July 10, 10:30-2:30</b> Free, while you wait, repair to domestic devices by some neat volunteers from Gibsons Repair Cafe. Visit the library on June 10th for this service.</p> <p><b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b> </p> <p><b>Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30</b> Adventure begins at the library! Delve into the fantastic stories of D&amp;D and take part in creative story games. Join the party for exciting adventures in imagination. New players welcome.</p> <p><b>Seed Catalogue</b> </p> <p><b>Monday-Saturday during library opening hours</b> How it Works:  1. Apply for your free membership at the library  2. Check out seeds right away  3. Plant the seeds in your garden  4. Enjoy growing your plants  5. Harvest the seeds  6. Return the seeds to the library</p>	<p><b>Chair Yoga</b> </p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 6 &amp; 20, 11:00-12:00</b> Join Julie Morgan for this gentle form of yoga that can improve your flexibility, concentration and strength.</p> <p><b>Book Club</b> </p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 13, 1:00-2:00</b> New General Fiction Book Club meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. This month's book is John le Carré's <i>Agent Running in the Field</i>.</p> <p><b>Card Making</b> </p> <p><b>Thursday, July 15 &amp; 29 11:00-12:00</b> Join Ruth Moore for a fun card-making class! All supplies provided to make awesome cards &amp; bookmarks.</p>
<b>FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY</b>		
<p><b>Book Faire</b>  <b>Friday, July 2, 16</b>  <b>Saturday, July 3, 17</b>  <b>Sunday, July 4, 18</b>  Friends of the Library Book Faires are back! No donations will be accepted during the first book faire weekend as the Friends are still paying for 4 full lockers of pre-COVID books.</p>		

## 12. Summer Reading Club

Summer Reading Club is now in full swing with registration commencing June 15<sup>th</sup>. Sam has put together some very exciting activities for children and youth including a drawing workshop with professional illustrator Zoe Si, Pound Fitness with our own MJ Leitner and weekly Take and Make Kits! Regular youth programs are also still on track with book clubs, dungeons and dragons, storytime and more.



## StoryWalks®

A StoryWalk® is an outdoor walk where a book's pages have been posted along the trail. Families can read the book together as they enjoy a walk through the outdoors!

Books provided by the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition.

### Sechelt Marsh

Monday, July 12th-Sunday, July 18th

Visit the Sechelt Marsh anytime during the week to read *Caramba* by Marie-Louise Gay. 5741 Wharf Avenue

### Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden

Monday, August 9th-Sunday, August 15th

Visit the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden anytime during the week to read *Sam & Dave Dig a Hole* by Mac Barnett

5941 Mason Rd

## Regular Programs

### Saturday Family StoryTime

Saturdays\* 10:30-11am

Families with children under 5.

Join Sam for stories, songs and play outside the library. For families with children 5 and under.

\*Check website for exact dates

### Youth Book Club

2nd Wednesday of the month 3:30-4:30

July 14th & August 11th

in the library's teen area

Calling all book lovers! Join us to discuss books. See the website for book choices. Age 9-13. Registration required.

### Teen Book Club

1st Tuesday of the month 3:30-4:30

July 6th & August 10th

in the library's teen area

Calling all book lovers! Join us to discuss books. See the website for book choices. Age 13-19. Registration required.

### Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesdays starting July 6th 5:30-8:30

Ages 12+ (teens and adults)

Adventure begins at the library! Come and delve into the fantastic stories of Dungeons and Dragons and take part in creative story gaming. New players welcome.

### Teen Advisory Group & Teen Book Reviews

Join our Teen Discord

Ages 13-19

Have a say in what Teen programs we offer, review books and earn volunteer hours. Email sam.iversen@secheltlibrary.ca to join.



## Summer Reading Club



Check our website for more info  
<https://sechelt.bc.libraries.coop/>



## Take & Make Kits

Pick up a themed activity kit to do at home every week from June 28th-August 13th

for ages 5-8 & 9-12.

How it Works:

1. Sign up at the library for each week.
2. Pick up your 1st kit anytime when the library is open June 28th-July 2nd.
3. Enjoy your activity.
4. Come back weekly for more kits!

## Reading Logs

Available June 14th

Pick up your Reading Log at the Sechelt Library starting June 14th.

1. Add a check mark every day you read
2. Bring your Reading Log to the library each week to get a sticker!
3. Bring your completed Reading Log to the Sechelt Library after August 15th and get a medal for your reading achievement!

Read To Me Logs Available for Preschoolers.

Find the app at bcsr.ca

## Thursday Family Storytime

Thursdays 3:30-4

July 8th-August 19th

Families with children under 5.

Outside the library.

Join us for a Crack the Case-themed Storytime.

## Card-Making Class

Monday, July 12th 1:00-2:00pm

Friday, August 13th 1:00-2:00pm

Ages 4-8

in the Community Room

Join Ruth Moore for a creative crafting class. All materials provided. Registration required.

## Pound Fitness

Wednesday, June 30th, 11am

Thursday, August 19th 11am

Ages 7-12

Outside the Library

Join MJ Leitner for a drumming inspired workout! Registration required.

## Drawing Workshop

Wednesday, July 7th 1pm

Ages 7-14

Join the SRC's 2021 illustrator Zoe Si on Zoom for a drawing workshop. Registration required.

## Among Us

Wednesday, June 30th 3pm

Ages 9-14

Can you find the impostor? Get the game on your device and Zoom for voice chat. Registration required.

## Board Games

Wednesdays 3:00-4:30

Join virtually for board games. for ages 9-14

Let's play some board games! Every week we will play online. Participants will need parental permission to sign up for a free account at boardgamearena.com. Registration required.

## Treasure Hunt

Saturday, July 24th

10am-2pm

All Ages

Join Sechelt Library for an outdoor Treasure Hunt. Get ready to solve clues and find the hidden treasure!

## Rock Painting

Saturday, July 10th

10am-2pm

All Ages

Paint a rock outside the library, then place it somewhere outside for others to find! Share your rock on Social Media and tag it #SecheltLibraryRocks

## Crack the Case Geotour

July 5th - August 4th

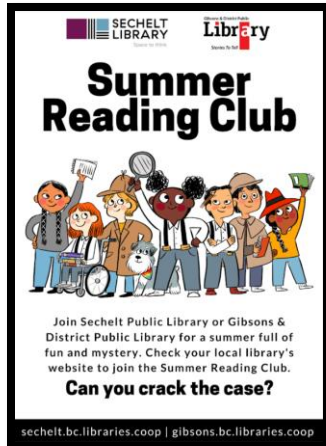
All Ages

Download the Geotourist app to do our Geotour. Walk around town and solve all the clues. Once you've discovered the passphrase, return to the library and enter a prize draw!

## 13. Coast Reporter

June 4

Joint advertising with Gibsons Library for Summer Reading Club introduction.



Upcoming: July 2 – Coast Kids.

We have taken out ½ page advertising space for the upcoming July 2 edition for the printing of our Coast Kids advertising “winner”. If you recall, artwork copies we received from Coast Kids years ago (that were taped to walls in the children’s area) were actually professionally framed and hung up on library walls last summer/fall. These children’s advertising creations make great artwork.

Here are our 2021 contenders. We have chosen a winner – not unanimous but did receive the most votes by our staff. You will have to wait until July 2 to find out...





## 14. Union Job Reclassification

Stage 1 still in progress – just slightly delayed. Hope to have stage 1 completed by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Stage 1: Beth (appointed by the union) and I go through each job description and update. This takes much time as we are analyzing very carefully that not only the description accurately reflects what that position actually does (through various means) but we are also incorporating consistency throughout all sections of each job description and consistency from one to another.

Stage 2: Each staff member will then review their own newly created job description and advise if they agree.

Stage 3: A team of 2 union members and two non-union members (myself and a Board member) will go through another process of banding the jobs in a variety of categories to accurately reflect pay scale for job duties and responsibilities.

## 15. Staffing Changes

As one of our treasured staff members will be away from work, due to illness, for a few months, we are in the process of undergoing some significant changes in terms of workload and duties. As much as possible, training has been fast and furious as time is not on our side. No-one is easily replaceable so our current staff are all sharing in the duties associated with that position. This is going to put a lot of extra pressure on our staff who are already very busy - but no-one is complaining. We are a team and we will all get through this phase.

We also have two staff members currently taking Reference training (both online studying and SPL custom one-on-one training). Two more staff members will take Reference training over the summer and fall. It is necessity to have more staff qualified and trained to cover different positions as we are a very lean staff. Union guidelines and expectations are sometimes tricky but we will figure it out. Life before limb. We need training.

As annual budgets are fixed (and always tight), accommodating any deviation to our initial monetary requirement calculations is challenging.

## 16. Services for Print Disabilities in our Library

Sechelt Library is a free resource to all patrons for services, education and online resources in the areas of accessibility. In addition to assisting many patrons navigate through the new CNIB Daisy Reader Program, Janette has been busy educating patrons who now require other accessibility options and assisting patrons that currently use a variety of platforms but are having challenges. As a note of interest, I've included our updated brochure on "Services for Print Disabilities".

Note: Even if you do not have print disabilities, reading a Large Print Book can be quite enjoyable. We have almost 2000 Large Print Books in our collection. They are noted by a yellow and black spine label.





"DAISY players tend to have large, clearly marked buttons that are easy to find through touch".

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### Contact Us

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Sechelt BC, V0N 3A0  
PO Box 2104

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info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca  
sechelt.bc.libraries.coop

### Current Hours

Monday	10am-5pm
Tuesday	10am-5pm
Wednesday	10am-6pm
Thursday	10am-5pm
Friday	10am-5pm
Saturday	10am-3pm
Sunday	Closed



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Reading and accessibility options.

## Services for Print Disabilities




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### Resources

**Audiobooks on CD**

- Includes MP3 CDs (MP3 player required). Search over 1,215 titles.

**Overdrive**

- Access eBooks and eAudiobooks using Libby.

**TumbleBooks**

- Animated talking picture books for children with some read-aloud features.

**Large Print**

- Books with font size 14 point or larger. Browse our collection of 1,927 titles.

**Braille**

- Children's braille and PrintBraille picture books.

**Kobo eReaders**

- eReaders with pre-loaded titles. Adjustable font, text size, and contrast.

**DVDs**

- Many DVDs include closed captioning and subtitles

**Interlibrary Loans**

- Materials shared among libraries in BC and across Canada.

### Services

**DAISY Disc Collection**

- DAISY discs are advanced MP3 discs with special navigation features. A DAISY compatible player or app is required.

**DAISY Players**

- 2 DAISY players available for loan (Plextalk Linio and Victor Reader)
- They play DAISY and MP3 books, music on CDs, SD cards, and USB flash drives.

**Brailled Audiobook Collection**

- Titles and authors are brailled on covers to enable independent browsing by braille users.

**Large Print Computer Keyboards**

- Borrow from Sechelt Library for in library use.

**Free Accessible Reading Apps**

- Such as EasyReader App for iPad, iPhone, and Android users and Amis for Windows.

**Library Website**

- sechelt.bc.libraries.coop
- Services listed under Services and Programs

### Partner organizations

**Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA)**

- 700,000 titles in e-text, audio and braille format
- Access to physical and Direct to Player formats
- Access to Bookshare, a US based accessible online library
- How to register: [celalibrary.ca](http://celalibrary.ca) or contact the Sechelt Library at (604) 885-3260.

**National Network for Equitable Library Services (NNELS)**

- A Canadian service with online content available to download directly to your computer or device
- How to register: contact the Sechelt Library at (604) 885-3260.

For more information on any of these services, call Sechelt Library at (604) 885-3260.

## 17. Transit Tickets



*Advertising at a local bus stop*

Since we commenced selling transit tickets for our community members in December 2020, our numbers for 2021 are as follows:

2021	ADULT PASS (\$60)		SENIOR/STUDENT PASS (\$30)		10-TICKET SHEETS (\$18)		TOTAL SALES	COMMISSION at 4%
	QTY	AMOUNT	QTY	AMOUNT	QTY	AMOUNT		
JANUARY	1	\$60.00	3	\$90.00	15	\$270.00	\$420.00	\$16.80
FEBRUARY	1	\$60.00	6	\$180.00	22	\$396.00	\$636.00	\$25.44
MARCH	3	\$180.00	3	\$90.00	36	\$648.00	\$918.00	\$36.72
APRIL	5	\$300.00	5	\$150.00	21	\$378.00	\$828.00	\$33.12
MAY	2	\$120.00	8	\$240.00	26	\$468.00	\$828.00	\$33.12
JUNE	4	\$240.00	7	\$210.00	43	\$774.00	\$1,224.00	\$48.96
JULY		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AUGUST		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SEPTEMBER		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OCTOBER		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOVEMBER		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DECEMBER		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	16	\$960.00	32	\$960.00	163	\$2,934.00	\$4,854.00	\$194.16



## 18. Book Display Highlights this month

Book display focuses this month were on National Indigenous Peoples Day, Pride Month and Gardening:



## 19. Archives Update

Ann Watson, the Archivist for the Sechelt Community Archives is actually on out Library payroll! The SCRCD pays us in advance for her salary and we do the administration. Ann used to work from the Sechelt Library but now has space above the Royal Bank (the District of Sechelt also supports). I ran into Ann the other day and asked is she could give us a quick update on what she has been up to as I believe all of us would find this interesting. Here is what Ann wrote:

Hello Leianne here is an account of work done in the archives over the last 18 months!

### **SECHELT COMMUNITY ARCHIVES**

#### **REPORT FOR 2020 to JUNE, 2021 FOR THE SECHELT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

The archives moved in February 2020 from the Sechelt Library to new quarters above the Royal Bank in the Trail Bay Mall. We were very sorry to leave the Library but do enjoy our new spacious suite of three rooms!

The past 18 months have been very different for myself and volunteers in the archives. After our move we were shut down for three months -from mid-March until mid-June. I resumed working but have had no volunteers in the archives to date.

#### **ARCHIVAL WORK:**

Donors continued to place their records in the archives: eight accessions and numerous accruals have been made despite the lock-down. We received textual records and photographs from the Sunshine Coast Dance Society, national ballerina the late Lois Smith, MacMillan Bloedel maps and photographs from a former employee, records of a northern B.C. former NHL hockey player (not a famous one) from a Gibson's resident, a novel about life in Madeira Park, a local family's interesting history, and photos of the first electric power plant in Selma Park, to list a few! Updating our computer inventory and new locations for our boxes and filing cabinets information is ongoing, as is preparing the Helen Dawe files for digitizing.

#### **RESEARCH:**

We received 44 requests for information and 45 hours was spent finding the answers. Many hours were spent looking for information for our February 2020 Heritage Week and for the October Sechelt Arts Festival displays by myself and my volunteers. Six students requested the Len van Egmond files for the 2021 annual scholarship.

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

Until the lock-down archives volunteers Bruce Redmond, Gordon Cassidy and Janet Ansell worked for 44 hours on various projects. I am sorry to say Bruce died last November; he was a very valuable resource for the archives; having been born and brought up in Sechelt. No volunteers are back yet in the archives although Janet continues to work at home preparing the digitization programme for the Helen Dawe Collection.

#### OTHER WORK:

I submitted a brief report to the Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives AGM last month. The Coast Reporter has published three articles 'From the Archives' over the past year. For Heritage Week 2020 I put up a display about the Lady Rose, the last Union Steamship still afloat and acquired recently by Mr. Clayton. The October Sechelt Arts Festival also had a display about the Lady Rose prepared by the archives.

My sincere thanks to you and all the library staff for your continued support, help and interest in the archives.

Submitted by Ann Watson, Archivist for the Sechelt Community Archives.

## 20. Newsletter – kids and Youth

We have created an exciting monthly newsletter that now goes out to children and youth (or parents) that have signed up to receive. JULY is our third newsletter and it is as follows over the next few pages:





## July 2021

Hello! Below is the Sechelt Library's July 2021 Children's Program Guide.

School is almost out for the summer, which means... SUMMER READING CLUB TIME!  
Summer Reading Club encourages children to keep reading and learning while on  
Summer Break! Find more information below.

If you have any questions, call (604) 885-3260, or email [sam.iversen@secheltlibrary.ca](mailto:sam.iversen@secheltlibrary.ca).  
We can't wait to see you soon!

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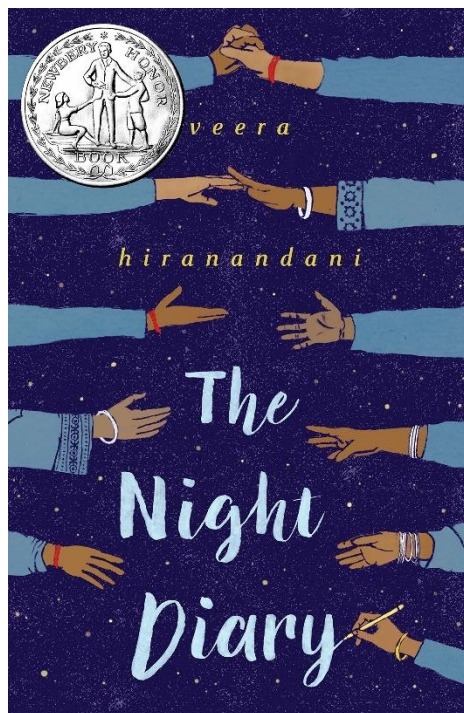
# Dungeons & Dragons

Every Tuesday starting July 6th, 5:30-8:30

Adventure begins at the library! Come and delve into the fantastic stories of Dungeons and Dragons and take part in creative story gaming. New players welcome. Age 12+.

[More Information](#)



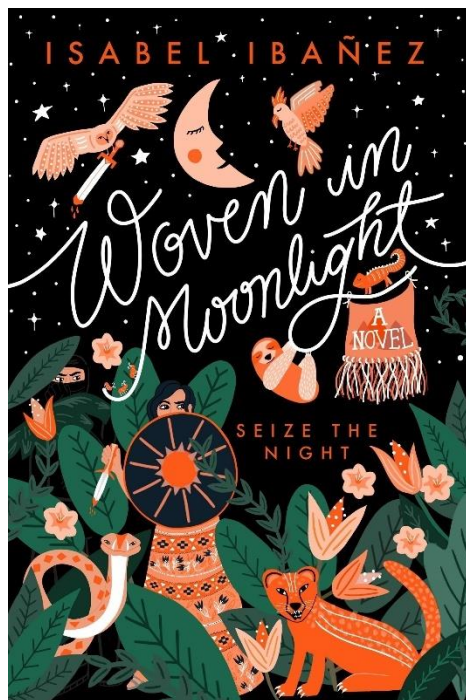


## Youth Book Club

Wednesday, July 14th, 3:30-4:30

Join us in the Teen Area of the library on the second Wednesday of every month to discuss books. Call the library or email [info@secheltlibrary.ca](mailto:info@secheltlibrary.ca) to register and borrow a copy of "The Night Diary" by Veera Hiranandani, which we will be discussing on July 14th. Snacks provided! Ages 9-13.

[More Information](#)



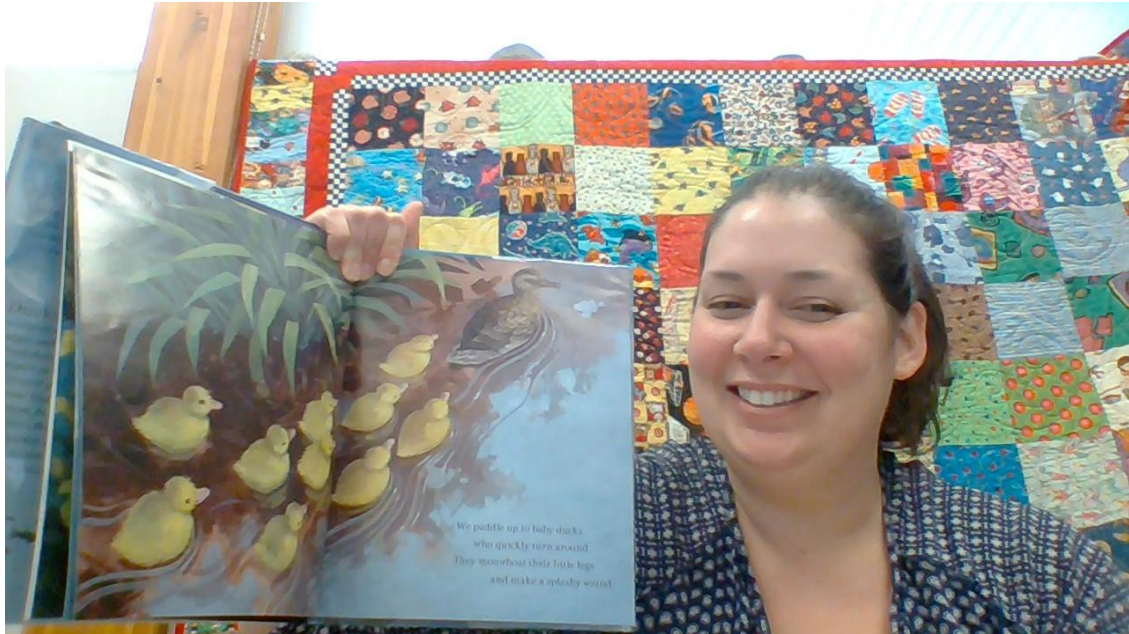
## Teen Book Club

Tuesday, July 6th, 3:30-4:30pm

Join us in the Teen Area of the library on the first Tuesday of every month to discuss books. Call the library or email [info@secheltlibrary.ca](mailto:info@secheltlibrary.ca) to register and borrow a copy of "Woven in Moonlight" by Isabel Ibañez, which we will be discussing on July 6th. Snacks provided! Ages 13-19.

[More Information](#)





# Saturday Family StoryTime

Every Saturday, 10:30-11:00

Join Sam for stories, songs and play outside the library. For families with children 5 and under.

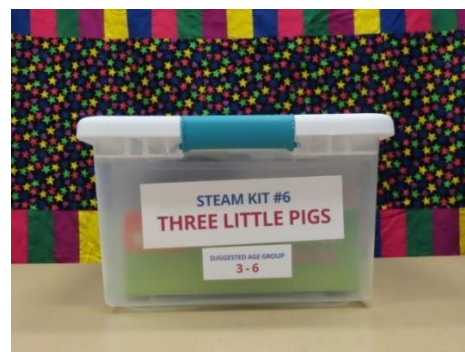
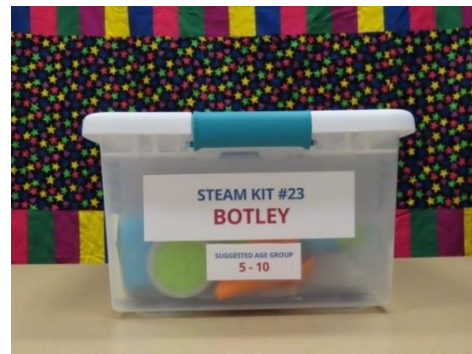
\*Check website for exact dates

[Recorded Storytime Videos](#)

# STEAM

## STEAM KITS

STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) is becoming very important for children to grasp, learn, and love from an early age. **Why not prepare your child for their elementary education with our new STEAM kits?** We have 26 STEAM kits, covering each different category for children aged 0-12. Contact [talia.walkey@secheltlibrary.ca](mailto:talia.walkey@secheltlibrary.ca) for more information.



[View more STEAM Kits](#)



# Summer Reading Club

Pick up your reading log June 14th!

1. Pick up your Reading Log at the Sechelt Library starting June 14th.
2. Add a checkmark for every day you read.
3. Bring your Reading Log to the library each week to get a sticker.
4. Bring your completed Reading Log to Sechelt Library anytime after August 15th and get a medal for your reading achievement!

We have reading logs for school age children 5-12 and "Read to Me" logs for children under 5. Visit [bcsrc.ca](http://bcsrc.ca) to find the Summer Reading Club app.



## FAQs:

1. Do I have to start reading June 14th and finish by August 15th?
  - No, you do not have to finish or start your Reading Logs on any particular date. As long as you read you can come and get your medal and weekly prizes. You can also claim multiple prizes if you can't make it down to the library every week. If you miss a day, just count 7 days of reading over a longer time period to get your stickers.
2. What if I'm traveling during the summer?
  - You can go to any BC library and bring your reading log to get your stickers or you can wait until you're back home to get multiple stickers at once. Just keep reading while you're traveling!
3. How much reading should I do to count it as a day of reading?
  - You can set your own goal! Some people like to read twenty minutes a day, while others like to read a chapter or a whole picture book.
4. Do I have to have a library card to get a Reading Log?
  - No, you do not have to have a library card to get a Reading Log, but if you have one you have access to all kinds of books to make your reading more fun!
5. What kind of books count for Summer reading?
  - Anything you like! Non-fiction, graphic novels, picture books, chapter books, audiobooks, ebooks - the sky is the limit!

Most programs require individual registration. Make sure to register ASAP as these programs fill up fast!

[More Information](#)



## SUMMER READING CLUB

### TAKE & MAKE KITS

Free weekly activity kits to do at home all summer! Sign up to pick up a different kit each week from June 28th - August 7th.

Call or email the library to register.  
604-885-3260  
info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca

Ages 5-8  
or  
9-12



## SUMMER READING CLUB

### DRAWING WORKSHOP

Wednesday July 7th 1:00-2:00pm

Join the Summer Reading Club's 2021 illustrator Zoe Si on Zoom for a drawing workshop! Zoe will teach you to draw your own detective character.

Call or email the library to register.

604-885-3260  
info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca

Age  
7-14



## SUMMER READING CLUB

### STORYWALK®

Monday July 12th - Sunday July 18th

Read a book while enjoying nature with a family StoryWalk® at the Sechelt Marsh. Visit the Marsh anytime during the week.

Book provided by the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition.

Sechelt Marsh  
5741 Wharf Ave

All  
Ages



## SUMMER READING CLUB

### POUND FITNESS CLASS

Wednesday June 30th 11:00am-12:00pm

Thursday August 19th 11:00am-12:00pm

Join MJ Leitner for an outdoor drumming-inspired workout! Dress for the weather!

Age  
7-12

Call or email the library to register.  
604-885-3260  
info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca





## SUMMER READING CLUB

### CRACK THE CASE GEOTOUR

July 5th - August 4th

Download the Geotourist app to do our Geotour. Walk around town and solve all the clues. Once you've discovered the passphrase, return to the library and enter a prize draw!

Prize Draw Deadline: Friday, August 4th 5pm

Visit [Geotourist.com](http://Geotourist.com) and search for Sechelt Library.

No data? Stop by the library for a hard copy of the clues.



All  
Ages



## SUMMER READING CLUB

### ROCK PAINTING

Saturday July 10th  
10:00 - 2:00pm

Paint a rock outside the library, then place it somewhere outside for others to find! Share your rock on Social Media and tag it #SecheltLibraryRocks.

No registration necessary.

604-885-3260  
[info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca](mailto:info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca)



All  
Ages



## SUMMER READING CLUB

### CARD MAKING CLASS

Monday July 12th 1:00-2:00pm  
Friday August 13th 1:00-2:00pm  
in the Community Room

Local card making buff, Ruth Moore, will be leading this workshop on card making and design. Supplies provided.

Call or email the library to register.

604-885-3260  
[info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca](mailto:info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca)



Age  
4-8



## SUMMER READING CLUB

### STORYWALK®

Monday August 9th - Sunday August 15th

Read a book while enjoying nature with a family StoryWalk® at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden. Visit anytime during the week.

Book provided by the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition.

Sunshine Coast  
Botanical Garden  
5941 Mason Rd  
Sechelt



All  
Ages



## SUMMER READING CLUB

### VIRTUAL BOARD GAMES

**Wednesdays 3:00-4:30pm  
starting July 7th**

Let's play some games! Every Wednesday we will play some board games online. Participants will need parental permission to sign up for a free account at [boardgamearena.com](http://boardgamearena.com)

Call or email the library  
to register.

604-885-3260  
[info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca](mailto:info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca)

Age  
9-14



## SUMMER READING CLUB

### AMONG US

**Wednesday June 30th  
3:00-4:30pm**

Can you find the imposter? Join a virtual game of **Among Us**. You'll need to download the game on your computer, tablet, or phone. The app is free on mobile. We will use Zoom for voice chat. Need a device? Visit the library and use an in-house iPad.

Call or email the library  
to register.

604-885-3260  
[info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca](mailto:info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca)

Age  
9-14



## SUMMER READING CLUB

### TREASURE HUNT

**Saturday July 24th  
10:00am - 2:00pm**

Enjoy a self-led outdoor Treasure Hunt! Get ready to solve clues and find the hidden treasure! Get the first clue from the library, then go on the hunt!

Call or email the library to register.

604-885-3260  
[info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca](mailto:info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca)

All  
Ages



## SUMMER READING CLUB

### THURSDAY FAMILY STORYTIME

**Thursdays 3:30-4:00pm  
July 8th - August 19th**

Join us every Thursday for a drop-in Family Storytime matching the Summer Reading Club theme: Crack the Case! Enjoy books, songs, and play.

This will be an outdoor activity where careful social contact will be maintained.

Recommended for families  
with children under 5.

604-885-3260  
[info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca](mailto:info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca)

Under  
5

\*No Storytime on August 5th

