

Director's Report

Sechelt Public Library

August 29, 2021 – September 25, 2021

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1. Did you know...

Books come in all different shapes and sizes and there are many physical factors that vary from publisher to publisher and book to book, year to year. Here are some:

- Line spacing
- Margins
- Font Style
- Paper size
- Letter spacing
- Paper type used
- Paper bond
- Paper finish
- Paragraph spacing
- Cover quality (let's just say they don't make them like they used to)
- Binding style and quality (let's just say they don't make them like they used to)
- Font size

What size of font do you prefer to read?

10-12 point font size is considered normal book print (this is 10)

10-12 point font size is considered normal book print (this is 11)

10-12 point font size is considered normal book print (this is 12)

14-18 point font size is generally considered large print (this is 14)

14-18 point font size is generally considered large print (this is 15)

14-18 point font size is generally considered large print (this is 16)

14-18 point font size is generally considered large print (this is 18)

30 point font size could be considered Super Large Print (we have 8 self published classics printed in this super size)

2. Volunteers at the Sechelt Library

Although all of the positions in the Library are unionized positions (except mine), the Union Contract allows for some of the necessary work functions done in the Sechelt Library to be performed by Volunteers. In the last year and a half this work has been done, out of necessity, by staff, adding to their already busy workload. To give you an idea of what our Volunteer Program looks like, here is a general summary.

Two categories of volunteers:

1. Processing

- a. Rose oversees these volunteers.
- b. These volunteers are generally people we know well personally.
- c. Volunteers must be carefully selected, RCMP checked, trained and have supervision until they are really good at what they do!
- d. Their volunteer work must be done in our very small back staff area as this work includes working with vast amounts of library books and other library items, electronic equipment, heavy tools or equipment, large cutters, potions, glues, sharp tools, repair supplies etc.
- e. These volunteer jobs include:
 - i. Mending
 - ii. Processing – audiovisual
 - iii. Processing – hard cover
 - iv. Processing – soft cover
 - v. Repair - Audiovisual
 - vi. Book Laminating – soft cover
 - vii. Book Laminating – hard cover

2. Public Services

- a. Beth was overseeing until May 2021 and Claire is now overseeing in Beth's absence.
- b. These volunteers are people we may or may not have met before.
- c. Volunteers must apply, go through an internal selection process, be RCMP checked, be tested, be trained for a minimum of 6 hours over three days, and work with Claire in careful and specific scheduling
- d. Some use this volunteer opportunity towards required volunteer hours needed by their school for graduation, or to enhance their resume
- e. These jobs include:
 - i. Shelving
 - ii. Shelf reading
 - iii. Kids toy and game cleaning (not being done currently as our toys are put away)

In 2019, our Sechelt Library volunteers put in a total of **1820** hours, which was the **equivalent hours of a full-time position**.

In 2020, we had 300 volunteer hours from January to mid-March, then COVID changed everything. We could not, for COVID safety reasons, have volunteers in our already very very small staff space and kitchen space and none of the volunteers actually even wanted to come back. Our staff had to, on top of their already busy jobs, do everything the volunteers previously did in our Library.

In early 2021, we attempted to have some of the volunteers come back but the overwhelming majority of past volunteers still did not want to return due to COVID fear. By May, we probably had three previous shelving volunteers return. That's it. Claire has done an incredible job (and spent much time) at going through new applications, selecting, training, overseeing and scheduling. Rose has a few volunteers now working in processing as well. We are not up to our regular volunteer hours yet but we are getting there. In the mean-time, our staff must still compensate for all those missing volunteer hours.

We have been, are, and always will be very grateful for all our wonderful volunteers...

3. Provincial Health Orders

Over the last few weeks we (Association of BC Public Library Directors) had much input with BC province officials into how their proposed rules should and should not affect libraries, staff, public, programming, meetings and outside agencies using our facilities. This included vaccination status requirements, passport enforcement and vaccination passport printing. We pointed out many flaws in their current planning and current website and we requested specific printed clarifications on libraries. The Province went through at least 8 iterations of the "unofficial but trying to look official" information on the website prior to the "official" Order coming out. That is why I am careful not to write or think anything in stone prior to it being an "official dated Order".

The safety protocols and practices we currently have in place come from:

1. BC Provincial Order on Gatherings and Events (September 10, 2021)

2. BC Provincial Order on Face Coverings (September 2, 2021)
3. BC Provincial Order on COVID 19 Vaccination Status (September 9, 2021)

Orders

- [Gatherings and Events – September 10, 2021 \(PDF, 417KB\)](#)
- [Food and Liquor Serving Premises – September 10, 2021 \(PDF, 402KB\)](#)
- [Post-secondary Institution Housing COVID-19 Preventive Measures – September 9, 2021 \(PDF, 440KB\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures Order – September 9, 2021 \(PDF, 500KB\)](#)
- [Face Coverings \(COVID-19\) – September 2, 2021 \(PDF, 308KB\)](#)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus#guidance>

What does this mean for the library?

1. Face Coverings:
 - New regulations are that face coverings must be worn at all times while in the library facility (community room, foyer and library) with staff areas being the exception.
 - Although we are now technically allowed to remove them in a staff area, most libraries are still adopting the practice of the previous regulations of having staff wear a mask while walking in the staff areas but allowing the mask to come off while sitting at our desks.
 - Indoor Programming does require masks
 - Face Covering are NOT required for our outdoor activities and programming.
 - We thought about trying to extend our outdoor programming ability by using the white tent outside (thankyou District of Sechelt) and add sides to the tent for more warmth or to avoid rain – BUT - this would (even if only one side was put up), by the Provincial Orders on Gatherings, then technically become an “indoor” space and masks would be required.
2. Vaccine Passports:
 - Although we have personally assisted SO MANY patrons navigate the website and print off their vaccine passports, the passports themselves are NOT required to be checked when entering the library facility.
 - This exclusion also applies to Book Faires and Repair Café – or outside organizations using the libraries facilities – BUT they MUST stay under 50 people in attendance at one time
 - If this had been the requirement, our staff would have had to personally ask for two pieces of government ID and validate that the holder of the vaccine passport was indeed who they said they were. Even restaurants, movies etc. who are supposed to validate these passports and who are using the government designed vaccine passport scanning App. are only validating that the vaccine passport QR Code is a valid QR code and not that the vaccine passport holder is indeed who they say they are. When ABCPLD noted this with the provincial vaccine passport roll out team

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(who were initially teaching us how to use the App), the province recognized their objectives were to get more people vaccinated and not have a perfect validation system. From an ease of operations and staffing perspective, BC libraries were pleased to have been eventually excluded from the requirement.

- Vaccine Passport checking with ID checking would be required if we had an event with 50 people or more
- As at September 23, 2021 (it changes quite frequently) here is the current listing of vaccine passport requirements from BC Province:
 - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/proof>

Places your vaccine card is required for entry

This content is a summary of the PHO order – Food and Liquor Serving Premises (PDF, 402KB) and PHO order – Gatherings and Events (PDF, 417KB) documents. It is not legal advice and does not provide an interpretation of the law. In the event of any conflict or difference between this webpage and the order, the order is correct and legal and must be followed.

By order of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), proof of vaccination is required to access some events, services and businesses. You must have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. By October 24, you must be fully vaccinated. The requirement is in place until January 31, 2022 and could be extended.

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

- Indoor ticketed sporting events with more than 50 people
- Indoor concerts, theatre, dance and symphony events with more than 50 people
- Licensed restaurants and cafes and restaurants and cafes that offer table service (indoor and patio dining)
 - Includes liquor tasting rooms in wineries, breweries or distilleries
- Pubs, bars and lounges (indoor and patio dining)
- Nightclubs and casinos
- Movie theatres, including the Royal BC Museum and IMAX theatre
- Gyms, exercise and dance facilities or studios
 - Includes these activities happening in recreation facilities
- Businesses offering indoor exercise/fitness
- Indoor adult group and team sports for people 22 years old or older
- Indoor organized events with more than 50 people
 - For example, wedding and funeral receptions (outside of a funeral home), organized parties, conferences, trade fairs and workshops
- Indoor organized group recreational classes and activities with more than 50 people
 - For example, pottery studios, art classes or choir rehearsals
- Post-secondary student housing
- Spectators at indoor youth sporting events with more than 50 people

Examples of places that don't require proof of vaccination

You don't have to show proof of vaccination at places like:

- Grocery stores, liquor stores and pharmacies
- Unlicensed restaurants that don't offer table service
 - For example, fast food, coffee shops, food courts, food trucks and takeout
- Tasting rooms without seating attached to wineries, breweries or distilleries
- Local public transportation (BC Transit, TransLink, BC Ferries)
- Salons, hairdressers and barbers
- Hotels, resorts, cabins and campsites
 - Does not include settings or events covered by the PHO order, for example, a licensed hotel restaurant, wedding reception or conference
 - Does not include exercise/fitness facilities for guests
- Swimming pools and skating rinks
 - Does not include events or adult sports hosted in these venues
- Banks and credit unions
- Retail and clothing stores
- Public libraries, museums and art galleries
 - Does not include events hosted in these venues (DON'T WORRY EVERYONE – Events for us just have to stay under 50 people)
- Food banks and shelters
- Escape rooms, laser tag, indoor paint ball, arcades and bowling alleys
 - Only if they are unlicensed or don't offer food-related table service
- Post-secondary on-campus cafeterias
- Airport food courts and restaurants
- Health care services, rehabilitation or exercise therapy programs, and drug and alcohol support group meetings
- Social services provided to people in need
- Events like:
 - Worship services
 - Indoor youth recreational sport for people 21 years old or younger
 - Before and after school programs for K to 12 students
 - Student events and activities in K to 12 public and independent schools
 - Indoor organized events with less than 50 people, except adult sports

3. Cleaning Procedures:

- We are still abiding by cleaning requirements in the third phase of the BC Restart Plan which commenced July 1 (with some alterations) as they are more stringent than the current Communicable Disease Plans.

4. 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

5. Budget 2022 - 2026

Internal Budget

MJ and I are working hard to put together what we call a “hit by a bus” binder for our Financial Statements. This binder outlines every receivable and expenditure that our Financial Statement line items includes and thus our budget. It also goes into the history of expenditures in some categories. The name derives from the idea that if both of us were to be “hit by a bus” someone would be able to clearly understand the library finances and the library budget. Almost all of our hugely heavy legwork was done last year but this is just formalizing our processes and knowledge. It will also form the basis of a new 5-year budget which we are hoping to have presented at October 2021 Board meeting. Most line items will just need tweaking but the big unknown is the staff job re-evaluation project which is almost completed.

SCRD Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

Although we currently have a 5-year funding Agreement in place with our three main funders (SCRD, DOS and the SIGD), we will still be presenting a 5-year budget to the SCRd with a slightly different format to last year.

Pre-budget	November 1 and 2 (we do not be to submit or present at this meeting)
Round 1	December 13-15 (our submission must be in by November 15)
Round 2	January 24-26, 2022
Final Adoption Plan	February 24, 2022

6. Advocacy for Increases to BC Public Library Funding

I am including this section again (with some updates), as the dates for filling out the online survey are still valid (September 30). 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 September 1st **presentation** at the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, a parliamentary committee of the Legislative Assembly

ABCPLD Presentation to the Select Standing Committee

Introduction

Thank you for having me. My name is Elizabeth Tracy and I have the privilege of addressing you today from Whistler, where I am grateful for the opportunity to live, work and play on the unceded, shared territories of the Squamish and Lil'wat nations. I am here today representing the Association of BC Public Library Directors - a membership organization representing, supporting and advocating for BC's public library directors. I appreciate the opportunity to be here today in collaboration with the BC Library Trustees Association, the BC Library Association and the BC Libraries Co-op.

The context

In a world where social connection has become increasingly difficult, libraries are playing key roles as community hubs that build a sense of belonging. As we gradually see our way out of the pandemic, we now know how much of true belonging comes from building social connection in a real, physical environment. We often have people tell us that the library was one of the first places in the community that made them feel like a local. Libraries are one of those few places where people don't have to buy anything to be there; our programs and materials are curated by professional people who are committed to being open and inclusive. When we say that everyone belongs at the library, we mean it: we welcome all sizes, colours, abilities, ages, cultures, orientations, genders, religions, and beliefs. We strive to create a place for everyone.

The library plays a key role in a healthy community, and library staff have the amazing, combined power of trust and generosity that can elevate people's sense of belonging. We get the chance to welcome everyone and make them feel at home while we connect them with information, technology, and other folks in our community.

In times of abundance or scarcity, libraries can provide the solace of a non-

soliciting environment of escape; we offer a safe and confidential place to explore curiosities or dissolve concern; we help immigrants navigate the complexities of settlement within a new society; we make referrals and create connections for people struggling to emerge from poverty, abuse, or addiction; we create dedicated spaces for children and families to learn and connect; and, we provide space for civic engagement and discourse on the issues that challenge society.

The ask

You've heard from us before and we greatly appreciate the opportunity to come to you and ask for support on behalf of the individuals and communities we serve. As we are all well aware, the events of the last two years have had dire implications on the health and well-being of BC's citizens and we see first-hand the ways in which libraries have served to meet the priorities of government. We ask you to think about the value that is derived from the Provincial government's contribution of \$14M to BC's public libraries and how, while the cost of doing business has increased since 2010, libraries have continued to manage doing more each year with no additional support from the province. In the most difficult circumstances, libraries across the province have worked within the constraints of the pandemic to provide communities with some sense of normal life. We have accomplished that under the pressure of increasing costs without the additional support of the pandemic emergency assistance provided to many of our counterparts. With this in mind, we ask for your commitment of \$22M in 2022, as well as ongoing incremental increases so that we can improve our ability to meet the needs of individuals, families, and communities across the province when the need is greater than ever.

Our members, along with their staff, are on the frontlines of community issues like social justice, climate change, economic uncertainty, wildfire, residential school trauma, pandemic-related mental health issues, and substance abuse. They are doing everything they can to develop a skilled workforce to navigate these complex issues along with managing to provide core library services. It is increasingly difficult to understand why these services have not warranted a minimal inflationary increase since 2010, which is why I am here today to ask for your support.

Closing

On behalf of the Association of BC Public Library Directors and the BC Library partners, I thank you for this opportunity to share what libraries are doing in your communities and thank you for your consideration of support for an inflationary increase in 2022.

4. BC Public Library Partners Group had a **virtual booth** at UBCM (September 14-17).
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)

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- Through individual **audio/video submissions** to the Select Standing Committee

Website:

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

The screenshot shows the website for the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services: Budget 2022 Consultation. The header includes the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia logo and a 'SHARE YOUR VIEWS' button. The main heading is 'Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services: Budget 2022 Consultation'. Below this is a 'Select How to Participate' section with a dropdown arrow. The text states: 'The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services invites British Columbians to share their ideas and priorities for the next provincial budget.' It then lists three ways to participate: 1. Present to the Committee, 2. Fill out the online survey by September 30, and 3. Send in comments in writing or in audio/video format below by September 30. A note mentions the 'Budget 2022 Consultation Paper and Guide to Input'. A disclaimer states that input is considered public information. At the bottom left, there is a box for 'Make a written, audio or video submission'. On the right, there is a 'Consultation Information' section with contact details for the Parliamentary Committees Office, the deadline (Thursday, September 30 at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific)), a link to the Budget 2022 website, and a link to the Privacy Policy. A sidebar on the right contains links for 'About the Committee', 'Terms of Reference', 'Committee Membership', and 'Contact Information'.

7. Social Media Marketing and Promotion

We are currently exploring new software that will us enable to pre-program our social media advertising more than a few days in advance. We try to focus on interesting facts, promotion of our many databases (see last month's Directors report), programing, visitors to the library, library items, library services, magazines, new arrivals, holidays, Book Faires, etc.

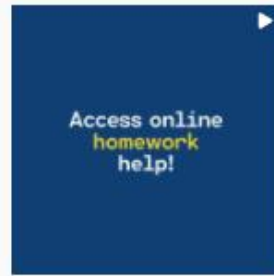
As at September 23, 2021, our current Social Media following is:

1000 Facebook

571 Twitter

833 Instagram

Remember – these are JUST the photos – there is also written content that goes along with every social media post.





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8. Program Guides – October 2021

ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT

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

Repair Café 
Saturday, Oct 9, 10:30-2:30
Free, while you wait, repair to domestic appliances and devices by volunteers from Gibsons Repair Café.

TEENS AND ADULTS

Intro To Dungeons & Dragons
Saturday Oct 23 1:00-3:00 **Community Room**
Join us at the library to learn the basics of the game! You'll be given a character and everything you need to play.
Registration required.

Dungeons & Dragons 
Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30 **Library Lobby**
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. Teens and adults of all ages.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Faire 
Oct 1-3, 15-17, 29-31 **Community Room**
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. Flash Sale On Sundays



SECHELT LIBRARY
Space to think

REGISTRATION

All programs are FREE!
Call (604) 885-3260 or drop by the library to register.
Masks required for all indoor programs

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Astronomy Group Meeting
Friday Oct 8, 7:00 - 9:00 **Via Zoom**
Presentation by Sunshine Coast Astronomy

Chronic Pain Education & Support Group
Tuesday, Oct 19, 11:00 - 1:00
Regular education and support group for people experiencing unrelieved pain.

Book Club 
Tuesday, Oct 12, 1:00-2:30
General Fiction Book Club meets monthly. This month's book is *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See.

Chair Yoga 
Mondays, 10:30-11:30 via Zoom and in person.
Join Julie Morgan for this gentle form of yoga

Stitchin' 
Mondays, 11:30-1:00
Bring your knitting/crochet/stitching project and enjoy a friendly 'stitchin' session with other crafters. Wool and needles available if you want to knit scarves & hats for others this winter.

Author Reading: Nadia Serry
Monday Oct 18 5:00
Reading and Discussion of her book *Reflections of a Wondering Mystic*

Adult Card Making 
Thursday, Oct 7th, 21st, 11:00-12:00
Join Ruth Moore for a free card-making class! All supplies provided.

Spanish Café
Thursdays Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 1:00-2:00 & 2:00-3:00
Practice your Spanish in a friendly environment with Marcy Solis De Ovando,
Registration Required

ADULT PROGRAMS

Ukulele 
Mondays, 2:30-4:00
Fun ukulele jam for all levels. **Space Limited.**

Sechelt Family History Group
Monday, Oct 25 6:30 - 8:30 **Community room**
Interested in your family history? Come and join this group of dedicated ancestor hunters.

Family History Month Workshop 
Thursday, Oct 28 1:00-3:00
Sechelt Library is a FamilySearch Affiliate Library. Learn to use the many resources of this leading online genealogy repository to discover your ancestors and build your family tree.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

StoryTime 
Saturday, Oct 2, 16, 23, 30 10:30 - 11:00
Join Sam for stories, songs and play. For families with children Age 5 and under.
Children's Area or outside.

Youth Book Club 
Thursday, Oct 14th, 3:30-4:30 **Teen Area**
Read *Sabriel* by Garth Nix and discuss it with us! Snacks provided! Ages 9-13.

Teen Book Club 
Wednesday, Oct 6th, 3:30-4:30 **Teen Area**
Read *Pumpkinheads* by Rainbow Rowell, and discuss it with us. Snacks provided! Ages 13-19.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kids Card Making 
Friday, Oct 22 1:00 - 2:00 **Community Room**
Ruth Moore, will be leading this free workshop on card making and design. All Supplies provided.
Ages 4-8

Halloween StoryWalk® 
Wednesday Oct 27, Tues Nov 2 **Rockwood**
Read a book while enjoying nature with a family StoryWalk®. Visit anytime during the week. All Ages Welcome

Youth Drop In
Tuesday, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:00 - 5:00
Hang out, work on homework, use a computer or iPad, or do an activity. Ages 9-18. **Community Room**

- Oct 5th - Video Games and Tech
- Oct 12th - Arts and Crafts
- Oct 19th - Board Games
- Oct 26th - Movie

Teen Anime Club
Fridays, Oct 8 and 22, 3:00-5:00 **Community Room**
Join us to watch anime and discuss manga. Snacks provided. Ages 9-18 The content 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 our discord server email sam.iversen@secheltlibrary.ca.

New Book Clubs
Interested in a specific type of book club? Let's talk. Email: info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca

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9. 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: Complete: CUPE Union head, Kari, must now approve initial job description revamps

Stage 4: Complete. Each staff member will then review their own newly created job description

Stage 5: Will commence next week. This next process we will be banding and rating the jobs in a variety of categories to accurately reflect pay scale for job duties and responsibilities.

NOTE: The results of this process will show if I anticipated enough of an increase in necessary job re-evaluation salary increases. This was the only budget line item that I talked about with the funders that was a best guess at the time.

10. Staffing Updates

Technology Education Coordinator:

We are pleased to announce that Jason Gregory is now the newest member of the Sechelt Library team and was our first choice as Talia Walkey's replacement in the position of Technology Education Coordinator. Jason comes to us with over 10 years' experience with London Drugs in Gibsons, BC as Senior Computer Technician and he has some great ideas for us moving forward. He is currently being trained on all circulation services by Janette and Teresa and very soon he will move into the more technical aspects of this position. We certainly have a waiting list for tech assistance! We previously heard MANY patrons and family members praise this "Jason at London Drugs" for his excellent customer service and technical knowledge – and now he works for us!



11. Transit Tickets

Ticket sales are going up! We certainly aren't doing it for the money, and it does take quite a bit of extra staff time, but we are pleased to have made the decision to assist in the community with offering this service.

So far, from January 1, 2021 to September 22, 2021, we have sold to the public:

36 adult passes
70 student/senior passes
314 books of 10 tickets

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	8	\$480.00	7	\$210.00	31	\$558.00	\$1,248.00	\$49.92
AUGUST	5	\$300.00	8	\$240.00	66	\$1,188.00	\$1,728.00	\$69.12
SEPTEMBER	7	\$420.00	23	\$690.00	54	\$972.00	\$2,082.00	\$83.28
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	36	\$2,160.00	70	\$2,100.00	314	\$5,652.00	\$9,912.00	\$396.48

12. Litton Library Destroyed

The following is a letter written by Judy Moore, Chief Librarian, Thompson-Nickola Regional Library to her fellow ABCPLD Colleagues. Sechelt Library and many other libraries have offered to help in any way she sees possible.

Colleagues,

A brief note to express my gratitude for support of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the loss of our Lytton Library.

In brief, on June 30th, wildfire destroyed 90% of the Village Lytton BC including the library. Earlier in the week Lytton recorded Canada's highest-ever temperature 49.6C (121.3F).

Fleeing the fire with literally the shirt on their backs, our three library staff were physically unharmed. Regrettably, one staff member lost her cat and two lost their homes. It was later determined that two Lytton area residents perished in the fire.

Thus began one of the most devastating BC wildfire seasons on record.

Eight library staff worked as part of the TNRD's Emergency Operations Centre team clocking nearly 1,000 hours above their regularly scheduled work in July and August. Dedicated to phones (intake) and logistics, their questions and work ran the gamut with questions like: *Can you tell me if my property is under evacuation alert? Where can I go now that my home and all my personal belongings are gone? I'm very worried about my parents (Lytton residents) as I've not heard from him since before the wildfire.*

At times during the State of Emergency, 20% of residents in various areas of the TNRD were on evacuation order – seeming like the entire region was on fire and where amid the smoke-filled air where daytime was indistinguishable from night.

Lytton is in the throes of recovery and rebuilding starting with housing. Soon we will deploy our Mobile Library to Lytton as residents begin to return home.

With thanks to the library community.

Judy

13. National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Thursday September 30, 2021 will mark the first time we have a new official federal holiday to represent National Truth and Reconciliation Day. As we discussed in a previous Board Meeting, our staff will have the day off as will the staff in the Gibsons Library – as well as most libraries in BC. In an attempt to give you an understanding of what this day means, where it derived from and some basic legal framework for reconciliation, I've outlined information below on the following:

1. The UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (commonly referred to as UNDRIP)
2. Bill C-15
3. National Centre for Truth and reconciliation (commonly referred to as NTCR)
4. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
5. A quick blurb we wrote for Elder College Newsletter
6. Coast Reporter Advertising for September 30
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The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was adopted by the General Assembly on Thursday, 13 September 2007, by a majority of 144 states in favour, 4 votes against (Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States) and 11 abstentions (Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, Colombia, Georgia, Kenya, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Samoa and Ukraine). [Click here to view the voting record.](#)

Years later the four countries that voted against have reversed their position and now support the UN Declaration. Today the Declaration is the most comprehensive international instrument on the rights of indigenous peoples. It establishes a universal framework of minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the indigenous peoples of the world and it elaborates on existing human rights standards and fundamental freedoms as they apply to the specific situation of indigenous peoples.

Link: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html>

Bill C-15

This enactment provides that the Government of Canada must take all measures necessary to ensure that the laws of Canada are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and must prepare and implement an action plan to achieve the objectives of the Declaration. The first reading of this Bill was Dec 2020.

BILL C-15

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Second Session, Forty-third Parliament,
69 Elizabeth II, 2020

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

BILL C-15

An Act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

FIRST READING, DECEMBER 3, 2020

MINISTER OF JUSTICE

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SUMMARY
This enactment provides that the Government of Canada must take all measures necessary to ensure that the laws of Canada are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and must prepare and implement an action plan to achieve the objectives of the Declaration.

Available on the House of Commons website at the following address:
www.ourcommons.ca

**Bill C-15
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Link: <https://parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/43-2/bill/C-15/first-reading>

National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

The NCTR is a place of learning and dialogue where the truths of the residential school experience will be honoured and kept safe for future generations.

The NCTR was created as part of the mandate of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC). The TRC was charged to listen to Survivors, their families, communities and others affected by the residential school system and educate Canadians about their experiences. The resulting collection of statements, documents and other materials now forms the sacred heart of the NCTR.

The NCTR Archives and Collections is the foundation for ongoing learning and research. Here, Survivors, their families, educators, researchers, and the public can examine the residential school system more deeply with the goal of fostering reconciliation and healing.

Link: <https://nctr.ca/>

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30, 2021 marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

The creation of this federal statutory holiday was through legislative amendments made by Parliament. On June 3, 2021, Bill C-5, *An Act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, the Interpretation Act and the Canada Labour Code* (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) received Royal Assent.

Wear orange



Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and [Orange Shirt Day](#) take place on September 30. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day that honours the children who survived Indian Residential Schools and remembers those who did not. This day relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad, a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, on her first day of school, where she arrived dressed in a new orange shirt, which was taken from her. It is now a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On September 30, we encourage all Canadians to wear orange to raise awareness of the very tragic legacy of residential schools, and to honour the thousands of Survivors.

Link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>

Article we wrote for Elder College Newsletter

Stories and September 30th - the Sechelt Public Library Supports Education and Learning

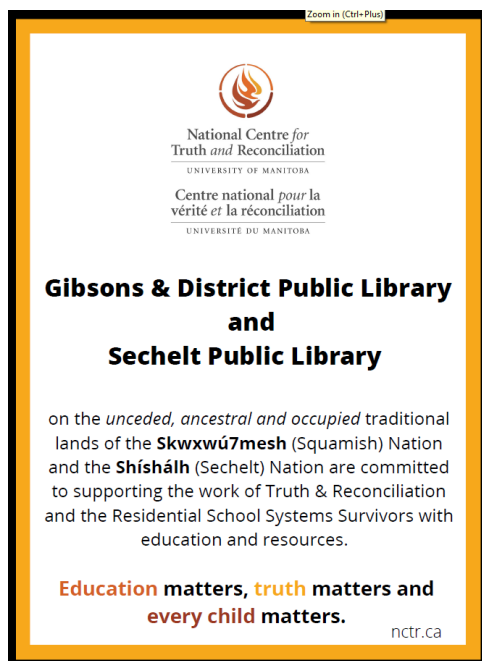
Not everyone's an author, but everyone has a story to tell. Residential school survivors have been telling their stories and truths are coming out. The National Center for Truth and Reconciliation has been mandated with the collection of those stories. They have been listening to survivors, their families and communities affected by the residential school system and educating the public on these experiences. September 30th, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, is a newly created federal holiday that supports this important work and recognizes its importance in the process of reconciliation. There are still many stories needing to be told.

BC Libraries hold many books written by indigenous authors, about indigenous topics or by non-indigenous authors that are sanctioned by First Nations. About five years ago, the Sechelt Public Library started denoting books for all ages in both its fiction and non-fiction collections with a beautiful spine label created by a North Vancouver indigenous artist. If there are books you would like to read, or books you would like us to purchase, we would like to hear from you.

The staff at Sechelt Library are here to do their part in the support of education and learning for all. **Every story matters and every child matters.**

Advertising we put together on behalf of Gibsons Library and Sechelt Library

Sechelt Library created this advertisement to be respectful and to show support. We did have to get special permission to use their logo. We asked Gibsons Library if they wanted to share in our Coast reporter ad and thus it reads the way it does.



Directors Report

Reconciliation Mandate?

As I could not locate any official mandates to guide our work, policies or programs on the subject of reconciliation, Pat Harvey had conversations with Babs Kelly, BCLTA on this issue. Here is a response from Babs:

No, there is no official or legislated mandate regarding BC public libraries and reconciliation.

Beyond the wide spread support in the public and academic library community for actions on reconciliation and decolonization (note, it is pretty much a given, particularly in the librarian community that reconciliation and decolonization are part of our work) there are public library funders and partners who do have a reconciliation mandate such as the Public Libraries Branch within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

As public libraries seek ways to support the reconciliation goals of their communities, their partners, and the various levels of government along with any internal reconciliation goals, we are seeing acts of reconciliation as an expected part of operations with programming, collections, partnerships, and space design and slowly but increasingly part of governance through strategic planning and policy oversight.

Babs Kelly (she/her) MLIS, MBA

Director for Learning & Development
[BC Library Trustees Association](#)


In Sechelt Library

We are honoring September 30, 2021 with some special attention to our collection and of First Nations Books throughout the library.



14. Tenure – Sechelt Library Trustees

As this will be discussed at the September 25, 2021 Library Board Meeting, here is the current Sechelt Library Trustees Board tenure information.

													
SECHELT PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES' TENURE													
Maximum 4 x 2-year terms X - Election Year													
TRUSTEE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Egerman, Susan		X		X		Resigned							
Hopkins, Ann		X	Last Term		X		X		X		Last term		
Shimazaki, Beverly	X		X		X	Last Term							
Young, Jack		X		X		X		X	Last Term				
Moore, Ruth			X		X		X		X	Last Term			
Nohr, Garry				X		X		X		X	Last Term		
Harvey, Patricia					X		X		X		X	Last Term	
Piprell, Rhian					X		X		X		X	Last Term	
Keys, Spencer				X	Resigned								

Updated by: Mary-Jane Leitner
Updated on: February 12, 2021

15. Coming in Next Month's Board Report

1. Changes to the Children's area (no, not the floor raising but design changes)
2. Sechelt Library at the Sechelt Medical Conference (September 25)
3. Budget