



Director's Report

Sechelt Public Library

January 30, 2022 – February 26, 2022

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1. Cover Photo

Sechelt Library staff's "daily encouragement and support photo" sent to staff member on leave from work. On the countdown from 20 to none – we take a different photo each day and send.

2. AGM Preparation

The Annual general Meeting of the Sechelt Public Library will be held on Saturday March 26, 2021 via zoom.

Nominations

As per the Policy Manual, a Nomination Package has been created and will be available for pick up in the library.

Nominating Committee

This ad hoc committee consists of Pat Harvey, Board Chair and one or more interested Board Members.

Ads:

As per Policy Guidelines, the advertisement was out in the Coast Reporter on Friday February 25.

Zoom Link for AGM:

Jack Young will set up an AGM zoom meeting link so we can have it on the website with the Agenda

Trustees:

As we currently understand, trustees continuing in the 2022-2023 two-year term:

Garry Nohr
Jack Young

As we currently understand, nominees for Trustees for the two-year term 2022-2023, who are willing to be re-appointed to the Board are:

Ann Hopkins
Ruth Moore
Pat Harvey
Rhian Piprell

The following Board member will have completed an 8-year term and are required to take at least 1 year off:

Beverly Shimazaki

As we currently understand, we will have openings for up to three (3) new Board Members

3. Grants

Canada Healthy Communities Grant

This is the grant we applied for and received from the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative for \$7541. Our current cost calculations for materials and labor for cataloguing and packaging have allowed us to purchase a total of 30 Playaway Launchpads consoles, all geared towards Brain Games:

Brain Games:

Filled with puzzles, word games, number challenges, and tests of speed and logic, this collection will train the mind by challenging memory, reaction time, problem-solving and observation skills, attention span and more.



Bamboozled: Brain Games - Adults
Big Fun: Casual Games - Adults
Brain Power, 2nd ed.: Brain Games - Adults
Crossword Workout: Brain Games - Adults
Elite Speedster: Casual Games - Adults
The Game Room: Casual Games - Adults
Game Shark: Casual Games - Adults
Head Scratcher: Brain Games - Adults
In Place of Words: Brain Games - Adults
It's a Matter of Numbers: Brain Games - Adults
Learn English Grammar: Learning - Adults
Learn English Phrases: Learning - Adults
Learn English Spelling: Learning - Adults
Learn English Writing: Learning - Adults
Let's Get Logical!: Brain Games - Adults
Me, Decoded: Casual Games - Adults
Mind Alert!: Brain Games - Adults
Mind Games: Brain Games - Adults
Mind Mastery: Brain Games - Adults
Nimble and Quick: Casual Games - Adults
On the Map: Brain Games - Adults
Sort it Out: Brain Games - Adults
Speedster: Casual Games - Adults
Steal the Show: Casual Games - Adults
Taste the Fun, 2nd ed.: Casual Games - Adults
The Ultimate Challenger: Brain Games - Adults
The Unwinder: Casual Games - Adults
The Upper Hand, 2nd ed.: Casual Games - Adults
Word Wise: Brain Games - Adults
Words of the Wise: Brain Games - Adults

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CVITP (Community Volunteer Income Tax Program) Grant

We are still awaiting receipt of Canada EPOST Connect funds through the ridiculously over-complicated government CVITP grant portal (part of Revenue Canada). We have already purchased a dedicated printer for Terri Fjaagesund, our CVITP (and also SPL processing volunteer) to use when she is in the library. Last year Terri lugged her own printer and laptop in every day (as she does with all locations she volunteers at) so part of our grant application was to allow the purchase of a dedicated printer for her that did not need to be transported every day. Jason has already set up proper connections for her laptop to connect with the new printer. (see also Tax Preparation section)

We have adjusted our tech appointments in the Room of Requirement to allow for Terri to have private use each full Tuesday for two months. Appointments will be commencing free tax preparation on March 1st for qualified clients.

Sunshine Coast Healthcare Auxiliary Grant

We have just completed the written grant application to the Sunshine Coast Healthcare Auxiliary grant which focused on “initiatives that focus on a health benefit for the residents of the Sunshine Coast”. Our request was for funding for the incredible adult Chair Yoga program we started in 2021 as well as an intergenerational 10-week course we would like to have in the summer. As our library funds will be much more limited this year (last year we had some extra grants), we have already had to cancel the Spanish classes and do not want to have to cancel the chair yoga as well. We put a thought of effort into this application and hope that we are successful.

Here are three testimonials (names withheld) we included in the application:

I joined the Chair yoga sessions at the Sechelt Library in the Fall of 2022. I had not done yoga in the past and was a bit apprehensive about my abilities. After the first class, I was hooked---I felt so wonderful afterward. The instruction includes several options for participation to meet a wide variety of fitness levels and flexibility. As we age, our balance, strength and flexibility become paramount to our well-being and the option of remaining in our own homes. Julie is an excellent instructor that is mindful of the various needs of the group. My strength, flexibility and posture have improved enormously. (As has my pickleball game). I highly recommend chair yoga as activity to join and to enjoy. Good luck with funding and I want you to know that, if necessary, I'll be happy to donate some money to the cause because I LOVE this class!

The Chair Yoga Class was my first experience, after a month's hospitalization, of my real world as I knew it. Exercise has always been an important part of my life. I was unable to walk yet or stand alone but I could sit and do these movements with an incredible teacher, Julie Morgan. As the weeks went by, it was, and still is, my favorite exercise moment with a smile, encouragement, spirituality, social connection and a happy body for which I'm forever grateful. And you may use my name, Gil. Good luck, and thanks, XXXXX (who is now working out at the gym, walking daily, etc.) Gall bladder November 2021 Age 88

The Chair Yoga Class run through the Sechelt Library has become an important part of my week, physically and mentally. Julie, our gracious instructor, makes It gentle enough for us to do allowing for health limitations, yet the movements are so effective. Even online, meeting the

joyful people who run and attend the classes brings a mental boost through connection. And having free access to this class – invaluable! Thank you for supporting this wonderful initiative. With gratitude.

4. Funding Payments

The Funding Agreement indicates the following dates for payment to the Sechelt Library:

	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			
SCRD	Received			
SIGD	Received			

Note: new census numbers will be used in redetermining contributions for 2023.

5. Provincial Health Officer – Orders and Restrictions

Since December 22, 2021, when significant changes first came forward by the BC Provincial Health Officer to our current library health and safety protocol (and we had to scramble to change all previously lined up January programming), we have had 8 new Orders to abide by. The latest one dated February 16th, 2022 on Gatherings and Events generally changed the quantity of participants allowed in an indoor program both based on social distancing and capacity limits. Previous guidelines that we were having to abide by in January only allowed us to have 4 participants in the entire community room for an event. Now we can have regular capacity. Vaccine passports are still an issue.

I will give some examples of what we are now having to live with:

1. Just to be in the library:
 - a. Masks required age 5+
 - b. Vaccine passports are NOT required
2. Children's programming OUTDOORS:
 - a. No masks required
 - b. No vaccine passports required
3. Children's programming INDOORS:

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- a. No masks under age 5 (for the kids) but masks required for any parents attending with the kids of course)
- b. No vaccine passports for children under 12
- c. Vaccine passports are NOT required for ages 12 – 21 if they are participating in a program for children or youth BUT if an adult (age 22+) accompanies a kid to a program then vaccine passports ARE REQUIRED (even though age 22+ does NOT require one to be in the library). Go figure.

Since December 1, 2021 – we have had 8 different Orders (and Guidance) given that we have to understand (not easy), adapt to, and implement.

December 3, 2021

PHO issues another Order for Face Coverings (COVID-19) dated December 3, 2021. 21 pages.

December 22, 2021

PHO issued new directives in the Gatherings and Events Order dated December 22, 2021. 28 pages.

January 11, 2022

On January 7, 2022, the provincial health officer announced an order requiring employers to re-activate their COVID-19 Safety Plans. A change to COVID-19 Safety plans replaces the previous requirement for employers to have communicable disease prevention plans in their workplaces (which was not actually required in written form). While communicable disease prevention plans and COVID-19 Safety Plans share some of the same fundamental principles, COVID-19 Safety Plans are formal, written plans with more rigorous controls and are more appropriate for periods of elevated risk.

January 17, 2022

The Gatherings and Events Order dated December 22, 2021 was repealed and replaced with a new Gatherings and Events order dated January 17, 2022. It has no expiry date. 27 pages.

January 18, 2022

BC Center for Disease Control (BC CDC) – guidance for Employers and Businesses

January 20, 2022

A new PHO Order on Workplace Safety dated January 20, 2022. It has no expiry date. 11 pages.

February 16, 2022

A new PHO Order on Workplace Safety

February 16, 2022

PHO Order on Gathering and Events

6. Staffing

As you already know, and as we are very sorry to say, we are losing the lovely and talented MJ, our Accounting and Administration Assistant this month. MJ has been an absolute asset to our Sechelt Library team - and to me personally - and she will be greatly missed by all of our staff. The search is underway for a new Accounting and Administration Assistant...



MJ (right), with me, after the staff surprised us with a thankyou lunch and cards for always looking out for them.

7. Library Champions Project (New to BC)

As a follow-up to last month...

Despite all efforts by many libraries to have qualified participants, there were only two qualified people across the entire Sea to Sky and Sunshine Coast area interested in participating. New to BC decided to cancel the Library Champions project for Sea to Sky and Sunshine Coast and offer in the lower mainland at some point in future. This does not surprise me.

Interestingly enough, Sunshine Coast Welcoming Communities, whom our library is in touch with and whom we will be doing programs in future, says they also do a similar program called "Immigrant Peer Educator Program". Both programs are funded by the Federal Government.

Letter from Nina (New to BC)

I am sorry to say, but we will not be going ahead with the Library Champions Cycle this Spring, as we didn't get enough registrations.

At the last Information Session on Thursday, we only had 1 eligible person attend – and a total of 2 eligible people from the region who applied.

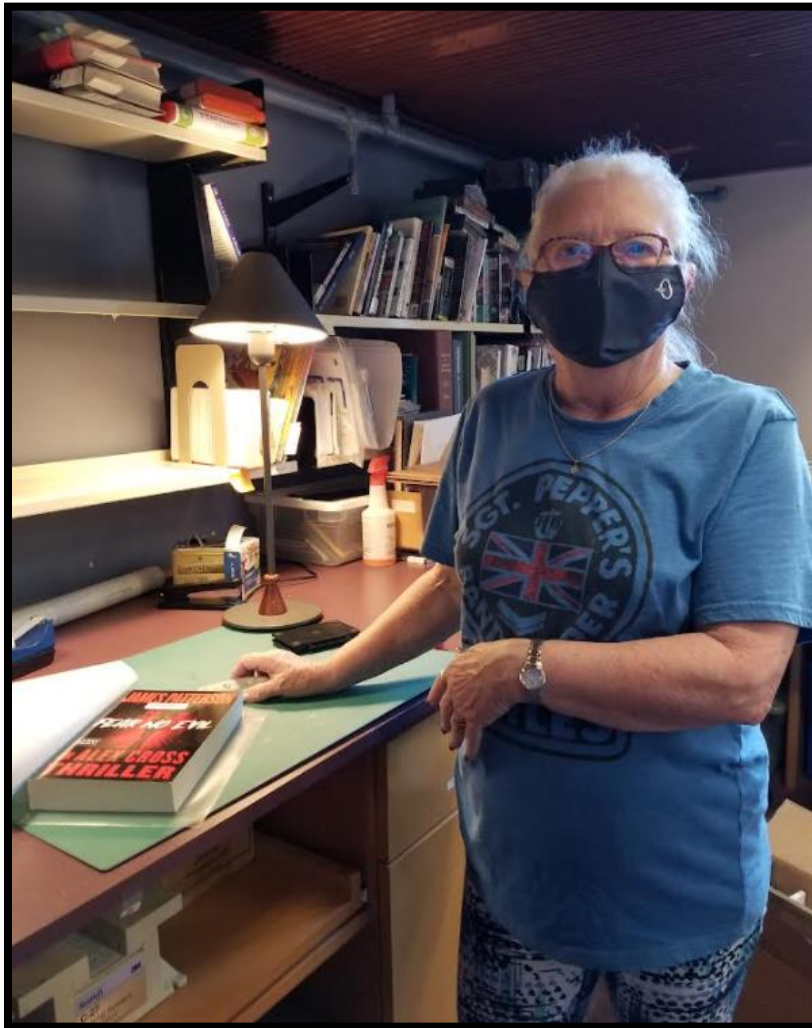
I have let those 2 people (from Powell River) know that they can join one of the Metro Vancouver sessions that are coming up and still be connected with Natalie from the Powell River Library.

Despite this low recruitment, I must say that I have been overwhelmed by all of your keen support of this project, your encouragement and your positivity. It has been my pleasure to work with you and I hope that if we try in future, we will have better success. I know that this time it was not for lack of trying – and I thank each of you for everything you did to help promote the program and recruit participants.

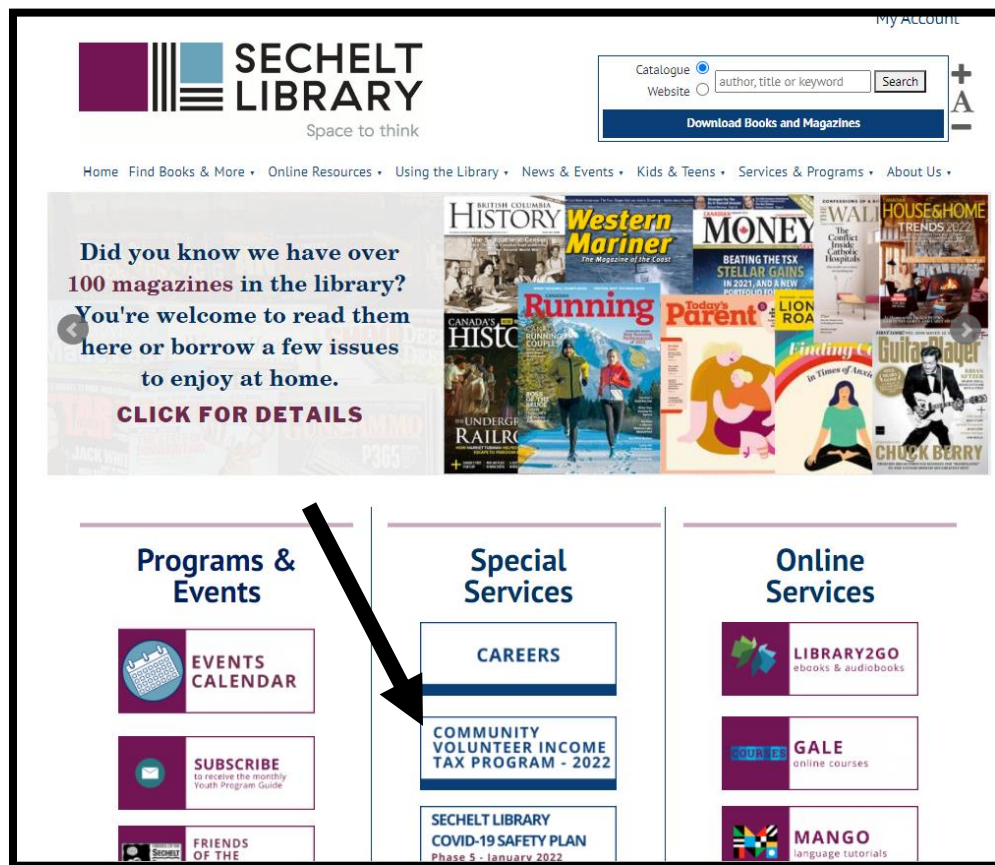
8. Volunteer Income Tax Clinic

Sechelt Library will again be hosting tax preparation with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Last year we hosted a record number of clients per tax prep volunteer (in all of Sunshine Coast) in our library after making every possible time slot available including our last resort location – the lobby area.

This free service is always in very high and we have changed all schedules around to accommodate Terri F., our wonderful tax prep volunteer, in the Room of Requirement. All signage, advertising, technical hookups, website, booking time sheets, etc. is ready to go for a March 1st start.



Terry Fjaagesund, our CVITP volunteer, also volunteering with Sechelt Public Library processing



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Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – 2022

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Where: at the **Sechelt Library**
Who: this program is a **free service** for **eligible clients**.
When: **Every Tuesday, between 10am and 4pm, by appointment only.**

Details

Income Limits: **Individual** – \$40,000; **Family** – \$50,000 for two, **plus \$2,500** for each additional dependent.

Couples must provide complete tax information for both spouses. The program does not serve clients with employment expenses, self-employment income, rental property income, or capital gains. Interest income must be less than \$1,000.

Please **call** the library **604 885 3260** or drop by in person to register.

9. Program Guides – March 2022 (Regular Programming)

ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT

Accessibility Services **FREE**
One-on-one assistance with Daisy audio players, and other accessibility programs and resources for individuals with visual impairments. **Appointment with Janette required.**

Genealogy Tutoring **FREE**
Curious about your history? Want to discover your family tree?
Appointment with Teresa required.

Tech Education **FREE**
Monday 10:00 - 12:00
Wednesday 1:00-3:00
30 minute one-on-one sessions with our local tech expert. **Appointment with Jason required.**

Repair Café **FREE**
Saturday, Mar 12th, 10:30-2:30
Free, while you wait, repair to domestic appliances and devices by volunteers from Gibsons Repair Café.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Watch this space for upcoming Book Faire dates in 2022



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REGISTRATION

All programs are FREE!
***Masks are required inside the library* (Age 5+)**
Call (604) 885-3260 or drop by the library to register.

LIBRARY HOURS


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

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ADULTS

Writer's Studio Writing Consults

Saturday, Mar 12, Apr 9, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00

Room of Requirement

Need an opinion on your writing? Free 45 min consultation with Jocelyne Gregory MFA, on seven pages of your poetry or prose. Please provide the sample of your work 1-2 weeks prior to your appointment. **Registration Required.**

Ukulele

Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 **Community Room**

Fun ukulele jam for all levels. **Drop In - Limited Seating**



Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30 **Sechelt Library**



Adventure begins at the library! Come and delve into the fantastic stories of Dungeons and Dragons and take part in creative story gaming. Join the party for exciting adventures in imagination every Tuesday. Call or email the library to join the waitlist for when a new table is set up. **Registration Required.**

Stitchin'



Mondays, 11:30-1:00 **Community Room**

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

Astronomy Group Meeting

Friday Mar 11, 7:00PM-10:00PM **Via Zoom**

Presentation by Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club.

Chair Yoga

Monday, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 10:45-11:30 **Zoom & In Person**

Person

Join Julie Morgan for this gentle form of yoga.

Adult Card Making



Thursday, Mar 10, 24, 11:00-12:00 **Zoom & In Person**

Join Ruth Moore for a free card-making class! All supplies provided. **Registration Required.**

General Fiction Book Club



Tuesday Mar 8, 1:00-2:30 **Zoom**

Read *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in March.

Mystery Book Club

Tuesday Mar 15, 1:00-2:30 **Zoom**

Read *The Ice Princess* by Camilla Läckberg in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 3rd Tuesday in March.

New Book Clubs

Interested in a specific type of book club?

Let's talk. Email: info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca

Author Reading: Gary Geddes

Thursday, Mar 17, 7:00 **Community Room**

Award winning Canadian poet Gary Geddes will read from his new book *The Ventriloquist: Poetic Narratives from the Womb of War*.

Income Tax Preparation

Tuesdays Starting Mar 1, 10:00 - 4:00 **Room Of Requirement**

Free for qualifying individuals and couples, please see the website for more details. **Appointment Required**

Green Isle Accounting

Just a friendly reminder that Pots of Gold found at the end of a rainbow may be subject to Federal and Provincial Income tax.

CHILDREN & TEENS

Teen Book Club



Thursday, Mar 10, 3:30-4:30 **Community Room**

Read *Daniel's Story* by Carol Matas, and discuss it with us. Snacks Provided. Ages 12-19.

Registration Required

StoryTime with Sam



Saturday, Mar 12, 19, 26 10:30 - 11:00 **Children's Area or Outside**

Recommended for families with children 5 and under. Join us on Saturday for a drop-in Family StoryTime for books, songs, and play. **Drop-ins Welcome!**

Teen Anime Club

Friday, Mar 11, 25 3:00-5:00 **Community Room**

Join us every other Friday to watch anime and discuss manga. Snacks provided. Ages 9-18. The content is rated Pg13 or TV14.

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Teen Advisory Group & Teen Book Reviews



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Check out our Spring Break Handout for more great Kids Programs!

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MARCH 2022



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CHILDREN & TEENS

Kids Take and Make Kits

Monday March 14 - Saturday March 26

Pick up your free activity kits to do at home during Spring Break! Call or email the library to register for one or both kits.

- Kit 1: Dino Dig (Ages 5-12)
- Kit 2: Brain Sprouts (Ages 5-8)

We will call you to let you know when your kit is available to pick up.

Kids Card Making

Tuesday March 15, 3:00 - 4:00 Community Room

Thursday March 24, 12:30 - 1:30 Community Room

Local card-making buff, Ruth Moore, will be leading this card-making and crafts class. Supplies provided. Call or email the library to register. Ages 4-8

StoryWalk®

Wednesday March 16 - Friday March 25 Rockwood - 5511 Shorncliffe Ave

Read a book while enjoying nature on a family StoryWalk®. Visit anytime during the dates above. 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 in the fresh air! No registration required.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

The book, *Happy Dreamer* by Peter H. Reynolds, has been provided by the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition. (Sechelt Public Library is a active member of the Literacy Coalition)

Science World Presents: Science Surprise!

Thursday March 17 1:00 Zoom

Join Science World on Zoom for 45 minutes of Science Surprise! Presenters from Vancouver's Science World will lead an interactive presentation for grades K-7. This will be run via Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants. Call (604) 885-3260 to register.

Treasure Hunt StoryWalk®

Friday March 18 11:00 - 2:00 Library (Start)

Come and read *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt on a outdoor Storywalk® while collecting clues for a treasure hunt. Certain pages will be accompanied by a crayon holding a clue! Collect all the clues to complete the puzzle to enter a prize draw! The winner will be announced at a later date.

Sidewalk Chalk & Bubbles!

Saturday March 19, 10:00 - 3:00 Library

Join us for some Saturday art and play! We'll have a table available outside with bubbles and sidewalk chalk. Have some fun blowing bubbles on the lawn or create beautiful chalk art on the sidewalk! No registration required.

Kids Mario Kart Tournament

Tuesday March 22, 3:00 - 5:00 Community Room

Play Mario Kart with us in a round robin tourney! There will be a prize for the winner! Call (604) 885-3260 to register.

Kids Virtual Board Games

Wednesday March 16 3:00 - 4:30 Zoom

Wednesday March 23 3:00 - 4:30 Zoom

Let's play some games! We will play some board games online. Participants will need parental permission to sign up for a free account at boardgamearena.com. The program will be run using boardgamearena.com for the board games and Zoom for voice chat. Call (604) 885-3260 to register

Drag Queen Story Time

Wednesday March 23 or Friday March 25 TBD

Join us for an entertaining storytime with Drag Queen Conni Smudge! Ages 3-8 **Registration Required**

Kids Movie

Saturday March 27 1:00 Community Room

Come and watch a family movie at the Library! Popcorn provided. The movie will be rated PG. The title will be announced closer to the movie date. All ages welcome! Call (604) 885-3260 to register.

10. CUPE 391 Union Job Reclassification

On February 8th, Sam, Claire and myself met with two additional CUPE 391 Union heads and went through our process rationale in front of them. It only took us three hours (originally scheduled for 8) and they were pleased. We also sent out proposal to them for wage adjustments based on our 5-factor project to determine baseline pay for all positions in relation to each other. This is a separate consideration to an overall wage increase. This process, agreed to in 2017 by previous chief librarian and the union, has taken 100's of hours (especially for Sam, Claire and myself) and has become an absurd amount of effort for something I feel could have done without the process at all. We have presented our proposal to the Union, they have reviewed and are analyzing it right now. It is not yet over. Of course, I cannot even finalize the internal 2022 budget until I know the outcome.

11. Elder College

As we did last year at the request of Elder College for their Spring Break Program, we again put together suggestions for Elder College to work with them on possibly two of their Spring 2022 courses. I use “work with them: lightly as what we have done in the past is to put together reading list for the participants on material pertinent to their course – with books, audio, DVD etc. – including what may be available on interlibrary loan as well.

My message to Elder College:

1. British Columbia: Colonial Past and Present (Brett McGillivray)

Sechelt Library has over 358 items in our non-fiction First Nations Collection. Depending on Brett's course focus, we could possibly put together a reading list for him. Also, if there are any particular books Brett would recommend us to purchase for the collection, we are happy to do so.

2. Law for Seniors (Carmen Sombrowski)

Please let Carmen know that Sechelt Library has many law pamphlets from The People's Law School for patrons to take home (for free). Also, we have a staff member who can, by appointment, sit down with patrons in a private library setting and walk them through legal websites - such as My Law BC Make A Simple Will.

12. BC Summer Reading Club Story Award

On February 4th, we have submitted a story for the BC Summer Reading Club Award Nomination. The winner will be announced in the Spring. We are hoping we will win of course, but, win or no win, it is still a funny story! A PDF copy was included in the Board Report email.



Crack the Lid – Its Growing Fur!

Submitted by
Leianne Emery
Director, Sechelt Public Library

13. Comments Received by Patrons

As you know, we receive comments from patrons every day and don't always write them down, but here a few we did:

Jan. 21	Patron appreciates our online databases
Jan. 21	Get more praise for Jason from "tech help" users.
Feb. 19	Wayne from 'Repair Cafe' made a point of saying how much he appreciates all Gill does. I was at Repair Cafe in Gibsons and they gave no help at all for the set-up, coffee making, cookie plate, etc. Gill goes "above + beyond" and it is much appreciated. Yeah! Gill.

14. 2021 Population Data

On March 9th, the new Canada Census numbers were released. I have included pertinent numbers below for the following:

Canada
BC
Gibsons
SIGD
District of Sechelt
SCRD Area A
SCRD Area B
SCRD Area D

Key indicators | [View all key indicators](#)

Canada

36,991,981

Population, 2021

5.2

2016 to 2021 population
change (%)

4.2

Population density per
square kilometre

16,284,235

Total private dwellings

Key indicators | [View all key indicators](#)

British Columbia

5,000,879

Population, 2021

7.6

2016 to 2021 population
change (%)

5.4

Population density per
square kilometre

2,211,694

Total private dwellings

► Add a geography

Characteristic	Gibsons, Town (T) ⓘ British Columbia [Census subdivision]
	Counts
	Total
Population and dwellings	
Population, 2021 ¹	4,758
Population, 2016 ¹	4,605
Population percentage change, 2016 to 2021	3.3
Total private dwellings ²	2,482
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents ³	2,282
Population density per square kilometre	1,103.2
Land area in square kilometres	4.31

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population.

► Add a geography

Characteristic	Sechelt, District municipality (DM) ⓘ British Columbia [Census subdivision]
	Counts
	Total
Population and dwellings	
Population, 2021 ¹	10,847
Population, 2016 ¹	10,216
Population percentage change, 2016 to 2021	6.2
Total private dwellings ²	5,738
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents ³	5,128
Population density per square kilometre	278.0
Land area in square kilometres	39.02

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population.

► Add a geography	
	Sechelt (Part), Indian government district (IGD) ⓘ British Columbia [Census subdivision]
	Counts
Characteristic	Total
Population and dwellings	
Population, 2021 ⓘ ¹	744
Population, 2016 ⓘ ¹	676 ^r
Population percentage change, 2016 to 2021	10.1
Total private dwellings ⓘ ²	360
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents ⓘ ³	324
Population density per square kilometre	68.9
Land area in square kilometres	10.79
Symbol legend ^r revised	
Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population.	

Characteristic	Sunshine Coast A, Regional district electoral area (RDA) ⓘ British Columbia [Census subdivision]	
	Counts	
	Total	
Population and dwellings		
Population, 2021 ⓘ		3,039
Population, 2016 ⓘ		2,619 ^r
Population percentage change, 2016 to 2021		16.0
Total private dwellings ⓘ		2,508
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents ⓘ		1,562
Population density per square kilometre		1.6
Land area in square kilometres		1,898.02
Symbol legend		
^r revised		
Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population.		

Area A Director Leonard Lee, Pender Harbour / Egmont

Characteristic	Sunshine Coast B, Regional district electoral area (RDA) ⓘ British Columbia [Census subdivision]
	Counts
	Total
Population and dwellings	
Population, 2021 ⓘ	2,969
Population, 2016 ⓘ	2,726
Population percentage change, 2016 to 2021	8.9
Total private dwellings ⓘ	1,859
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents ⓘ	1,370
Population density per square kilometre	2.3
Land area in square kilometres	1,269.45

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population.

Area B Director Lori Pratt, Halfmoon Bay

Characteristic	Sunshine Coast D, Regional district electoral area (RDA) ⓘ British Columbia [Census subdivision]	
	Counts	
	Total	
Population and dwellings		
Population, 2021 ⓘ ¹	3,523	
Population, 2016 ⓘ ¹	3,421	
Population percentage change, 2016 to 2021	3.0	
Total private dwellings ⓘ ²	1,796	
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents ⓘ ³	1,550	
Population density per square kilometre	24.6	
Land area in square kilometres	143.36	
Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population.		

Area D Director Andreas Tize, Roberts Creek