

Director's Report Sechelt Public Library

June 27, 2021 – August 28, 2021 By Leianne Emery

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1. Something You May Not Know...



Sechelt Public Library offers a large variety of informative resources can be found on our website under "Online Resources". Everything listed is free to everyone although some require a library card to login. We have recently categorized all of our online databases into 6 categories:

- 1. Accessibility
- 2. Entertainment
- 3. Learning
- 4. Listening
- 5. Reading
- 6. Reference / Research

As it appears on the website:

Complete List of Databases (A-Z)

Below is a list of the websites the library pays for containing resources often not found free on the Internet. You'll need your library card to log in and while you can use most of them from home, there are a few that can only be accessed in the library.



Accessibility Entertainment Learning Listening Reading Reference/Research

Accessibility

<u>CELA</u> – Centre for Equitable Library Access (Restricted to patrons with print disability) – Canada's largest collection of books, newspapers and magazines in alternate formats including audio, e-text, braille, and printbraille. Download books or receive home delivery by mail. Registration required.

<u>NNELS</u> – National Network for Equitable Library Service (Restricted to patrons with print disability) – digital access to a collection of over 38,000 e-audio, e-text and e-braille titles. Please contact Sechelt Library for details and registration. <u>Tutorials and instructions</u>

Entertainment

<u>Medici.TV</u> is the largest catalogue of classical music, opera, and dance videos. It includes: 3,500 musical works filmed from the 1940's through to the present day; 2,000 films including concerts, documentaries and master classes; Over 200 new programs added each year; Over 100 live events streamed every year from the world's most prestigious venues. **NEW!!**

Learning

<u>Canadian Encyclopedia</u> – A comprehensive information source about Canada and Canadians, for students, the general public and scholars. Includes articles written by experts, as well as web links and multimedia clips. No library card is required to access these resources on the Internet.

<u>Explora Primary Schools</u> – A research interface for K-5. Simple search that quickly delivers relevant results including articles, essays, and primary source documents to help students feel successful in their research. Easy-to-browse categories organized by popular topic to give students research ideas. Topic overviews that provide students with a starting point for research.

<u>Gale Courses</u> — Gale Courses offer patrons access to hundreds of instructor-led online courses covering everything from health and wellness to creative writing, computer programming, GED test preparation and much more. See "Getting Started" tutorial.

<u>LinkedIn Learning</u> – Choose from thousands of online courses to learn in-demand skills from real-world industry experts. Free! You only need your library card!

<u>Mango</u> is an online language learning system teaching practical conversation skills for a wide variety of popular languages. With everyday dialog from native speakers, engaging interactive lessons, and a unique intuitive teaching style, Mango increases your ability to use, adapt and build on what you learn.

Listening

<u>Library To Go</u> – Download and read or listen to best selling and classic books 24/7 on your computer, phone, tablet, or music player almost anywhere in the world. It's free, all you need is your library card.

<u>TumbleBooks</u> – an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you.

Reading

<u>Library To Go</u> – Download and read or listen to best selling and classic books 24/7 on your computer, phone, tablet, or music player almost anywhere in the world. It's free, all you need is your library card.

NoveList

Looking for a good novel? Want to find book reviews? Desperate to find other authors that are similar to your favourite? Check out NoveList, a database of fiction books and authors, recommended reading lists, book discussion ideas and book reviews for all ages.

Open Library – Open Library offers over 1,000,000 free ebook titles to read.

<u>PressReader</u> – PressReader offers simultaneous user access to more than 7,000+ newspapers and magazines from more than 120+ countries in 60 languages, including extensive back catalogues of publications from Alberta, Canada, North America, and the rest of the world.

<u>TumbleBooks</u> – an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you.

Reference/Research

Ancestry Library Edition (In-library use only) Ancestry provides genealogical and historical research capabilities. With more than 5 billion names in over 4,600 databases, includes census, military, court, land, and probate records; vital and church records; directories; and passenger lists. For more information see Teresa's guide to Using Ancestry Library Edition. ***During the Covid-19 pandemic, ProQuest and its partner Ancestry have temporarily expanded this service to library cardholders working remotely. Please call the library (604-885-3260) for instructions on how to access this resource. Once you have your access credentials, please click here.***

BC Laws – Free public access to the Statutes & Regulations of B.C.

<u>British Columbia Codes</u> – Includes the current BC Building Code (including Plumbing Services) and the BC Fire Code.

<u>British Columbia Statistics</u> – Statistics on population, business, the economy, labour and society. From BCStats, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia.

Access 2006 Census full (31 page) profiles or any item with a "key" icon beside it is available here. (Note: Remote access is permitted if your library can provide authentication.)

<u>Business Plan Handbooks</u> – A compilation of business plans developed by small businesses throughout North America. Access is made possible by the <u>Small Business Accelerator</u> at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC with financial support from the Sutherland Foundation.

<u>Clicklaw</u> – An Internet subject guide to authoritative legal resources in BC and Canada. Developed by the Legal Services Society of BC and now maintained by the BC Courthouse Library Society. No library card is required to access this resource on the Internet.

<u>Consumer Reports</u> – Complete Ratings and recommendations on appliances, cars & trucks, electronic gear, and much more. Reviews and comparisons of consumer products and services are based on reporting and results from Consumer Reports' in-house testing laboratory and survey research center.

The magazine accepts no advertising, pays for all the products it tests, and, as a not-for-profit organization, has no shareholders.

<u>EBSCOhost periodicals</u> – Search select indexed content from the following subject areas: Computer Science/Engineering, Earth/Environment, Education, History, Literature, Psychology/Sociology for citations. <u>Video Tutorial</u> [2:25 minutes]

<u>Gale Virtual Reference Library</u> – The Gale Virtual Reference Library Easy to Use Travel Guide e-books (requires Adobe Flash) allow you to read up about countries you want to visit without leaving your chair.

<u>GrantStation</u> (In-library use only) <u>GrantStation.com Inc.</u> offers nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies the opportunity to identify potential funding sources for their programs or projects as well as resources to mentor these organizations through the grantseeking process.

<u>KnowBC Online</u> Now available from home! – Includes the following resources:

- Encyclopedia of British Columbia With more than 4,000 entries and 1,500 accompanying photographs, maps, charts and tables, as well as sound and video clips.
- Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest A Photographic Encyclopedia of Invertebrates, Seaweeds and Selected Fishes.
- The Encyclopedia of Raincoast Place Names A Complete Reference to Coastal British Columbia
- Far West The Story of British Columbia
- Raincoast Chronicles 20 Lilies and Fireweed: Frontier Women of British Columbia.
- Where Mountains Meet the Sea A History of Coastal BC

<u>Points to the Past</u> – Searchable primary source material: maps, photos, newspapers, manuscripts, pamphlets, portraits, sermons, poems, and more. For research, teaching and learning.

<u>Small Business Accelerator</u> – The Small Business Accelerator offers free online access to reliable business information and tools for secondary market research for BC businesses and entrepreneurs. This initiative is led by <u>UBC Library's Irving K. Barber Learning Centre</u> (Library card not required)

<u>SecheltTests.ca</u> – Offers free driver training quizzes for people who are going to write their drivers licence test. What's included?

- 8 car practice tests
- 11 commercial driving licence practice tests
- 3 online driver's manuals (car, motorcycle, commercial driving licence)
- An FAQ section with detailed answers to over 70 questions

<u>Vehicle Safety and Inspection Standards Online</u> (In-library use only) Current vehicle safety and inspection standards and related BC legislation.

2. Public Health Orders and Provincial Restrictions

Prior to August 25, 2021:

We are now in the third phase of the BC Restart Plan which commenced July 1stth. Moving to BC Restart Plan Phase 3 signaled the end to the longest provincial state of emergency in B.C.'s history. During Step 3, the province requested businesses to gradually transition to new communicable disease plan – although I believe this request was really premature. Although it is not a Provincial / Worksafe BC or CDC requirement to have written, I do have 99% written in a professional format. The Communicable Disease Plan really is a mix of common-sense checklist items and, in case of worst-case scenario, a plan to go back to a drastic safety measures such as the Official Reopening and Safety Plan we currently have.

LIBRARY PLAN – PHASE 4 (BC Re-Opening 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 (recent changes to the official guidelines now do not require this)

Cleaning Procedures

Full cleaning procedures still in place (recent changes to the official guidelines have allowed us to ease up in some areas – but it is still a lengthy morning and evening cleaning regime done each day)

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.

As at August 25, 2021:

We are technically still in phase 3 of reopening with the addition/change of the mask requirement. As at August 25th "Mask Requirement" was again in place under a public health order. Note - libraries were specifically included.

PHO order on masks in public indoor settings

Masks are required in all public indoor settings for all people born in 2009 or earlier (12+).

This includes:

Malls, shopping centres

Grocery and liquor stores

Airports

Coffee shops

On public transportation, in a taxi or ride-sharing vehicle

Libraries

Clothing and retail stores

Areas of office buildings where services to the public are provided

Common areas of sport and fitness centres when not engaged in physical activity

Common areas of post-secondary institutions and non-profit organizations

Inside schools for all K to 12 staff, visitors and students in grades 4 to 12

Drug stores

Community centres

Recreation centres

City Halls

Restaurants, pubs and bars when not seated at a table

There are exemptions for:

People with health conditions or with physical, cognitive or mental impairments who cannot wear one

People who cannot remove a mask on their own

Children under the age of 12

People who need to remove their masks to communicate due to another person's hearing impairment

A face shield is not a substitute for a mask as it has an opening below the mouth.

Note: The order will be reassessed when <u>proof of vaccination and B.C.'s vaccine card</u> are fully implemented.

As at September 13, 2021:

<u>Although not yet official</u>, the province and the public health officer are wanting to implement new regulations as follows:

"Proof of vaccination will be required to access some events, services and businesses.

Starting September 13, you must have at least one dose. By October 24, you must be fully vaccinated:

Proof of vaccination requirement

By order of the PHO, proof of vaccination will be required to access some events, services and businesses. Starting September 13, you must have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. By October 24, you must be fully vaccinated.

The requirement applies to all people born in 2009 or earlier (12+) and covers:

Indoor ticketed concerts, theatre, dance, symphony and sporting events

Indoor and outdoor dining at restaurants, pubs and bars

Nightclubs and casinos

Movie theatres

Gyms, pools and recreation facilities

Does not include youth recreational sport

Indoor high intensity group exercise

Indoor organized gatherings like weddings, parties, conferences, meetings and workshops

Indoor organized group recreational classes and activities like pottery and art

Does not include K to 12 school and before and after school programs

Post-secondary on-campus student housing. **Note: Students must be partially vaccinated by September 7**

Events, businesses and services will ask to see your proof of vaccination and valid government ID.

The requirement is in place until January 31, 2022, subject to extension.

Vaccination key dates

September 13: Partially vaccinated

By September 13, you must be partially vaccinated.

You're partially vaccinated with 1 dose.

October 24: Fully vaccinated

By October 24, you must be fully vaccinated.

You're fully vaccinated 7 days after dose 2.

Coming soon: B.C.'s vaccine card

You'll be able to show your proof of vaccination easily using the B.C. vaccine card website.

The secure website will be available for September 13 and will provide confidential access to your proof of vaccination.

You'll be able to save your vaccine card to your smartphone and show it when accessing events, services and businesses. A secure paper option will also be available for September 13.

To access your B.C. vaccine card, you'll need to provide:

Name

Date of birth

Personal Health Number (PHN)

3. 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	0%	0%

Funding received to date:

	Q1 pmt	Q2 pmt	Q3 pmt	Q4 pmt
DOS	Received	Received	Received	
SCRD	Received	Received	Received	
SIGD	Received	Received	N/A	N/A

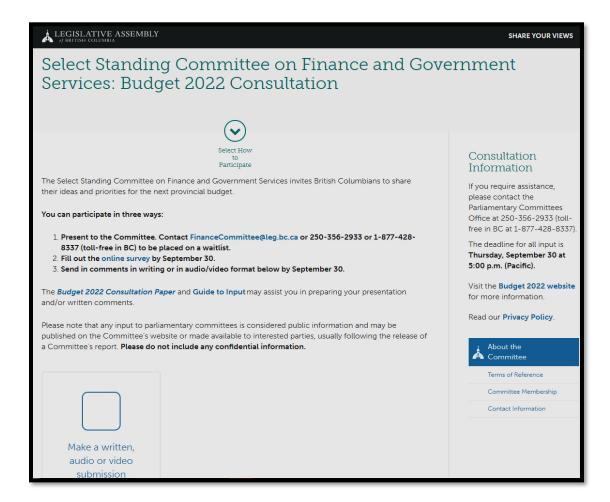
4. Advocacy for Increases to BC Public Library Funding

We, individually, and through other advocacy paths, are advocating to the BC Government for increased and sustained provincial funding towards the operating costs of BC public libraries.

- 1. Through the BC Public Library Partners Group **direct meeting** with Josie Osborne (mid-July)
- 2. Through scheduled **direct meetings** with District of Sechelt and Josie Osborne (I wrote letter of support in your June Directors Report)
- 3. Through the BC Public Library Partners Group **presentation** at the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, a parliamentary committee of the Legislative Assembly
- 4. BC Public Library Partners Group will also have a **virtual booth** at UBCM.
- 5. Through individual feedback in the **online survey** for the Select Committee on Finance and Government (I did this last year as well). (see below)
- 6. Through individual audio/video submissions to the Select Standing Committee

Website:

https://consultations.leg.bc.ca/Submission/Create?cons=Budget2022



5. Social Media Marketing and Promotion

Great content in promoting and marketing our library and its many services, programs and databases can be found in all of our social media platforms. Social media may not be "your thing" but we would encourage each of our Board members to follow us on any one of the social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram or Twitter). If you have a smart phone it is not difficult – just ask us! Our current Social Media "following" (this is social media lingo) is as follows:

1000 Facebook

569 Twitter

820 Instagram

What follows are screen shots I took on Instagram of <u>JUST the photos</u> – there is also <u>written content</u> to go along with every one of those photos.







6. Program Guides – July and August 2021

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



Ioin 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



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SECHELT LIBRARY

July 2021

Program Guide



IN PERSON

Stitchin'



Mondays, 11:00-12:30

Bring your knitting/crochet/stitching project and enjoy a friendly stitching session with other crafters.

Pound/Zumba 7 Thursdays, 3:00-4:00



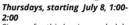
Fun fitness classes with fabulous instructor MJ Leitner! Visit the Sechelt Library website for more information.

Ukulele Jam 1/2) Fridays, 12:00-1:00



Outdoor fun ukulele for all levels (weather & COVID protocols permitting). Other instruments

Ukulele Lessons 💖



Sign up for this beginner ukulele lesson series with Susan Telfer using the James Hill method.

Genealogy 🔼 Mondays, Fridays

Curious about your history? Want to discover your family tree? Appointment required.

IN PERSON

Tech Help



Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays Have a technology question? Want to learn how to use your device? Appointment required.

Repair Cafe



Saturday, July 10, 10:30-2:30

Free, while you wait, repair to domestic devices by some neat volunteers from Gibsons Repair Cafe. Visit the library on June 10th

Dungeons & Dragons Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30



Adventure begins at the library! Delve into the fantastic stories of D&D and take part in creative story games. Join the party for exciting adventures in imagination. New players welcome.

Seed Catalogue 🤚



Monday-Saturday during library opening hours

- 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
- Harvest the seeds
- 6. Return the seeds to the library

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Chair Yoga o



Tuesday, July 6 & 20, 11:00-12:00 Join Julie Morgan for this gentle form of yoga that can improve your flexibility, concentration and strength.

Book Club



Tuesday, July 13, 1:00-2:00 New General Fiction Book Club meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. This month's book is John le Carré's Agent Running in the Field.

Card Making 🖸 Thursday, July 15 & 29 11:00-

Join Ruth Moore for a fun cardmaking class! All supplies provided to make awesome cards & bookmarks.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Faire

Friday, July 2, 16 Saturday, July 3, 17 Sunday, July 4, 18 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.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Saturday StoryTime Saturday, August 21, 10:30-11am Join Sam for stories, songs and play

outside the library. Age 5 and under.

Youth Book Club

Wednesday, August 11th, 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.

Teen Book Club 🔲

Tuesday, August 10th, 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.

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Have a say in what Teen programs we offer, review books and earn volunteer hours. Fmail sam.iversen@secheltlibrary.ca to join. Ages 13-19.



Registration

All programs are FREE! Call (604) 885-3260 to register.

Library Hours

Monday: 10-5 Tuesday: 10-5 Wednesday: 10-6 Thursday: 10-5 Friday: Saturday: 10-5 10-3

Contact

(604) 885-3260

info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca

Social Media

For more exciting information and photos, follow us on social media.

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CONTEST INSIDE!

August





IN PERSON

Stitchin' 🚿



Mondays, 11:00-12:30

Bring your knitting/crochet/ stitching project and enjoy a friendly stitchin' session with other crafters.

Zumba with a Little 🐈 Bit of POUND

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00

Fun fitness classes with fabulous instructor MJ Leitner! Outside the library (weather permitting)

Ukulele Jam 🏻 🦯



Fridays, 12:00-1:00 Outdoor fun ukulele for all levels (weather permitting). Other instruments welcome!

Ukulele Lessons

Thursdays, 1:00-2:00

Beginner ukulele lesson series with Susan Telfer using the James Hill method continues through August.

Card Making 🙋

Thursday, August 12 & 26, 11:00-12:00

Join Ruth Moore for a fun cardmaking class! All supplies provided to make awesome cards & bookmarks.

IN PERSON

Book Club



Tuesday, August 17, 1:00-2:00 New General Fiction Book Club

meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. This month's book is Rachel Kadish's The Weight of Ink.

Repair Café



Saturday, August 7, 10:30-2:30

Free, while you wait, repair to domestic appliances and devices by some neat volunteers from Gibsons Repair Café. Visit the library on August 7 for this service.

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IN PERSON & ONLINE

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Faire

Friday, July 30, August 13 & 27 Saturday, July 31, August 14 & 28 Sunday, August 1, 15 & 29

Friends of the Library Book Faires are back! Donations are limited to 1 box of great books on Friday's and Saturday's only during book faire hours.





Friends of the Library Book Faire – all have been very well attended! Thankyou to all the hard-working Friends of the Library volunteers who help in this enormous undertaking to support the library for items outisde of the operating budget.





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Above 3 photos: Ukulele Jams - so well attended and so well loved!



On Thursday August 20th, the UKE Jam played for the residents at Shorncliff. The Uke jammers must be good because Shorncliff requested it!







Above 3 photos: Saturday Storytime with Sam. A great job done by Sam each week. Note the two black felt boards with unique cutouts for the Storytime performance - they are actually felt pieces cut from the Cricut Machine purchased by Friends of the Library!

A comment said to me by an attendee of the "Stitchin Class" Gillian puts on each Monday:

"Oh I just LOVE these get togethers!"



Contest we created in the August brochure - for prizes of course - but ultimate goal of receiving feedback and new ideas for programmers. One submission had over 300 words created in the contest and many had great feedback on programs. Many wonderful comments came back about the current programming, library and staff.

7. Program Guide - September 2021

The September 2021 program is as follows – although of course, changes due to pending Public Health Orders may alter or determine the necessary cancellation of certain events...

ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT

Genealogy Tutoring Curious about your history? Want to discover your family tree? Appointment required.

Technology Help 🌯

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Sept 17-19

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REGISTRATION

All programs are FREE! Call (604) 885-3260 or drop by the library to register. Subject to change.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

CONTACT

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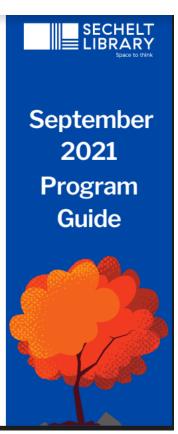
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ADULT PROGRAMS

Astronomy Group Meeting

Friday, Sept 10, 7:00-9:00 This month's presentation Charles Ennis - Autumn Targets for Explore the Universe.

Chronic Pain Education & **Support Group**

Tuesday, Sept 21, 1:00-3:00 Regular support group for people experiencing unrelieved pain.

Zumba with a Little POUND

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 Fun, free fitness classes with fabulous instructor MJ Leitner! Outside the library (weather permitting)

Book Club

Tuesday, Sept 14, 1:00-2:00
General Fiction Book Club meets monthly. This month's book is The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah.

Chair Yoga

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 (no class on Sept 6) Join Julie Morgan for this gentle form of yoga that can improve your flexibility, concentration and strength via Zoom and in person.

Stitchin'

Mondays, 11:30-1:00 (no class on Sept 6) Bring your knitting/crochet/ stitching project and enjoy a friendly stitchin' session with other crafters.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Card Making

Thursday, Sept 9 & 23, 11:00-12:00 Join Ruth Moore for a free card-making class! All supplies provided to make awesome cards & bookmarks.

Ukulele Jam



Fridays, 12:00-1:30 Outdoor fun ukulele for all levels. Other instruments welcome! Weather permitting.

Seed Catalogue 👹

Monday-Saturday during open hours Once you have harvested your seeds, return them at the library.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

StoryTime 🔌



Saturday, Sept 11, 18, 25, 10:30-11:00 Join Sam for stories, songs and play. In the Children's Area, or outside, weather dependent. Age 5 and under.

Youth Book Club



Wednesday, Sept 8, 3:30-4:30 Read Beyond: A Ghost Story by Graham McNamee and discuss it with us! Snacks provided! Ages 9-13.

Teen Book Club



Wednesday, Sept 1, 3:30-4:30 Read On the Come Up by Angie Thomas, and discuss it with us. Snacks provided! Ages 13-19.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kids Card Making



Saturday, Sept 25, 1:00-2:00
Local card making buff, Ruth Moore, will be leading this workshop on card making and design. Supplies provided.

Storywalk® 🎋



Wednesday, Sept 29 - Tuesday, October 5 Read a book while enjoying nature with a family StoryWalk®. Visit anytime during the week. Families can read the book together as they enjoy a walk through the Sechelt Marsh!

Youth Drop In NEW!

Tuesday, Sept 14, 21, & 28, 3:00-5:00 Hang out, work on homework, use a computer or iPad, or do an activity. Ages 9-18.

- Sept 14th Arts and Crafts Sept 21st – Board Games Sept 28th – Movie
- Oct 5th Video Games and Tech

Teen Anime Club NEW!

Fridays, Sept 10 & 24, 3:00-5:00 Join us to watch anime and discuss manga. Snacks provided. Youth aged 9-18 are welcome to join. The content we will be watching is rated Pg13 or TV14.

Teen Advisory Group & Teen Book Reviews



Have a say in what Teen programs we offer, review books and earn volunteer hours. Ages 13-19. To join, email sam.iversen@secheltlibrary.ca.

8. Summer Reading Club

Summer Reading Club is now over and was, despite COVID restrictions, a great success! Sam had put together some incredible activities for children and youth including a drawing workshop with professional illustrator Zoe Si, rock painting, Pound Fitness with our own MJ Leitner, a geotour (more on that later) and weekly Take and Make Kits (new due to COVID)! Regular youth programs are also still on track with book clubs, dungeons and dragons, storytime and more.



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

*Check website for exact dates

Youth Book Club

2nd Wednesday of the month 3:30-4:30 July 14th & August 11th n 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

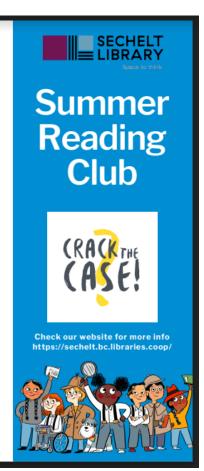
Tuesdays starting July 6th 5:30-8:30 Ages 12+ (teens and adults)

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.



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
- 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

Reading Logs



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

- 1. Add a check mark every day
- 2. Bring your Reading Log to the library each week to get a
- 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 bcsrc.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

Card-Making Class

Monday, July 12th 1:00-2:00pm Friday, August 13th 1:00-2:00pm

in the Community Room

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

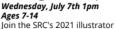
Pound Fitness

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



Zoe Si on Zoom for a drawing workshop. Registration required.

Among Us Wednesday, June 30th 3pm Ages 9-14

Can you find the imposter? 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

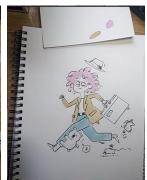
Crack the Case Geotour July 5th - August 4th All Ages Download the Geotourist app to do

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!



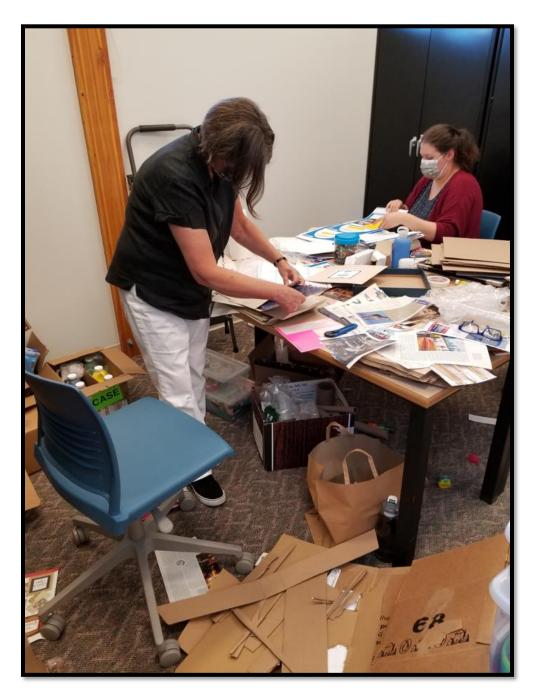








Sam arranged a professional Illustrator, Zoe Si, to give a drawing workshop for SPL Summer Reading Club kids. We decided early on that we would like to share this opportunity (and cost) to children from Gibsons as well.



Total controlled chaos abounds in the Library's Room of Requirement each week getting ready for Summer Reading Club Activities. Cathy, one of our three awesome casual staff, assisted Sam each week in the preparation of the incredibly popular "Take n Make Kits".



This was a GREAT idea for a Take N Make Kits – a buried dinosaur dig until...





...this happened! The packaging of informative materials, wooden dig tools, a bowl full of buried dinosaurs and nice tight-fitting lids went MOULDY AND GREW GROSS MOULD FUR!!! THANK GOODNESS we caught this before we handed all 55 of them out to the kids! Yes – our team scrambled and all pitched in to save the week...



Summer Reading Club materials all over! Think of the space requirements for Children's Programing alone - none of which was an issue when this library was build 25 years ago...



Talia helping Sam put up a StoryWalk at the Botanical Garden in Sechelt.



Pender Harbour Reading Centre Vice Chair, Sylvia Showler, in the library with Sam. We sent up Summer Reading Club materials (reading logs, weekly prizes, medals and certificates) to the Pender Harbour Reading Centre. Thankyou also to our friends at StrongStart for helping out!

9. Author Visit

On July 20th local author Chris Weicht came to visit Sechelt Library and show us his newest book. He has authored 9 books in total to date (on intriguing aviation history), 8 of which we have in our Sechelt Library Collection.



10. Union Job Reclassification

- Stage 1: Complete. All job descriptions have now been revised and rewritten into their draft state.
- Stage 2: Complete. Local union representative (Sam) approval of initial revamps of the job descriptions.
- Stage 3: In process: CUPE Union head, Kari, must now approve initial job description revamps
- Stage 4: Not complete. Each staff member will then review their own newly created job description
- Stage 3: Not complete. 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.

11. Staffing Updates

Technology Education Coordinator:

Talia Walkey, our Technology Education Coordinator, will have her last day with Sechelt Library on Friday August 27, 2021 as she is leaving for a great adventure abroad in the UK. She has been with the Sechelt Library since January 2020 and everyone, both staff and patrons, will <u>really</u> miss her! She has a strong work ethic, is fabulous with our patrons and with her tech assistance clients and her personality brings joy in our workplace. In true Talia style, she already has her flight booked, a place to live and a great new job awaiting her. **We all wish Talia amazing things to come!**

We are in the process of interviewing and hiring a replacement for Talia's position and have received some great resumes. There is much to think about besides qualifications on paper and we have a team approach to the interviewing and hiring process. We will keep you apprised!

Reference Training:

Congratulations to both Claire and Jeff for completing many hours of studying in Reference Training modules. They now have the certification and are applying this newly learned knowledge in the reference Chair of our library. They have also taken ILLUME Training (the data base often used) and are continually being mentored in on-the-job learning from our current senior reference staff. Sechelt Library has needed additional staff trained and qualified in Reference for quite some time so we are pleased to now have two additional great minds assisting our patrons in this manner.

Extra duties for all staff:

Here are some of the many reasons our staff are running at full speed, barely able to breathe some days:

- 1. Staff away on medical leave. As treatment is hitting her hard, our treasured staff member, Beth, will likely not be at work much until January. The current staff are sharing in the duties associated with her position along with performing their own job requirements.
- 2. Holidays. It used to be that when one staff member, who did circulation or reference, was away, we could accommodate (just barely) those hours between other staff, but with Beth away full time and others taking their very deserved holidays, we simply cannot cope with the workload without additional hours being added for current part time staff and casuals. \$\$\$\$\$\$ thank goodness for our wage subsidy.
- 3. Volunteers. Past library volunteers (pre-covid), for the most part, did not return to volunteer work in the library. The staff has had to cover all the work previously done by volunteers (almost the equivalent of a full-time position) for the past year and half on top of the current duties. Much strain on staff. With Beth away, Claire is now in charge of volunteers and has been working hard to secure new volunteers for each day of the week (and doing a great job). This does involve a significant amount of time reviewing applications, communicating with applicants, interviewing, RCMP check forms and letters, name tagging, training sessions, overseeing and scheduling. We are also taking this time to upgrade our volunteer procedures more time but worthwhile. This is adding extra hours to our weekly schedule (mostly Claire's) but everyone is affected to some extent.
- 4. Computer and Printing assistance. So many people are using the public computers and requiring computer assistance, design assistance and printing assistance. I did write about this in the June Directors Report but at that time, we also did not realize that Radiant Graphics had just shut down now putting even more demands on us. We really have been inundated at times with patrons needing assistance with specialized printing and photocopying that previously Radiant Graphics would have been doing. The Services BC and Service Canada offices are also not serving the patrons well enough. Federal assistance is almost never in office, so guess who helps patrons with SIN cards, fishing licenses, financial support documents, etc all the time now...

12. Transit Tickets

Although it takes additional staff time all around, this is a great community service we now offer to our patrons. 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/STUDE	NT PASS (\$30)	10-TICKET	SHEETS (\$18)	TOTAL SALES	COMMISSION	
	QTY AMOUNT		QTY AMOUNT		QTY AMOUNT			at 4%	
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	8	\$480.00	7	\$210.00	31	\$558.00	\$1,248.00	\$49.92	
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	24	\$1,440.00	39	\$1,170.00	194	\$3,492.00	\$6,102.00	\$244.08	

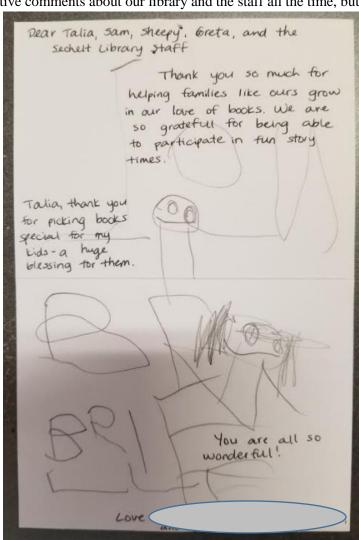
13. Appreciation

Our staff receive appreciation and hear positive comments about our library and the staff all the time, but

here are just a few to note:



Hand Painted pot and beautiful plant from a 4 year old fan!



A comment from Facebook in regards to the "Take n Make" Kits:

" The first kit was amazing! Thank you so much - a lot of creativity and work went into it putting it together



obviously. Can't wait to see what is next!

We had a Summer reading Club activity called "Crack the Case Geotourist". Some of our staff lend their voices to individual Geotourist stop clues given that Sam created. This is an email we received from the GEOTOURIST organization:

Hi Sam,

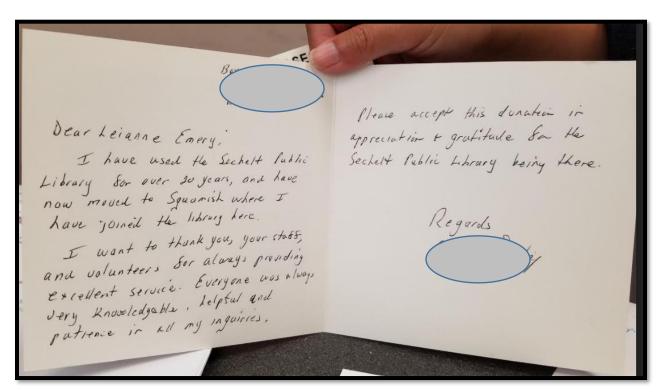
"Thank you for creating your audio tour on Geotourist. We found the tour to be of high quality, in both content and sound clarity. As a result we would like to periodically promote it on social media, and showcase it as a case study to other libraries and educational institutions around the world."

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This beautiful card and message came with a generous donation to the Sechelt Library

August 13, 2021

Sechelt Library 5797 Cowrie Street PO Box 2104 Sechelt, BC, VON 3AO

RE: Memorial Donation Juanita Harrison Halsall

Please accept this enclosed donation in memory of our beloved Nita Halsall.

Nita and her siblings were raised with great respect, with reverence, for public libraries. There was no higher calling, growing up on the homestead in West Peace River, Alberta, than to be well read and articulate. Two of her siblings went on to receive Governor Generals awards for their outstanding scholastics achievements! This was almost unheard of in that tiny town in the middle of the prairies.

At Nita's memorial my mother told a story of Nita's love of libraries. She and her best friend, cousin Louis, in their early teens, were frequent users of the Peace River Public library. So frequent that when the librarian left on an extended summer vacation, they resorted to a clandestine break and enter to exchange their books for new ones. Unfortunately for Nita, the hairpin she used in the door lock broke off, foiling their burglary attempt. On his return, the librarian sought out Nita and returned the hairpin left them the keys!

It was no surprise to those of us who knew her, that she would spend her retirement years working to bring her love of reading, writing, and libraries to life in her new home in Sechelt. It is with warm hearts that we see her work continue on to nourish your community for generations to come.

Yours Truly,

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We have received many donations (\$2,225 to date) in memory of three individual patrons of the Sechelt Library in the last year - Ed Divine, Tom Ray and Nita Halsall. We thought we would share this lovely letter written to us about Nita.

A patron who hadn't been in the library for years, came in the other day and said to Rose, "I love the changes you have made! It's so much more welcoming!"



 $A\ \ wonderful\ surprise\ luncheon\ for\ our\ staff\ from\ the\ Library\ Board-thankyou\ again\ from\ everyone.$



Friday July 16, 2021

Sechelt Library Staff,

Just a quick thanks to all of you. This has been a long and stressful time for all of us, and throughout, you have kept our library operating as a vital part of our community. That is so appreciated.

And we have watched all of you taking on the work that was needed to make it happen. We know that there are some new challenges ahead, that will again ask you to be flexible and creative and strong. You have our support in any way we can help.

Thank-you,

Pat Harvey

Patricia Harvey

Chair, Sechelt Public Library Board

14. Book Repair

We currently have 100's of books awaiting repair. Rose, the expert, has taught MJ how to repair books, so that, if MJ has time, she can help reduce our backlog.



15. Newsletter – Kids and Youth

We have created an exciting monthly newsletter that goes out to children and youth (or parents) that have signed up to receive. August is now our fourth newsletter and it went out this week.

16. Additional Computer Seating Created

We rearranged the current space in the magazine / computer area to create <u>two additional</u> areas where patrons can bring their laptops and plug in – or read. Electrical changes had to be created to compensate for the lack thereof of electrical outlets in the library (remember its 25 years old). Two new chairs have been ordered and should be here in October. Meanwhile – we steal the chair from the circ desk...



Talia and I made it look pretty... Clearly this is the "before"!