



Director's Report
Sechelt Public Library

February 27, 2022 – March 26, 2022

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1. Cover Photo

These creative darlings, made with empty paper-towel rolls and other fun stuff, will become “Official Clue Holders” along the Treasure Hunt Storywalk. This in one of many activities we made possible for families to participate in over the March Spring Break.

2. 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:

Status: Still awaiting arrival of ordered product.

CVITP (Community Volunteer Income Tax Program) Grant

Status: Received.

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 thoughtful effort into this application and hope that we are successful.

Status: have not been advised yet

3. 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.

4. Provincial Health Officer – Orders and Restrictions

Phase 6 of the COVID -19 Reopening and Safety Plan has been updated as follows:

COVID 19 RE-OPENING & SAFETY PLAN – PHASE 6

Phase 6 (expected to remain place to at least April 8, 2022) has been updated to include Orders as follows:

Order of the Provincial Health Officer Workplace Safety – March 10, 2022

Order of the Provincial Health Office Gatherings and Events – March 10, 2022

LIBRARY PLAN

Mask Wearing Public

Masks wearing in a public space is now optional

We still have a supply of masks to give to the public – for free

Mask Wearing Staff

Mask wearing for staff is now optional

Vaccine Passports:

Not required to be in the library but are required for certain programming.

See programming section below.

Hand Hygiene

Staff are strongly encouraged to wash hands upon arrival at the workplace and often throughout the day.

Sanitizing

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

Physical Distancing

No specific or strict rules about spacing but we are to take measures to avoid tight crowding in indoor public space as much as possible

Time allowance for vaccinations:

Staff do not have to use any official sick time for purposes of receiving vaccinations or booster shots. Time off during the work day is permitted without penalty.

Ventilation:

We have working in conjunction with the District of Sechelt (DOS) staff to ensure a proper ventilation system is in place and working efficiently. This is also checked by DOS staff periodically according to WorkSafe BC regulations.

Staff Daily Health Check

Staff are not allowed to come to work sick.

Seating

No restrictions of placement. Furniture and chairs are placed within the library as per normal.

Computer Access

All public computer stations are still accessible and there are partitions between each station.

One-On One Tutoring

Mask wearing is optional for technology assistance, genealogy tutoring and accessibility assistance. The table and computer have been rearranged so that the instructor and the student can be 6 feet apart and the computer swings easily to each person.

Cleaning Procedures

We have maintained a cleaning level above and beyond the cleaning required in the PHO's Communicable Disease Plan requirements or current PHO expectations. The following cleaning procedures are in place.

Sechelt Public Library		Daily Cleaning Checklist Risk Reduction - Ongoing Measures																				Month: _____, 2022										
Date:		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Lobby																																
Exit door handles																																
Handicap button																																
Light switches																																
Reference and Circ																																
Keyboard																																
Mouse																																
Portable Phone																																
Check In																																
Keyboard																																
Mouse																																
Phone																																
Scanner																																
Lightswitch																																
Public Computers																																
Self checks																																
Photocopier																																
Mouse																																
Keyboards																																
Staff Bathroom																																
Light switch																																
Door handle																																
Entry Door																																
Light switches																																
Door handle (in/out)																																
Kitchen																																
Kitchen table																																
Kitchen counters																																
Fridge handles																																
Cabinet handles																																
Garbage can lid																																

Programming – indoor and outdoor

1. Children's programming OUTDOORS:
 - a. Mask wearing optional
 - b. No vaccine passports required
2. Children's programming INDOORS:
 - a. Mask wearing optional
 - 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).
3. Adult programming OUTDOORS:
 - a. No masks required
 - b. No vaccine passports required
4. Adult programming INDOORS:
 - a. Mask wearing optional
 - b. Vaccine passports required

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COVID Safety Plan Posting

We have been, and must continue to, post a current copy of the COVID 19 Re-Opening and Safety Plan both on the library website and in the staff workplace.

Note: New official Orders expected Wednesday April 8, 2022 (at 12:01) are anticipated to remove the requirement for mask wearing and vaccine passports in public spaces.

5. Staffing

A huge welcome to our newest staff member, **Jessica Kraus**. Jessica was actually already volunteering at the library so we knew, that besides her accounting skills, she would personally be a great fit for our team. MJ will be here for a few more Fridays to help train and to do a few clean-up projects with me.



Jessica Kraus

We are also sad to see Cathy Calder, our wonderful casual public services assistant, leave our team – for retirement! Our three casuals, including Cathy, have spent much time with us over these last two COVID years and have been a much-appreciated part of our library team.

6. Volunteer Income Tax Clinic

Sechelt Library is once again hosting tax preparation with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Terri Fjaagesund has already prepared **almost 40 tax returns – for FREE – in the first three Tuesdays of March.** The printer we purchased with our grant money is also much appreciated by Terri!



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

7. Books for Babies

As part of our work with the **Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition**, we are using a generous donation from them to support the purchase of **100 Books for Babies** packages in 2022! Any baby born in 2022 can come to the Library and pick up a free bag (ok, well their parents can...)!

This is an excerpt from the United for Libraries site to give you an explanation:

“Children who have book rich environment have much higher success in school. The American Academy of Pediatrics says that the importance of reading to children begins at birth. Sadly, there are too many homes without a single book for their baby! We can help you make a difference in your community by turning more families into readers and library users.

Books for Babies is a national literacy program that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children. By reading to their babies and by becoming regular library users themselves, parents help their babies develop language skills and start them on the path to success in reading and learning.”

In our Books for Babies bags this year we will have:

Book: We Sang You Home by Richard Van

CD: Just Imagine by Will’s Jams.

Bags: by Eco

8. Capilano University

We will be meeting with Christina Neigel , University Librarian at Capilano University, North Vancouver Campus, next week to give her a tour of the Sechelt Library and to discuss how we can work together to best support the students at Capilano University.

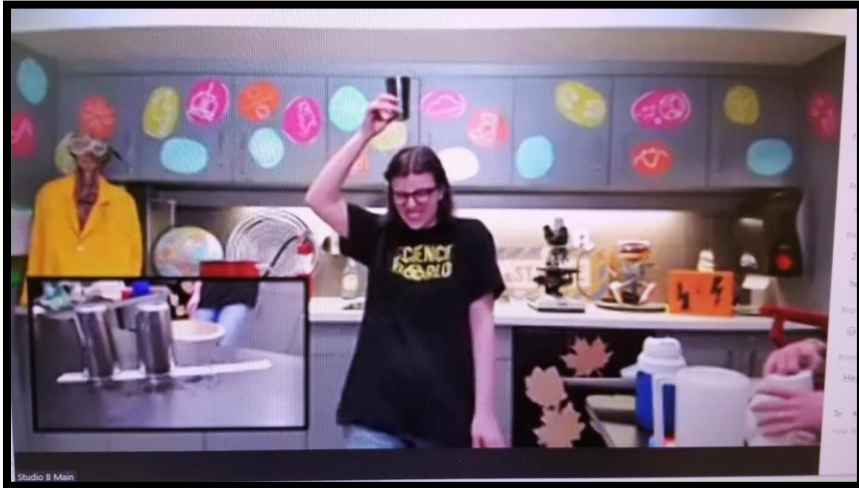
9. Program Guides – March 2022 Highlights



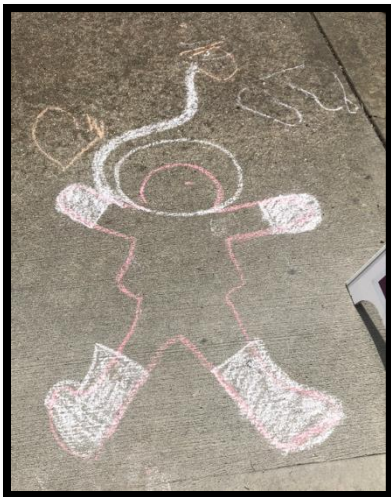
Sam with two Treasure Hunt Clue Holders

*Mario Kart
Tournament*





Above two photos: Science World Vancouver



Chalk and Bubbles



Both Photos: Repair Cafe



10. Program Guides – April 2022



Space to think

REGISTRATION

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

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 10-5 April 18 Closed
Tuesday: 10-5
Wednesday: 10-6
Thursday: 10-5
Friday: 10-5 April 15 Closed
Saturday: 10-3
Sunday: Closed

CONTACT

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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@secheltlibrary

Spring

By
Alfred Lord Tennyson

Birds' love and birds' song
Flying here and there,
Birds' song and birds' love
And you with gold for hair!
Birds' song and birds' love
Passing with the weather,
Men's song and men's love,
To love once and forever.

Men's love and birds' love,
And women's love and men's!
And you my wren with a crown of gold,
You my queen of the wrens!
You the queen of the wrens --
We'll be birds of a feather,
I'll be King of the Queen of the wrens,
And all in a nest together.



*This work is in the public domain

ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT

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

Tech Education FREE
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
30 minute one-on-one sessions with our local tech expert. **Appointment required.**

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

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Faire
Fri, April 22 12:00 - 5:00 **Community Room**
Sat, April 23 10:00 - 5:00 **Community Room**
Sun, April 24 10:00 - 3:00 **Community Room**
Hosted by Friends of the Library.
Donations are limited to 1 box of great books on Friday and Saturday only, during Book Faire hours. Flash Sale On Sunday.















Space to think

April 2022 Program Guide



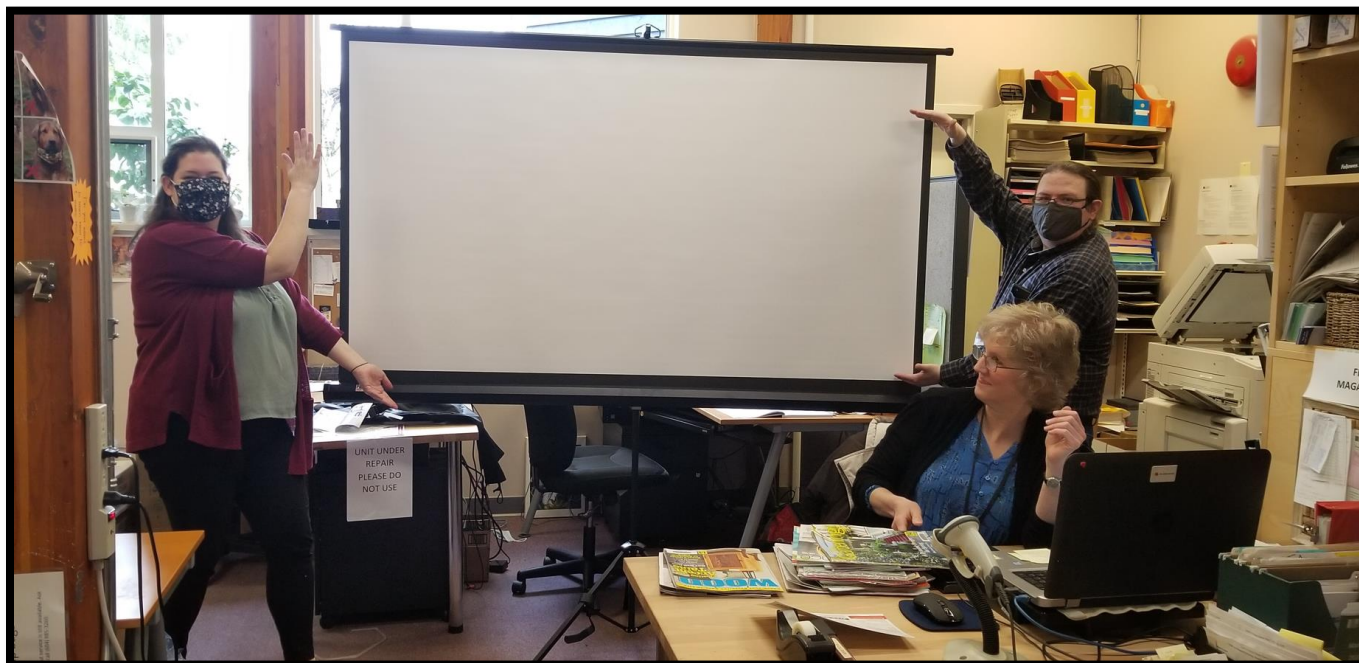
ADULTS		CHILDREN & TEENS	
<p>Adult Card Making  Thursday, Apr 14, 28, 11:00-12:00 Zoom & In Person Join Ruth Moore for a free card-making class! All supplies provided. Registration Required.</p> <p>Astronomy Group Meeting Friday April 8, 7:00PM-9:00PM Via Zoom & In Person Presentation by Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club. Registration Required</p> <p>Chair Yoga Monday, April 4, 11, 25, 10:45-11:30 Zoom & In Person Join Julie Morgan for this gentle form of yoga. Registration Required *No Class April 18</p> <p>Chronic Pain Education & Support Group Tuesday, April 19, 11:00 - 12:45 Community Room Regular education and support group for people experiencing unrelieved pain. Registration Required</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Family Reunion Mr. E. Bunny will hold his annual family reunion on April 17. All six hundred children are invited to attend.</p> <p>General Fiction Book Club  Tuesday Apr 12, 1:00-2:30 Zoom Read <i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in April. Registration Required</p> <p>Income Tax Preparation Tuesday Apr 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:00 - 4:00 Room Of Requirement Free for qualifying individuals and couples, please see the website for more details. Appointment Required</p> <p>Mystery Book Club Tuesday Apr 19, 15, 1:00-2:30 Zoom Read <i>No Man's Nightingale</i> by Ruth Rendell in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 3rd Tuesday in April. Registration Required</p> <p>New Book Clubs Interested in a specific type of book club? Let's talk. Email: info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca</p> <p>Sechelt Family History Group Monday, April 25, 6:30 - 8:30 Community Room Interested in your family history? Come and join this group of dedicated ancestor hunters. Registration Required</p> <p>Stitchin'  Mondays, 11:30-1:00 Community Room Bring your knitting/crochet/stitching project and enjoy a friendly stitchin' session with other crafters. Registration Required *No Class April 18th</p> <p>Ukulele Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 Community Room Fun ukulele jam for all levels. Drop In - Limited Seating </p>	<p>Writer's Group Thursday April, 12 & 26, 10:00 - 12:30 Community Room Come join your fellow writers in reading and critiquing each others work. Limited to 8 seats. Registration Required</p> <p>Writer's Studio Writing Consults Saturday, 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.</p> <p>Babytime Wednesday April 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:00 - 11:30 Children's Area or outside Recommended for families with children under 2. Join us on Wednesday for a relaxed drop-in Babytime with books, songs, and play. Drop-Ins Welcome</p> <p>StoryTime  Saturday, April 2, 9, 23, 30, 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 *No Session April 16</p> <p>Kids Card Making  Saturday, April 2, 1:00 - 2:00 Community Room Ruth Moore will be leading this free workshop on card making and design. All Supplies provided. Registration Required Ages 4-8</p>	<p>Teen Book Club  Thursday, April 14, 3:30-4:30 Teen Area Read <i>You're Welcome Universe</i> by Whitney Gardner, and discuss it with us. Snacks provided! Ages 13-19. Registration Required</p> <p>After School Drop In Tuesday, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:00 - 5:00 Community Room Hang out, work on homework, use a computer or iPad, or do an activity. Ages 9-18. • April 5 – Board Games • April 12 – Movie • April 19 – Video Games & Tech • April 26 – Arts & Crafts</p> <p>Teen Anime Club Friday, April 8, 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. Registration Required</p> <p>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. Registration Required</p> <p>Teen Advisory Group & Teen Book Reviews  Have a say in what Teen programs we offer, review books and earn volunteer hours. Ages 13-19. Email sam.iversen@secheltlibrary.ca to join our Discord Server.</p>

11. Friend of the Library Purchases

We applied to the Friends of the Library for funding to purchase:

- one indoor screen
- one outdoor screen
- one film projector
- one film projector stand

They graciously agreed, so we have purchased and are now awaiting arrival of the four components. Photo next page is the **7ft diagonal** indoor screen!



12. CUPE 391 Union Job Reclassification

Many many more hours later and many many more meetings with CUPE 391 later, the 5 Factor process is still ongoing... This is a separate consideration to an overall wage increase. This process, agreed to in 2017 by previous chief librarian and the union, has been very onerous but I have to say that the management/union team at Sechelt Library (Beth, Sam, Claire and myself) continues to work together very well. Much effort has gone into working through this 5 Factor process to obtain a wage appropriate to the job descriptions themselves and in relation to each other.

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:

Compliment

Feb 9/22

Comment from patron

"This library is the best-organized one I have ever been in.

You guys have been the best especially during the pandemic. You have ~~literally~~ literally saved our lives.

March 15/22

TERESA'S GENEALOGY HELP IS
FANTASTIC ... HER FRIEND AND HER SPENT AN
AFTERNOON USING RESOURCES AND SHARING
THEIR SUCCESS WITH THEIR FAMILIES.
THANK YOU TERESA!

Sidenote: I had a long chat with one of my neighbours yesterday who was so pleased with the library, the wonderful staff and how both had helped her through these times. Nice to hear it.

Jan 27th, 2022

A patron thanked Sam and the staff for the picture books on display. It saves him a lot of time picking out books and they're always good books.

MARCH 7/22 [REDACTED], A REGULAR PATRON,
CAME IN AND SHARED THAT HE HAS JUST COME THROUGH
THE WORST YEAR OF HIS LIFE WITH MULTIPLE SURGERIES
AND A MAJOR DECLINE IN HIS HEALTH (ON TOP OF COVID).
HE BECAME EMOTIONAL AS HE SHARED THAT THE
LIBRARY WAS AND IS THE ONE PLACE WHERE HE
COULD COME NO MATTER HOW TIRED HE WAS FEELING
BECAUSE HE WAS FREE TO SIT AND REST IN THE
COMPANY OF PEOPLE ... AND THAT THE LIBRARY STAFF
HAVE MADE HIM FEEL WELCOME AND HOPEFUL, OFFERING
HEALTH RESOURCES, NEW MOVIES, AND ALWAYS ASKING
HOW HE IS FARING. VERY GRATEFUL!

Irish music dvd ret'd with note

Absolutely Irish

This one was very
Good for our Seniors
group. We all very
much enjoyed it
for toe tapping and clapping.
Thank you for the
Suggestion



Mar 18/22

PHSI.

March 12

Local author ^{was} in to the library, who
hadn't been in here in a couple of
years, and could not believe how
beautiful it looked. She was also sure
we had done a big expansion! 😊

<p>Feb 28th</p> <p>Patricia Harve</p> <p>to me</p> <p>You are very velo</p> <p>Sweetie: I had a li</p> <p>brary, the wonder</p>	<p>2 separate compliments about how great the library looks these days.</p> <p>The displays + the display shelves + holders are great.</p>
	<p>A separate patron made a point of complimenting the plant + planter on the first display table - seriously - she loves it!</p>
<p>Mar 2</p>	<p>Patron said how much he appreciated + loved the crossword puzzles - especially the NYT one.</p>
<p>Mar 11</p>	<p>Gibsons patron loves our children's French bk. collection. Says Gibsons hardly has any.</p>
<p>March 16</p>	<p>Kudos to Sam from parent grateful for the spring break kits.</p>