



Director's Report

Sechelt Public Library

September 1, 2022 – October 26, 2022

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1. Cover Photo

In honor of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, who passed away on September 8, 2022. Long lived the Queen.

2. Library Stats to Date

If you are a numbers person, you will like this. **For the first ¾ of the year, as at September 30, 2022** here are some of our Library stats:

| | |
|---------------|---|
| 4,084 | Computer users |
| 10,267 | Wifi users |
| 796 | Transit tickets sold |
| 33,501 | Website visits |
| 53,099 | Patrons in the door (average 240 people per day) |
| 25,000 | Interactions |
| 305 | One on one ½ hour private technology appointments |
| 583 | New memberships (30% from area A, B, D) |
| 894 | Volunteer Hours |
| 262 | Books couriered to Pender Harbour Reading Centre – for free |

3. Funding Payments

The Funding Agreement indicates the following dates for payment to the Sechelt Library, and, as of October 24th, all payments from our main funders have been received.

| | 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 | Received |
| SCRD | Received | Received | Received | Received |
| SIGD | Received | Received | NA | NA |

4. Letter of Gratitude

The Sechelt Library staff have all signed a card for Mayor Darnelda Siegers thanking her for her support of the Sechelt Library in her capacity as mayor.

5. Grants

As part of the **BC Provincial Government one-time grant in 2022**, we have spent some of the funds as follows:

1. Computer upgrades.

As part of a planned upgrade to 4 of the public computers, 4 new desktops were purchased and installed. (see photo with Jason and Taylor). The 4 old ones outlived their ability to serve the public in a reliable manner as the demand on them was quite intense. The 4 new ones are very compact and take up much less space on the public computer user's desk area.

Of the four old ones:

1 = not working and will be used as spare parts

2 = will be repurposed as an in-library OPAC (online public access catalogue). The OPACS have less usage than public computers and have lower capacity requirements, as well the current ones are very old and definitely in need of replacement.

1 = repurposed as public print server. Old one overdue for replacement. The public print server allows the public to send print jobs to the photocopier.



2. First Aid Training

On October 19, 2022, we shut the library down for the day and trained 16 people, both staff and some volunteers, in all day long first aid training. Training was done by local company BC First Aid and followed the St John's ambulance training program. We at least are a bit more prepared to help our patrons when incidents occur in our library facility and just outside the library – as they sometimes do.

This first aid training was offered (for free) to all volunteers at the Pender Harbour Reading Center as well.



Note: the dummies are all wearing “**Sechelt Library Volunteer**” tags for the photo op!



6. Union Negotiations and New Agreement

Now concluded:

Three days of CUPE 391 Union negotiations took place over July 25, July 26 and August 23.

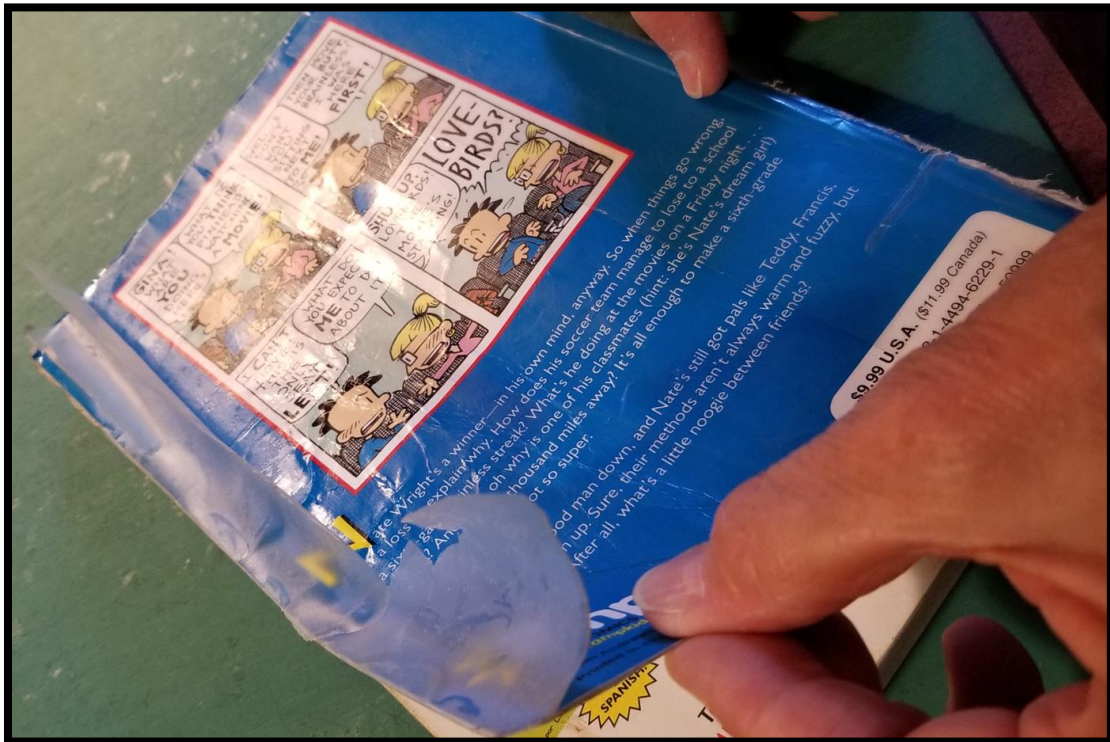
The union members ratified the agreement on September 1, 2022.

The Library Board ratified the agreement on September 8, 2022.

7. Volunteers

As at September 31, 2022, we have been privileged to have been given 894 volunteer hours by some incredible members of our community. One of our volunteers, Bette (also a shelving volunteer) works on book and CD repair AKA “rehab” for us all day every Saturday and Monday. Perfect repairs are a science – and certainly one we all take for granted. Bette uses many tools of the trade including knitting needles and elastic bands...





8. Program Guides – November 2022



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REGISTRATION

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

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 10-5
Tuesday: 10-5
Wednesday: 10-6
Thursday: 10-5
Friday: 10-5 Nov 11 CLOSED
Saturday: 10-3
Sunday: Closed

CONTACT

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

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@secheltlibrary


REMBRENCENCE DAY

In Flanders Field
by
John Alexander McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The Torch: be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



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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, Nov 12, 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

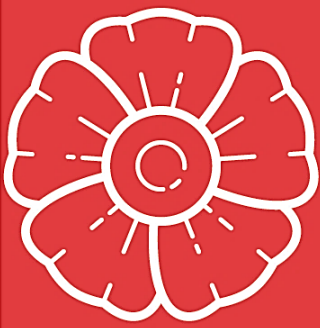
Book Faire
Fri, Nov 18 12:00 - 5:00 Community Room
Sat, Nov 19 10:00 - 5:00 Community Room
Sun, Nov 20 10:00 - 3:00 Community Room
Hosted by Friends of the Library.
Donations are limited to 1 box of great books on Friday and Saturday only, during Book Faire hours. Flash Sale On Sunday.





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November 2022 Program Guide



ADULTS

Adult Card Making with Ruth
Thursday, Nov 10, 24 11:00-12:00
Community Room & Zoom
Join Ruth Moore for a free card-making class!
All supplies provided. **Registration Required.**

Astronomy Group Meeting
Friday Nov 11, 7:00PM-9:00PM
Community Room & Zoom
Presentation by Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club.

Dungeons & Dragons
Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30 Sechelt Library
Come and delve into the fantastic stories of Dungeons and Dragons. Join our group for exciting adventures in imagination every Tuesday. Call or email the library to register. **Registration Required.**
Currently seeking Dungeon Masters.

Stitchin'
Mondays, 11:00-12:30 Foyer
Bring your knitting/crochet/stitching project and enjoy a friendly stitchin' session with other crafters.
Drop-Ins Welcome.

Writers Group
Thursday, Nov 10, 24, 10:00 - 12:30
Come join your fellow writers in reading and critiquing each other's work in a friendly and constructive manner. Limited to 8 seats.
Registration Required.

Chair Yoga
Mondays, 12:00-1:00 Community Room & Zoom
Join Bobbie Seale-Cobiskey for this gentle form of yoga. **Registration Required.**

General Fiction Book Club
Tuesday Nov 8, 1:00-2:30 Community Room
Read *The High Mountains of Portugal* by Yann Martel in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. **Registration Required.**

Mystery Book Club
Tuesday Nov 15, 1:00-2:30 Community Room
Read *Crocodile on the Sandbank* by Elizabeth Peters in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. **Registration Required.**

Men's Book Club
Tuesday Nov 22, 1:00-2:30 Community Room
Read *Bones: Discovering the First Americans* by Elaine Dewar in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. **Registration Required.**

Non-Fiction Book Club NEW
Tuesday Nov 1, 1:00 - 2:30 Community Room
Read *All Things Consided* by Elizabeth Hay and bring along suggestions for future meetings. **Registration Required.**

Ancestor Hunters
Tuesday, Nov 22, 3:00 - 5:00 Community Room
Interested in your family history? Come and join this group of dedicated ancestor hunters. **Registration Required.**

Writer's Studio Writing Consults
Saturday, Nov 12, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00
Room of Requirement
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 Jam
Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 Community Room
Fun ukulele jam for all levels. **Drop In Other Instruments Welcome.**

Author Reading: Caitlin Hicks
Friday, Nov 4, 7:00-8:30 Community Room
Join Caitlin, author of *A Theory of Expanded Love* for a presentation of her newest novel *Kennedy Girl*. Sponsored by the Writer's Union of Canada.

CHILDREN & TEENS

Fall Family StoryTime
Saturday, Nov 5, 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, Nov 25, 3:00-4:50 Community Room
Join us to watch anime and discuss manga. Snacks provided. Ages 9-18. The content is rated PG13 or TV14A. **Registration Required.**
No meeting Nov 11.

Youth Book Club
Thursday, Nov 17, 3:30-4:30 Teen Area
Read *The Wolf Wilder* by Katherine Rundell, and discuss it with us. Snacks provided! Ages 9-12. **Registration Required.**

Teen Book Club
Thursday, Nov 10, 3:30-4:30 Teen Area
Read *Firekeepers Daughter* by Angeline Boulley, and discuss it with us. Snacks provided! Ages 12-19. **Registration Required.**

PAWS 4 Stories
Wednesdays, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 4:00-5:00
Children's Area
Practice your reading by signing up for a 20 minute appointment to read with a certified St. John Ambulance therapy dog. **Registration Required. Recommended for ages 6+.**

Christmas Card-Making and Writing Letters to Santa
Saturday, Nov 26, 1:30-2:30 Community Room
Local card-making buff, Ruth Moore, will be leading this card-making and crafts class. This month we will also be writing letters to Santa to send in the mail. Please bring your return address and some ideas of what you would like to include in the letter. Supplies Provided. **Registration Required.**

Books for Babies
Have you had a baby in 2022?
A FREE "Books for Babies" bag, full of literacy goodies, is awaiting you at the Sechelt library! Compliments of the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition.

9. October Programming Photos

Ukulele jam September 8th (14 people outdoors last time)



Knitting Group (Stichin)

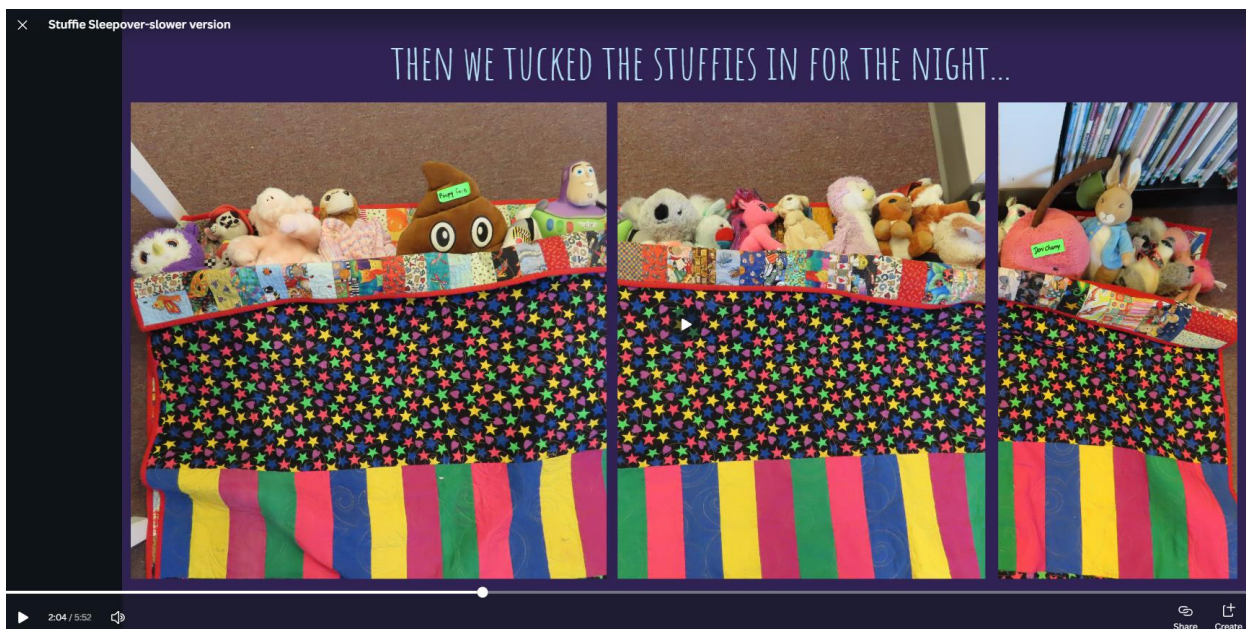


Friends of the Library Book Faire

(so much work these incredible volunteers do to support Sechelt Library)



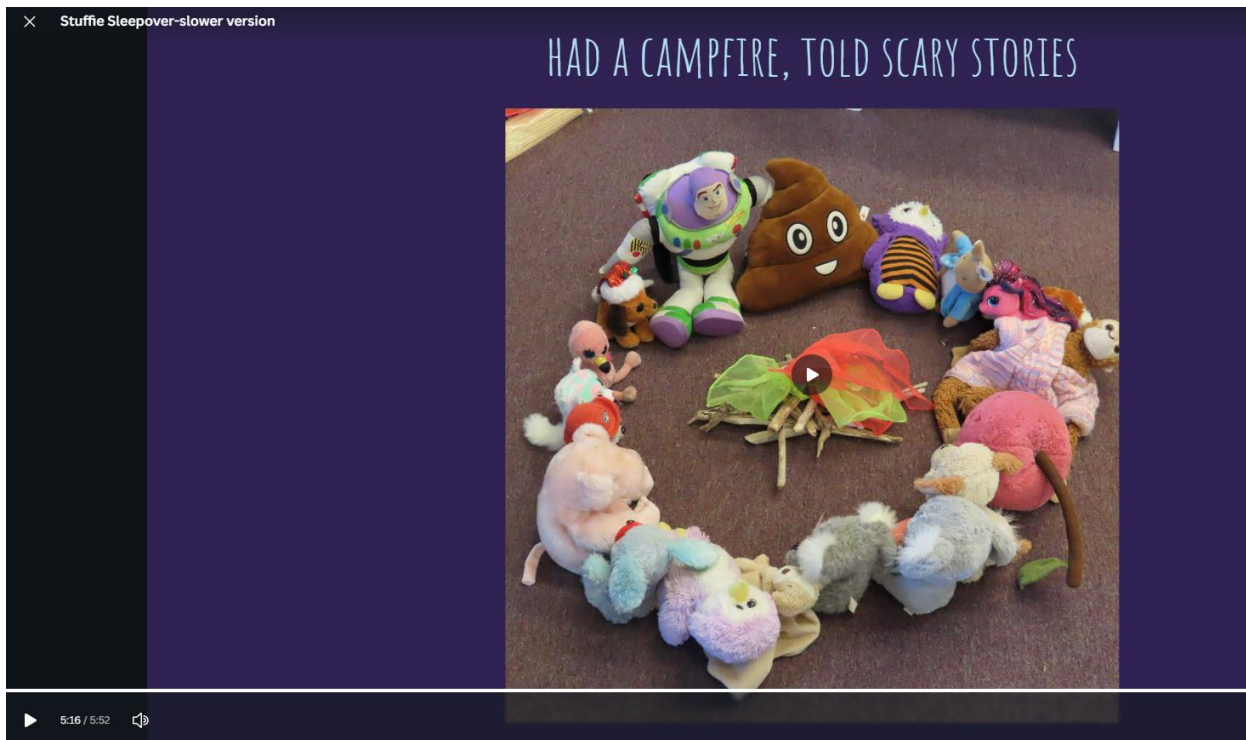
Stuffie Sleepover (please watch video on our website homepage for more stuffie adventures!)



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10. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The library staff honored this day, September 30, with a thoughtful book display and of course, orange t-shirt.



We also had Capilano University librarians come and learn about the First nations collection we have in the library. The display on the shelves by the reference desk is non-fiction and the fiction of spread through the rest of the library. All are marked with the beautiful and artistic first nations spine label.

11. Elder College

We partnered with Elder College this September and Jason, our technology education coordinator, presented a two part “Technology 101” class (free) in our community room for Elder College students. Some of our staff trial tested the 2- part course and worked with Jason on content evaluation. Jason did a great job teaching this course.

12. Capilano University Librarians Visit

On October 3, four Capilano University librarians from both the Sunshine Coast campus and North Vancouver campus came to Sechelt Library to meet our staff, tour Sechelt Library and have a chit chat. The current Capilano University Sunshine Coast Campus does not have a library on their premises but there is a library in North Vancouver. Cap U librarians are concerned that their students don’t know how to use the CAP U library catalogue and want our help in training any CAP U students that come into the Sechelt Library facility. One CAP U student we assisted a few weeks ago didn’t even know that CAP U had a library... So, not to do what should be their own job of marketing their services to their students, what we can do is have an overview of the CAP U library catalogue so that, if a CAPU U student comes into the Sechelt library, we can show that student how to use the CAP U catalogue – as well as assist that student in any way as we would normally do. Two of our reference staff are scheduled to have a brief overview of the CAP U catalogue with a CAP U librarian in November.



13. Display Upgrades

We designed (on paper) a more professional way to display signage and brochures and then had our amazing carpenter, Rob Williams, make them for us. The wooden signage holders come apart (just the top) for easy exchange of signage. The new brochure displays utilized some plastic holder rejects which I took from the Seaside Center when they threw them out. Rob just put the plastic part on a wooden base for us.



14. Public Advocacy for Libraries

Dear BC Library Community,

Part of BCLA's mission is to advocate for libraries and library workers, and your membership makes it possible for us to do this work. As I shared in my email of June 13, the [BC Public Library Partners](#) (made up of representatives from BCLA, BC Libraries Coop, BCLTA, and ABCPLD) presented to the BC Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on June 7, asking the province to permanently increase annual funding for public libraries to \$23 million in 2023, and commit to inflationary adjustments every year.

I'm happy to share that the Select Standing Committee's [Report on the 2023 Budget Consultation](#) is out, and it includes the following recommendation on page 31: **"Increase the annual operating grant for public libraries, linked to inflation, and provide targeted financial support for libraries in rural, remote, and Indigenous communities to increase access in these areas."**

This recommendation does not mean the increase will be provided, as the Select Standing Committee does not set the budget and has made similar recommendations in past years, but it is a good sign that an increase is supported, and we were pleased to see that they included the need for ongoing increases linked to inflation as that was not included in their previous recommendations.

I've provided a few relevant quotes from the report below:

- **From the Executive Summary, page 7: "With respect to public libraries, Committee Members recognize their role as community hubs and centres for information, literacy, and creativity and support increased funding with particular attention to libraries in rural, remote, and Indigenous communities."**
- **The PUBLIC LIBRARIES subsection, pages 28-9 of the Arts, Libraries, and Sport section of the report: "Several library boards and associations recommended increasing the funding of public libraries to \$23 million dollars annually with ongoing incremental increases. These libraries and organizations noted the importance of libraries as community hubs and referenced increasing costs of operating, staffing, and providing physical and digital collections."**
- **From the Conclusion, page 30 of the Arts, Libraries, and Sport section of the report: "Committee Members recognized the changing role of public libraries as community hubs and centres for literacy, creativity, diversity, and innovation. Further, they highlighted the important role libraries played during the pandemic and heat dome and discussed how libraries have been flexible in addressing community needs. Members agreed that libraries must be supported with adequate funding as they serve as equalizers – providing services, resources, connectivity, and entertainment to those who may not have access otherwise, especially in rural, remote, and Indigenous communities."**

The Partners will be continuing our advocacy at the UBCM Convention in September, doing a morning presentation on libraries at the convention and holding an open house at the Whistler Public Library.

Thank you for the work you do in libraries throughout BC every day – it is noticed and appreciated in your communities, and it the impact you have is the reason our advocacy is being well received.

Rina Hadziev, MLIS (she/her)

**Executive Director
British Columbia Library Association**

As noted by one of our ABCPLD directors:

“Minister Cullen attended the Public Libraries Open House event hosted by Whistler Public Library mid-September.

He was very engaged, talked with many of the attendees at the event, and listened attentively to the stories he heard about what public libraries are doing and how they are impacting their communities. He remained at the event for about 45 minutes, so much longer than had been scheduled that his handlers eventually gave up trying to move him on to his next commitment!

The event organizers did a great job of showcasing public libraries for UBCM attendees.

I am sure many of you are listening to Minister Cullen present at UBCM, but just in case you missed it, Minister Cullen just stated the following, "Don't piss off librarians!" He also talked at length about the amazing work libraries do.

Thank you to all of you for the work you have done to advocate for public libraries.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul4Ky6PQVg8>
37 minute mark.



Leianne's partial translation of his speech:

“Speaking of money, I’m also the minister of libraries. Not another country but fun fact anyways, the only aspect of the Patriot Act that was ever changed was the part of it that said that librarians had to give up your borrowing record to the US federal government. Listen, don’t piss off librarians. They are sometimes quiet, sometimes humble, but backed into a corner they are fierce. So, last year we put in \$8m to libraries across the province, on top of what we normally do. And, as one librarian said to me, “if you think education is expensive, try ignorance”. We need an informed, and engaged and intelligent population.... Libraries ain’t places you just go borrow books from anymore....they have become so much more. They are heating centres, cooling centres, social justice centres, counteracting the plague of the google search, they will find out truth from fiction ,truth from the noise.... “

15. Strategic Initiatives Fund

Initial email from Association for BC Public Library Directors (ABCPLD) to give you a better background of this project and its purpose:

Background

Since its founding, ABCPLD has held advocacy as key to its mission. In 2009, when Public Libraries' Provincial Library Grant was drastically cut, ABCPLD began working with sector partners to lobby for restoration of funding levels. Most recently, ABCPLD has worked with the BC Public Library Partners to build direct relationships with the Provincial government and increase awareness of the incredible value Public Libraries provide to communities across BC.

That work has resulted in countless tangible and intangible benefits - most recently, a productive relationship with Minister Nathan Cullen as well as two rounds of one-time funding amounting to \$11M. Despite all of our efforts, however, the base grant for public libraries has not shifted.

Over the past year, it has become clear that BC Public Library Partners' advocacy for sustained, increased funding would benefit from the support of government relations experts who can help us develop a strategy to move the needle and make headway with our lobbying efforts.

Creation of the Strategic Initiatives Fund

At the 2022 AGM, ABCPLD Members discussed the need to shift our advocacy approach by engaging a government relations consultant to provide Partners with the expertise to achieve results. Members raised and passed a motion to establish a Strategic Initiatives Fund to provide ABCPLD with the ability to move forward with that work quickly.

Since the AGM, ABCPLD has engaged in conversations with stakeholders from around the province to

hear thoughts about engaging a dedicated consultant, gather ideas on how to fund this work, and learn about challenges this project could face.

Based on those conversations, the Board has approved the creation of a Strategic Initiatives Fund dedicated to support Provincial Government Advocacy and is working to raise funds from membership to further our shared goal to achieve higher, sustainable provincial funding.

Details

In working on this project, ABCPLD aims to be as transparent as possible. Key details follow:

- This Provincial Advocacy Project is a multi-year project that will span 2 or 3 years.
- Monies raised will support Provincial Funding Advocacy and will not go to core operations.
- A consultant will be engaged to provide expertise with Government Relations.
- The project will likely incur a cost of \$50-60K / year; we will therefore aim to raise \$150-180K.
- Some libraries will want to contribute all in one year; others will want to provide annual contributions. ABCPLD will be as flexible as possible.

In some early conversations with members, there was a request to develop recommended funding contributions based on library size and population served. Working from conversations, the Board has approved the following:

Recommended Contributions by Population Served

Below <5,000 served – As possible
5,001-10,000 served – Up to 1K
10,001-40,000 served – 1K-4K
40,001-195,000 served – 4K-10K
195,001+ served – 10K-20K

Thank you in advance for your support of this project. We're looking forward to what lies ahead.

Sincerely,

Susan Walters, ABCPLD Chair (Richmond Public Library)

Leigh Anne Palmer, Executive Director, ABCPLD

Update from ABCPLD as at September 29, 2022

Strategic Initiative Update

We've received enthusiastic responses from ABCPLD members to our campaign to raise funds for the Advocacy Strategic Initiative. We have received over \$148,000 in commitments already from a range of libraries - small to large, rural to urban. The full list of contributing members includes:

Bowen Island Public Library
Burnaby Public Library
Castlegar & District Public Library
Coquitlam Public Library
Gibsons & District Public Library
Grand Forks & District Public Library
Greater Victoria Public Library
North Vancouver City Library
Okanagan Regional Library
Pender Island Public Library
Penticton Public Library
Port Moody Public Library
Powell River District Public Library
Richmond Public Library
Smithers Public Library
Surrey Public Library
Thompson-Nicola Regional District Library System
Trail & District Public Library
Vancouver Island Regional Library
Vancouver Public Library
West Vancouver Memorial Library

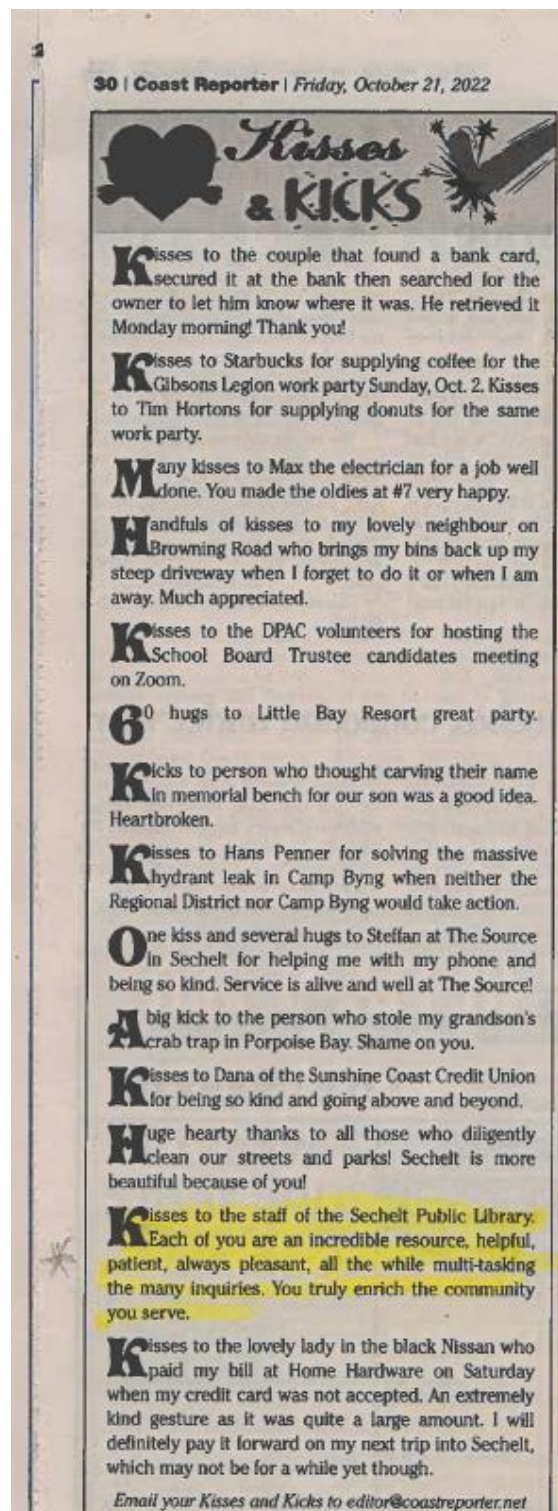
At this point, there is no doubt that this project will move forward, and we're close to meeting our target of \$180,000 for the 2-3 year project. ABCPLD will be working with the BC Public Library Partners in the coming months on an action plan (see more below). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We'll provide our next update at the October 14th ABCPLD Business Meeting.

Note from Leianne:

Sechelt Library has contributed its share of funds toward this initiative and hope that this initiative will result in a positive outcome for all BC libraries with ongoing increased annual provincial funding.

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16. Coast Reporter Kisses and Other Patron Comments



Kisses to the staff of the Sechelt Public Library. Each of you are an incredible resource, helpful, patient, always pleasant, all the while multi-tasking the many inquiries. You truly enrich the community you serve.

Patron

Sept 9/22

"ALL OF YOU LADIES ...

THIS IS THE BEST SERVICE I HAVE

EVER EXPERIENCED AT A LIBRARY ... HANDS DOWN! "

Sept 10, 2022

A fellow came in to print and told me
"You were a life-saver. There's nowhere else in
Sechelt to print and the Gibsons Copy Shop
closed at noon. I'm just so grateful. "

22 Sept 2022

A patron is thrilled with our graphic novel collection.
She is using it as an inspiration for ~~the~~ furthering
the development of her own graphic novel. J

Hello,

Just a note to say how much I appreciate the Large Print section and the staff in the Sechelt Library!

I recently watched my husband read and enjoy 'State of Terror' – the first book I've seen him read from cover to cover in decades. He has been challenged by eye issues as he ages that make reading more of a chore than a pastime to enjoy. He commented a few times that that larger print was significantly easier and it allowed him to concentrate and make progress in the book quite easily. Since I'm voracious reader, I'm keen for him to enjoy it too as we sit on the beach in the sun.

We moved to Sechelt almost a year ago and I was very glad to see a healthy library so convenient to home and work. As well, more kudos to Claire for being the most welcoming person I've met here yet! She's always so helpful and resourceful to find what I'm looking for and to make suggestions. Visits to the library are a highlight in my new home, so thanks to you all!

Cheers,



dear ms. Teresa
* thank-you for your personal grace
and professional assistance.

Thursday September 29, 2022

"I just want to commend you on how good you all are. You're just so good." [REDACTED]

Tuesday October 4th, 2022

Patron [REDACTED] OBSERVED CHRISTIE HELPING A PATRON

VIA PHONE. "THE LIBRARY HAS A NEW STAFF MEMBER ...

WHAT A FANTASTIC PHONE DEMEANOR DEALING WITH

IN DEPTH QUESTIONS VIA PHONE ... WHICH IS

DIFFICULT ... AND CAN BE CONFUSING ...

SHE NAVIGATED IT SUPER WELL!"

October 5, 2022

Patron went on and on about how much she loves the look of the library and how so many of our books are face out!

Oct. 6/22

Patron [REDACTED] ... AFTER RETURNING FROM A VISIT TO POWELL RIVER ... "POWELL RIVER IS A LARGER NEWER LIBRARY BUT IT DOES NOT HAVE WHAT SECHER HAS. EVERYONE HERE IS SO WELCOMING, BUBBLY, AND ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP! IT WAS SO NICE TO COME HOME. YOU DO SUCH A LOVELY JOB HERE!"

Oct 6/22 91 year old Paton, HAVING TROUBLE WITH
 HEARING CD AUDIO BOOKS, WAS INTRODUCED TO JANEAL
 AND OUR DAISY PLAYERS FOR ACCESSIBILITY ...
 "THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I NEEDED!! AND I
 DON'T EVEN KNOW IT WAS POSSIBLE! THANK YOU."
 (Paton = [REDACTED])

Oct 14/22 Paton [REDACTED]
 "THIS IS THE BEST LIBRARY! AND I KNOW BECAUSE
 I HAVE BEEN TO MANY LIBRARIES. WE ARE ABSOLUTELY
 SPOILED HERE. THANK YOU!"

Oct 21/22 Hank [REDACTED] ... JANET WAS VERY VERY
 GOOD AT HEARING A DIALOGUE (:) LIKE MY UNDERSTAND
 TECHNOLOGY, MUCH BETTER THAN MY 16 YEAR OLD
 GRANDDAUGHTER WHO TRIES BUT GOES TOO FAST.
 THANK YOU FOR THIS SERVICE!!

17. Coming in the November Library Director's Report

1. Accessibility Regulations
2. Books for Babies
3. Our HUGE library book weeding project
4. Library Inventory Plans (not done since 1986)