



Director's Report

Sechelt Public Library

December 1, 2022 – January 25, 2023

By Leianne Emery

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1. Cover Photo

Sechelt Library hosted two school tours with French students from Ecole du Pacifique on Thursday Jan 12, 2023. The first tour was students in grades 4 and 5 and the second tour grades 6 and 7. Our Children's Programmer, Charlotte, had the students go on a library scavenger hunt and did a great job showing them our library resources. Many of them did not yet have a library card but membership forms went out to all of them. The cover photo is of the grades 6 and 7 students along with their teacher Melanie and, of course, Charlotte.



2. New Minister of Municipal Affairs

Libraries currently fall under the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Our new Minister is Anne Kang (MLA for Burnaby-Deer Lake) and she was named Minister of Municipal Affairs in the Eby ministry on December 7, 2022. She was also a former City of Burnaby councilor, and was a Burnaby Library Board rep for a while during her tenure.



3. Funding Payments

The Funding Agreement, as it currently stands, indicates the following dates for payment to the Sechelt Library. We are, as you know, requesting an amendment, not to the schedule but to the actual payment amounts themselves.

	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				

4. Budget Meetings

SCRD:

The SCR D 2023 Budget schedule was and is as follows:

- Budget Round 1 – January 23-25, 2023 (we presented)
- Budget Round 2 – February 21-22, 2023
- Budget Final Adoption – March 23, 2023

We submitted our budget documentation on January 6, 2023 to the SCR D. Both Pat Harvey and myself spoke in person at the budget round 1 meeting and we were very grateful to have had the support of the rest of the Board Members and staff at the meeting.

SCR D Round 1 Decision:

For the Youtube presentation and the SCR D's discussion regarding our budget request, please start watching at the 3:58 mark. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ij5m7-nPihM>

A suggestion was made by Director Backs to, instead of giving us the 9% we were requesting (and saying he was not sure why we asked for it) maybe we should be given at least a 6-7% inflationary increase. (Note: we clearly articulated in the report why we asked for it). A motion was then re-worded by Director Toth (which did not actually match what Director Backs had said) of: A motion to refer to Round 2 pending receipt of additional information from the library justifying a greater than inflationary increase. There was no seconder. So, it went back to the library having to stick to their funding agreement of 3%.

Gibsons Library has been asked to come back to Round 2 with the implication of a reduction from their 13% increase request (disputed as 9% by GDPL) to a 6% inflationary increase.

This SCRD voting process and the decision that followed will be further discussed in the Library Board Meeting (in camera).

District of Sechelt:

It has been suggested that we present in early February at an in-camera meeting but this has yet to be confirmed with DOS staff.

5. Grants

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

1. New computers for 4 public stations
2. First Aid Training (already put to use as one staff member was choking and one literally saved her)
3. 2 portable First Aid Kits for any staff member who goes off site for programming or library business
4. 7 new public computer keyboards (old ones were losing the white color on the keys)
5. 3 new iPads for children's and technology programming

We are considering how best to spend the additional government one-time funding – not meant for operational concerns – only capital costs. Another likely choice is to allocate funds towards improving the functionality and storage of the kitchen space. If you've been in the kitchen – you would probably agree with this option!



Another item under consideration for us is an indoor carbon dioxide tester.

Higher indoor carbon dioxide levels — and less fresh oxygen getting in — can lead to a higher risk of airborne infections. Poor air quality can lead to fatigue, headaches and a sore throat. Under 600 parts per million is considered excellent, while more than 1,000 is poor. Ways to [improve ventilation](#) include opening a window, making sure fuel-burning appliances are properly vented, and considering [mechanical ventilation](#)

[options](#), says Health Canada.

Two libraries on the north shore currently have a few in circulation – with many many holds currently placed on them. According to one library: "We're recognizing the library has a role in some more expensive tools, items, pieces of equipment ... It's giving people an opportunity to test these things if they can't afford it, or if they want to test it before they buy it. "

6. SCRD and District of Sechelt Tour / Orientation to Sechelt Library

District of Sechelt:

Councilor Adam Shephard, our Sechelt Library Liaison and Councilor Alton Toth, our alternate liaison, and are scheduled for tour of the library on **Wednesday January 25, 2023 at 6pm.**

Mayor Henderson will likely be coming for a tour as well along with other DOS councilors at some point in the future.

SCRD:

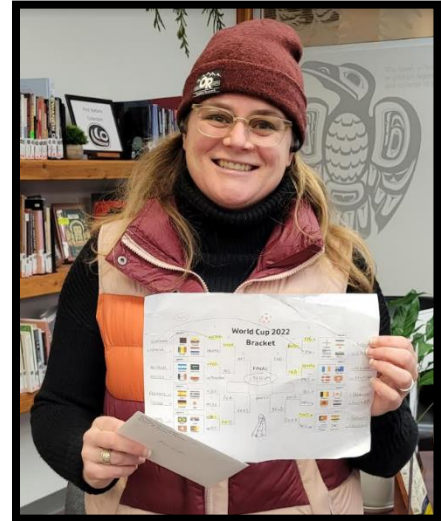
After an invitation from Sechelt Library, Directors Justine Gabias (Area B) and Kelly Backs (Area D) were happy to come for library orientation/tour on Monday January 12th at 6:00 pm. Rhian Piprell joined us.

Director Gabias advised she is the appointed representative to the SPL with Director Leonard Lee being the alternate.



7. FIFA Contest for Patrons

Jeff set up a FIFA contest along with a sports book display during the FIFA world Cup. One lucky patron was a prize!



8. Therapy Dog Training

November's cover photo was of "Star", a certified St. Johns Ambulance therapy dog, being read a story by one of our young patrons. These certified dogs are extensively trained prior to certification. To aid in the training process for professional certification, we will be hosting a group of "hopeful" therapy dogs both for St. Johns Ambulance Therapy Dogs and Therapy Dogs of Canada. They were in the library between 8:30 and 9:30 am on Tuesday January 24th and all training will be conducted prior to the public entering at 10:00am.



9. Library Inventory

Our entire staff worked on the inventory project over the three days of Wednesday December 28 – to Friday December 30. It took the entire 3 days to do the inventory. 100's of anomalies were found with shelving location and cataloguing issues - and remedied. Final inventory reports are being done right now which will require further actions.

The Sechelt Library had not undergone an inventory reconciliation since the library moved to the current location in 1996.



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10. The Great Library Weed

We are continuing with our massively time-consuming but massively necessary “weeding” of all library items. As at January 20th, we are about 1/4 to 1/3 completed.

Our first priority for donations are for Shorncliff, Totem Lodge, Sechelt Hospital and the Sunshine Coast Hospice. All remaining books have been placed on shelving carts in the lobby for any patron to take home for free – and they love that! This past week there has been much discussion amongst BC library Directors about what to do with weeded books and many seem to be simply destroying them. I think this is a shame as there are so many useful places to donate to. It just takes time and effort.

11. Harbour Spiel

January 2023's issue of Harbour Spiel contains a much paired-down version of the original article I wrote for the publisher and submitted in November 2022. We appreciate being included in the January 2023 issue and the basic concept is still getting across.



Get to know the Sechelt Public Library

*Leanne Emery
Sechelt Public Library director*

Over 32 years ago, the small original library building in Sechelt was staffed with one full-time and two part-time employees that were helped by many volunteers.

Books (and some cassettes) were the only items on the shelves while a DOS-based computer served the entire library's needs.

Staff physically searched through a card catalogue to find books.

Today, the Sechelt Public Library sits adjacent to the Sechelt Aquatic Centre and has 14 full-time, part-time and casual staff and, still, many invaluable volunteers.

Over 45,000 books adorn the shelves but the cassettes, since replaced with CDs, are almost gone.

The library provides a variety of in-house and lendable computers, laptops and tablets.

They have replaced any need for the card catalogue – which is now a much sought-after antique piece.

What has not changed is that when someone wants to know something, they still call a library.

It is a trusted go-to source for almost everything.

Every staff member at the SPL strives to be professional and are passionate about making a positive difference in people's daily lives.

The many programs and events, unique services, books and other interesting library items are all free.

A library's impact is boosted even more when partnered with community organizations.

In the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition, the library enjoys a joint membership with the Pender Harbour Community School while many of our

"Books for Babies" bags were sent to the Pender Harbour Health Centre for distribution to new parents in the community.

For some time now, the library has enjoyed a good working relationship with Karen Dyck and her team at the Pender Harbour Reading Centre.

The two groups have collaborated on many things including COVID rules, protocols, Wi-Fi sharing areas, Wi-Fi funding, marketing and promotion for PHRC fundraisers, summer reading club, memberships, free "Books for Babies" and a weekly courier service between Sechelt Library and the reading centre for items.

With a Sechelt library card, Area A residents can have the following items from the Sechelt Library collection sent up to the reading centre, and delivered back as well:

- Books, large print books, audiobooks, paperbacks, CDs, DVDs, graphic novels and magazines from our collection;

- Popular surprise packages full of books that we personally choose for the PHRC, and

- The "Books for Babies" package for those who had a baby in 2022.

Of course, we'd love for more upper Coast residents to come into the library and take part in activities,

personal one-on-one services (like technology assistance and accessibility assistance), use our free genealogical databases for or be tempted by the many incredible items we have on display, including ukuleles, STEAM kits, radon detection kits, Samsung tablets or Brain Games.

Did you know that you can also officially designate someone on your library card to pick up items for you?

Even from your home and with just a simple library card, you can read or listen to books online (Library2Go), enjoy newspapers and magazines from around the world (Press Reader), learn another language (Mango), find French language books (Bibliothèque Numérique), take online courses (Gale and Linked-In Learning), read and research from BC historical newspapers and much more.

As a public library association, we are governed by a board of directors that for 2022 included Leonard Lee, SCR D Area A director, as a representative on our library board.


The Sechelt Library serves a population of about 20,000 people between Egmont and Sechelt.

And just a phone call away.

To contact the Sechelt Public Library, call (604) 885-3260 or visit sechelt.bc.libraries.coop/.

PENDER HARBOUR MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

CLANNA MORNA






PENDER HARBOUR SCHOOL OF MUSIC
TICKETS \$30 @ www.penderharbourmusic.ca, Harbour Insurance or Strait Music (Sechelt)

**SUNDAY
JAN. 29
2PM**

Skilled multi-instrumentalists present superbly crafted arrangements of Celtic traditional folk music.

12. Program Guides – January 2023

 <p>SECHELT LIBRARY Space to think</p> <h3>REGISTRATION</h3> <p>All programs are FREE! Call (604) 885-3260 or drop by the library to register.</p> <h3>LIBRARY HOURS</h3> <p>Monday: 10-5 JAN 2 CLOSED Tuesday: 10-5 Wednesday: 10-6 Thursday: 10-5 Friday: 10-5 Saturday: 10-3 Sunday: Closed</p> <h3>CONTACT</h3> <p>(604) 885-3260 info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca</p> <h3>SOCIAL MEDIA</h3> <p>For more exciting information and photos, follow us on social media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> @secheltlibrary @secheltlibrary @secheltlibrary 	<h3>DID YOU KNOW?</h3> <p>Did you know you can now borrow Ukuleles at the Sechelt Library?</p> <p>Did you know the Sechelt Library now offers a wide collection of E-Books in French via our <i>Bibliothèque Numerique</i> database?</p> <p>Did you know you can now borrow a wide variety of electronic brain games from the Sechelt Library?</p> <p>Did you know, you can register for a Sechelt Library program even if you don't have a library card?</p> <p>Did you know, the Sechelt Library has over fifty-two thousand items in its collection?</p> <p>Did you know, the Sechelt Library sells bus tickets and monthly passes?</p> <p>Did you know, the Sechelt Library partners with the Pender Harbour Reading Center? You can request your books be sent there, or you can return your books from the Pender Harbour Reading Center. (With some exceptions)</p> <p>Did you know, the Sechelt Library offers "Surprise Me" packages where a Librarian will assemble a selection of books based on your preferences?</p>	<h3>ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT</h3> <p>Genealogy Tutoring FREE Curious about your history? Want to discover your family tree? Appointment required.</p> <p>Tech Assistance FREE <i>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</i> 30 minute one-on-one sessions with our local tech expert. Appointment required.</p> <p>Repair Café FREE <i>Saturday, Jan 14, 10:30-2:30</i> Free, while you wait, repair to domestic appliances and devices by volunteers from Gibsons Repair Café.</p> <p>Accessibility Services FREE One-on-one assistance with Daisy audio players, accessibility programs, and resources for individuals with visual impairments or other print disabilities. Appointment Required.</p> <h3>FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY</h3> <p>Book Faire Fri, Jan 20 12:00 - 5:00 Community Room Sat, Jan 21 10:00 - 5:00 Community Room Sun, Jan 22 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.</p> 	 <p>SECHELT LIBRARY Space to think</p> <h1>January 2023 Program Guide</h1> <h1>Happy New Year</h1>
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ADULTS

Adult Card Making with Ruth

Thursday, Jan 12, 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 Jan 13, 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.

No Meeting Jan 3

Stitchin'

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 Community Room

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

Drop-Ins Welcome. No meeting Jan 2

Chair Yoga

Mondays, 12:00-1:00 Zoom & In Person

Join Bobbie Seale-Cobiskey for this gentle form of yoga. **Registration Required. No meeting Jan 2**

Ukulele Jam

Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 Community Room

Fun ukulele jam for all levels. **Drop In. Other Instruments Welcome.**

Author Reading: Cathalynn

Labonté-Smith

Monday, Jan 23, 3:00-5:00 Community Room
Author Cathalynn Labonté-Smith will read from *Rescue Me Behind the Scenes of Search and Rescue*

Non-Fiction Book Club **NEW**

Tuesday Jan 3, 11:00 - 12:30 Library & Zoom
Read *Educated* by Tara Westover and bring along suggestions for future meetings.

Registration Required.

General Fiction Book Club

Tuesday Jan 10, 11:00-12:30 Community Room
Read *The Only Café* by Linden McIntyre in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. **Registration Required.**

Mystery Book Club

Tuesday Jan 17, 11:00-12:30 Community Room & Zoom
Read *Silent Bite* by David Rosenfelt in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. **Registration Required.**

Men's Book Club

Tuesday Jan 24,
Read *Why Young Men* by Javil Jivani in preparation for the next book club on the 4th Tuesday of the month. **Registration Required.**

Writer's Studio Writing Consults

Saturday, Jan 14, 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.**

Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs

Tuesday, Jan 3 3:00-5:00 Community Room

Join Thomas Greiner for a fascinating boat tour of ancient monuments and temples including the pyramids at Giza. **Registration Required**

Ancestor Hunters

Tuesday Jan 31, 10:00-12:00

Community Room & Zoom

Interested in your family history? Come join our group of dedicated ancestor hunters. **Registration Required.**

Very Beginners Ukulele

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 Community Room

New to Ukulele? Join Mark Trevis, to learn a few basic chords and enjoy a fun group experience.

Registration Required

No Meeting January 5th.

Advanced Care Planning Workshop

Thursday Jan 26, 10:00-12:00 Community Room

In this hands-on workshop we will explore the steps in making advanced care plans and the new Green Sleeve Initiative. Featuring Joan Hibbard and Jackie Scott, Sunshine Coast Hospice Society. **Registration Required.**

Seed Packaging Workshop

Saturday Jan 7, 12:00-3:00 Community Room

Saturday Jan 14, 12:00-3:00 Foyer

Join our Seed Library coordinator and expert Irene Bremer to clean and package seeds for the next growing season.

Registration Required.

CHILDREN & TEENS

Winter Family StoryTime

Saturday, Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 10:30 -11:00

Children's Area.

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.**

PAWS 4 Stories

Wednesdays, Jan 11, 18 25 4:30-5:30

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+. **No Session January 4.**

Teen Anime Club

Friday, Jan 13, Feb 3, 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 January 27

Teen Book Club

Thursday, Jan 12, 3:30-4:30 Teen Area

Read *Wilder Girls* by Rory Power, and discuss it with us. Snacks provided! Ages 12-19.

Registration Required.

Youth Book Club

Wednesday, Jan 18, 3:30-4:30 Teen Area

Read *The Baby Sitters Club: Kristy's Great Idea* (Graphic Novel) by Raina Telgemeier, and discuss it with us. Snacks provided! Ages 9-12. **Registration Required.**

Literacy Day Concert

Friday, Jan 27, 11:00 & 4:00 Roberts Creek Hall
The Literacy Coalition presents a family literacy day event with performer Rick Scott.

Free Admission. Registration Required. All Ages Welcome!

Valentine's Day Card Making

Saturday Feb 4 1:30-2:30 Community Room

Join local card-maker Ruth Moore in creating exciting Valentine's Day cards. All supplies provided. **Registration Required**

Ruth's class still teaching "Adult Card Making"... hmmm... I have requested an adjustment on the calendar for February.



Winnie in Winter Reading by Richard Austin

An excerpt from Coast Reporter Kicks and Kisses Friday December 23, 2022:

"Tiddely pom kisses to Richard Austin for his delightful animated annual "Winter with Winne" readings at Sechelt Library. It was heartwarming as always. Kisses to Gill Smith for arranging this!"

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13. Literacy Coalition Activities

Sechelt Public Library, as an active member of the Sunshine Literacy Coalition, is still involved with the ongoing planning and execution of many activities for 2023. Here are some of the current and upcoming projects:

Family Literacy Day Event – Friday January 27th 2023:

Rick Scott will be performing for two kids concerts during the day on Friday January 27, 2023 at the Roberts Creek Hall. Both concerts are fully booked! The Literacy Coalition will be organizing and providing food and drink as well. Sechelt Library has also done all the marketing and advertising posters and other members will send to Coast Reporter and other places for distribution. Both Charlotte and I will be working at the Robert Creek hall this Friday afternoon for the 4:00 concert.

The Sunshine Coast
Literacy Coalition presents

A Family Literacy Day Event with Rick Scott

Friday, January 27, 2023
Roberts Creek Hall
two concerts: 11am and 4pm

Admission is free but pre-registration is
required at <https://sd46.bc.ca/fldcereg/>

For more information contact:
Trudi Dening
Literacy Outreach Coordinator
604-885-9310
tdiening@capilano.ca

Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition Partners:

SECHULT LIBRARY
Sunshine Coast Festival of Written Arts
Sunshine Coast Credit Union
Pender Community
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CAPILANO UNIVERSITY
Sunshine Coast Welcoming Communities

Gift baskets for child care Centers:

Music, Puppets and books have been put into nice baskets and delivered to all the Child Education Centers and Daycares on the Sunshine Coast (30+). Everything was chosen, ordered, put together and delivered by Literacy Coalition members.

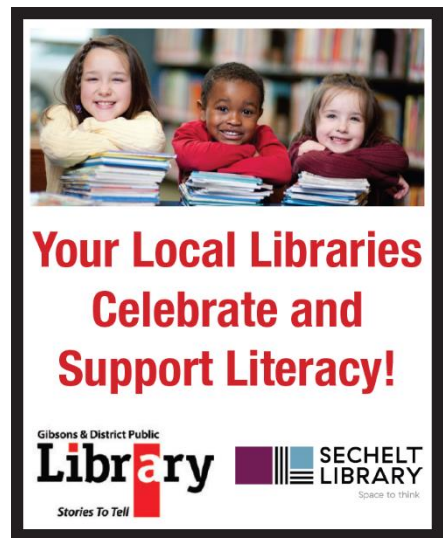
Books for Babies 2022:

The Books for Babies program recognizes the importance of reading to children at a young age and keeping them in book rich environment. The program helps turn families into readers and library users. Sechelt Library put together 100 books for babies bags which included a book, CD, downloadable music RFID and marketing materials for Sechelt Library. We have shared our packages with the Pender Harbour Health Centre, the Sechelt Health Center and, of course, have them available in the Sechelt Library. At this moment, we only have 5 bags remaining and everyone seems to be very excited – and grateful – in receiving them. We will have new choices and packages for 2023 as well (I’m assuming!).

In the SCR D Budget Round 1 negotiations on January 23, 2023, I did highlight the work that Rhian Piprell did over 15 years ago, along with Premier Gordon Campbell in creating this Books for Babies Program. Two of Rhian’s previous staff members were actually the ones that created the unique otter artwork that still remains as the theme. A great legacy to be very proud of – thanks Rhian!



Although not a “Literacy Coalition” project – Gibsons and Sechelt Library designed a joint advertisement for the Coast reporter to celebrate Literacy Week. It should be out this Friday.



14. Scanning Pens – Accessibility Option ?



It is important to note that we take our role seriously with regards to Accessibility. Not only are we having to introduce a huge reporting structure mandated by the accessibility Act of BC (discussed at length in a previous Board Report) but we want to include items in our Sechelt Library circulation that benefit patrons with accessibility issues. Daisy Readers are one such example – and we have just ordered two more – utilizing grant money.

At the time of writing of the last Board Report, we were undergoing staff and patron testing and evaluation on two types of Scanning Pens to see if these might be viable options for the Sechelt Library as part of our specialized circulation items. The C Pen are basically used for scanning book text and offering an audio capture of that text. The lingo Pen is used the same way but converts English to the language in the audio to the language of your choice. After Jason and Janette studied and trialed it internally, Janette trialed extensively with multiple library patrons with differing accessibility issues (ADHD, cognitive, visual, aphasia, learning, etc.) and put together some great feedback – which we shared with the C Pen company.

Although in the end we choose not to purchase and add to the library collection, it is important to note the extra work our staff do in wanting to offer the best to our patrons.

15. Thank-you to Fred and Bozena



Fred and Bozena Whibbs were here on December 7th to put up the “Tree of Knowledge” which they do voluntarily each year – and have been doing for many years. Thank-you to such generous people!

16. Coast Reporter Kisses and Patron Comments



I wanted to send you this picture of my kids using the Keva steam kit. They love it and have been playing with it for two days straight!

To: info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca

Date: Sun, 8 Jan 2023 02:06:16 +0000

Subject: Gratitude

For Leianne Emery,

I would like to comment, first on the excellent support found at the Sechelt Library, and secondly on the excellent resources found within its walls. From the excellent supply of large-print books to the discovery of the Daisy reader, my elderly mother's lifelong passion of reading will continue despite the severe loss of vision she is experiencing. With Janette's excellent and supportive help, my mom was able to manage the use of the Daisy machine independently within a few days, and has been able to finish reading the Obama biographies we bought her last Christmas, with Daisy's help. We are so grateful this service was discovered and is available through the Sechelt Library. I use a lot of libraries in the Lower Mainland, but my favourite one is Sechelt Library! Thank you so much, staff. My mom is reading again!

To: "Library Staff (Sechelt Public Library)" <info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca>

Date: Mon, 19 Dec 2022 10:22:56 -0800

Subject: Tech Help

Dear Lianne,

In your absence, XXX and I were in need of technology assistance twice (first my laptop and then XXX's new iPhone). I'm sure it will come as no surprise to you but even so, I wanted to let you know how extraordinarily well we were looked after by Jason. The first time was by appointment, the second after a desperate call when he worked his magic right by the reference desk. His ability to get techno-inarticulate us to clarify what the problems were, what we wanted the outcome of the solution to be, to take us through his thought processes and to put all this into a readily understandable diagram was remarkable. While this was happening, I think Teresa and Claire were keeping a sharp eye out to ensure that no patron went unserved.

To see this kind of teamwork in action speaks volume not only to the caliber of the staff but, of course, to your leadership. Well done all!

With many thanks,

XXX

Dear Claire

I thought to come in to tell you that my mother [REDACTED] had passed away 9 days ago. You were so kind to her, and it warmed her heart that you took such an interest in her and her reading selections. When all her friends had passed I spent the last few years as her friend and confidante, but the intermittent connections she had with others, especially yourself were precious. Your care and kindness went a long way in her last months. I will miss her dearly as will you and many others who knew her.

December 12, 2022

"The nicest people in Sechelt are here at the library."

December 13, 2022

[REDACTED] A young boy commented that he loved the holiday scavenger hunt and wants us to do another one!

Grateful kisses to the many volunteers involved with the generous community Christmas dinner. The cooks, phone organizers and the cheery delivery team.

Hugs and grateful thanks to volunteers from Gibsons Fire department and their quick response checking for carbon monoxide. Luckily all clear.

Tidely pom kisses to Richard Austin for his delightful animated annual "Winter with Winnie" readings at the Sechelt Library. It was heartwarming as always. Kisses to Gill Smith for arranging this!

• Coast Reporter
Dec. 30?

Library Donations

2 messages

Tess Huntly <tess.huntly@coasthospice.com>

To: janette.hellmuth@sechelllibrary.ca, "leianne.emery@sechelllibrary.ca" <leianne.emery@sechelllibrary.ca>

Thu, Dec 15, 2022 at 2:51

Hi Janette,

Thank you so much for the donation of books and magazines for our palliative wellness day program. We have participants with a range of interests, and so the materials you chose were very appropriate.

I was happy that our volunteer Helen was able to share a bit more about Hospice programs and services. We would love the opportunity to keep that conversation going with you, as well as with your Director Leianne Emery and Gillian Smith.

It would be wonderful to collaborate on a public education session or even a display at the library about the work of Hospice.

Please let me know if you are interested in these options or other ways in which we might work together.

Thanks,

Tess

Tess Huntly

Executive Director

Sunshine Coast Hospice Society



It was a pleasure for me as well to meet you (Janette) and Lelanne and share some of what we do at Hospice.

Thank you again for the donation of the books and magazines. It's very much appreciated. We have made space on our shelves and the books will be a good resource when needed.

I will forward your name to Tess Huntly, our Executive Director, who wishes to personally thank you.

Wishing you a wonderful Holiday Season,

Helen Bristow

Friday, Jan 20 - A patron said that she wanted to come to the front desk to check out her books so that she could comment on how much she appreciates all our hard work and how she loves the layout the library. She said that trying to choose a book can be overwhelming but the new section and the curated displays really help.