

## **Libraries need to grow with community**

**Editor:**

Do you know that there is one indoor place on the Coast where you don't have to be a customer or a client but can just be a human? It's the public library. The books are free. The internet is free. The workshops, performances and community gatherings are free. And everybody of all ages, no matter what you look like or sound like, or how much money you have or property you own, everybody is welcome. So why were all the community partners' funding requests sent as presented to the next round of budget discussions, except for that of the Sechelt and Gibsons libraries (*Coast Reporter*, Jan. 27)? Why is funding for the one public service that is for everyone in this community regardless of status or income not being allowed to grow along with the community? We all need to support our public libraries and let them grow with us.

Sincerely,

**Kathleen Vance, Gibsons**

## **Director's Report**

### **Sechelt Public Library**

**January 26, 2023 – February 22, 2023**

**By Leianne Emery**

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## 1. Cover Photo

Letter to the Editor printed in the Coast Reporter Friday February 3, 2023. A sentiment shared by many.

## 2. 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.

	<b>Beginning of Q1</b>	<b>Beginning of Q2</b>	<b>Beginning of Q3</b>	<b>Beginning of Q4</b>
DOS	30%	30%	20%	20%
SCRD	25%	25%	25%	25%
SIGD	50% January 5	50% May 31	0%	0%

Funding received to date:

	<b>Q1 pmt</b>	<b>Q2 pmt</b>	<b>Q3 pmt</b>	<b>Q4 pmt</b>
DOS	Received			
SCRD	Received			
SIGD				

## 3. Provincial Government Grants

As part of our BC Government grant receipt each year, we have many official reporting requirements. They are very time consuming but must be done.

Due Mar 1 - Public Library Grant Report

Due May 15 - Statement of Financial Information

Due May 15 - Annual Survey and Statistical Reporting

## 4. Appointment of SCR D Representatives

We have now been officially advised that our SCR D representatives to the Sechelt Library Board are as follows:

SCR D Board representative – Director Justine Gabias

SCR D Alternate Representative – Chair Leonard Lee

## 5. Budget Meetings

### SCRD:

The SCRD 2023 Budget schedule was and is as follows:

#### Budget Round 1 – January 23-25, 2023

- we submitted our budget documentation on January 6, 2023
- Pat Harvey and Leianne spoke in person at the budget round 1 meeting on January 23. We were very grateful to have had the support of the rest of the Board Members and staff at the meeting.
- SCRD Round 1 Decision:
  - o For the Youtube presentation and the SCRD's discussion regarding our budget request, please start watching at the 3:58 mark. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ij5m7-nPihM>
  - o 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 did articulate 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%.
  - o 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. Gibsons Library extremely frustrated by this direction
  - o The SCRD Round 1 decision was discussed in camera at the Library Board Meeting Jan 25

#### Budget Round 2 – now moved from February 21-22, 2023 to March 2, 2023

- We were not asked to come back to Round 2
- Gibsons Library will be presenting at Round 2

#### Budget Final Adoption – March 23, 2023

**District of Sechelt:**

- Our budget submission (altered from the submission given to the SCRCD) was given to the District of Sechelt on January 26
- I gave a speech at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Many great questions were asked by the DOS council.
- The presence of the Library Board and two of our staff were an incredible show of support and positive addition to our request.

**Summary:**

At this point, and after some comments were made in the DOS budget request, I think there is a possibility of opening the funding agreement – and perhaps outside of the budget process.

It is very important to note that we are not considering requesting anything less than our original 9%. Our budget is already bare bones and there is no room for less of a request. Based on responsible management and fiscal responsibility our original request is what we need.

## 6. Annual General Meeting – Sechelt Public Library

The Sechelt Library Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 29, 2023 (followed by the regular Library Board Meeting)

- There is one additional position available for a new Board Member
- Nomination packages were sent out to each Board Member for use in recruitment and are also available for pickup at the library (in the Board Folder)
- The AGM advertising will be sent the Coast Reporter for publication in the March 3 edition

## 7. Community Room Closure

Community Room will be closed for both the DOS and the Library the week of March 27 – March 31 for work on upgrades to the sound and technology systems. Most of our programs cannot be accommodated elsewhere so we will be adjusting our programs for this week accordingly.

## 8. BC Public Library Partners Updates

Although I've mentioned the Public Library Partners Group a few times in previous Library Director reports, here is a quick recap for you:

The BC Public Library Partners are:

BC Library Trustees Association (BCLTA)  
Association of BC Public Library Directors (ABCPLD)  
BC Library Association (BCLA)  
BC Libraries Cooperative (BCLC)

The BC Public Library Partners work together to:

Increase awareness of the positive impact of BC public libraries  
Influence provincial public policy and funding impacting libraries and their communities.

### **A Letter from Leigh Ann Palmer to our ABCPLD Group:**

*Hi Everyone:*

*On Wednesday, January 25th, the BC Public Library Partners met with the Honorable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs at Burnaby Public Library, Bob Prettie Branch. Many thanks to Beth (BPL) and her staff for hosting us.*

*We were excited to confirm that we have another Minister with a keen understanding of and commitment to public libraries. We discussed both the amazing work public libraries do for their community as well as the challenges you face. At the end of the meeting, Minister Kang agreed to meet twice a year with us to stay informed with the important work you're doing.*

*We look forward to providing you with further updates as we build our relationship with Minister Kang and work to expose and celebrate the critical role public libraries play across the province.*

*Take care,*

*Leigh Anne (on behalf of the Partners)*

*Executive Director  
Association of BC Public Library Directors*

### **An update from Leigh Ann Palmer to our ABCPLD Group:**

January 18, 2023

The [BC Public Library Partners](#) are pleased to share that we have begun a new multi-year advocacy initiative. The Partners are working with a government relations firm to secure increased, ongoing provincial funding for British Columbia public libraries and to develop the Partners' understanding and capacity for strategic provincial advocacy.

Since a 25% cut in 2009, provincial funding has been largely frozen. During that time, costs have skyrocketed, population has grown, and complex service demands have increased.

BC's 71 public libraries, with 250 locations, serve as critical social infrastructure. These free and inclusive hubs provide all British Columbians with learning, programs, and connections. With over 60 million visits per year, they make life more affordable for families, contribute to building a strong future-facing workforce, and help create safer communities by providing at-risk individuals with a welcoming space to access services and better their lives.

In 2022, Public Libraries received ~\$14M. Without a substantial increase in funding, they will be forced to further reduce operational costs and cut services. With adequate provincial funding, BC public libraries will be able to meet the existing needs of their communities and effectively scale when needs arise.

The Partners want to acknowledge and thank the many public libraries and their boards that provided the financial support to make this initiative possible.

We look forward to working with you to advocate for the ongoing funding public libraries need.

Please email [Jerrilyn Kirk](#), Executive Director, BCLTA with any questions or comments about BCLTA advocacy work and the Public Library Partners.

## 9. BC Provincial – One Time Grant 2022

As part of the BC Provincial Government one-time (non-operational) grant in 2022, we have now spent some of the funds on capital purchases. It is important to note that NONE of these capital items would have been covered by the funding from our funding partners. These items are not part of an operational budget – so without the grant we would not have them.

1. Glass removal for COVID related front desk glass
2. New computers for 4 public stations
3. First Aid Training (already put to use as one staff member was choking and one literally saved her)
4. 2 portable First Aid Kits for any staff member who goes off site for programming or library business
5. 7 new public computer keyboards (old ones were losing the white color on the keys)
6. 3 new iPads for children's and technology programming
7. Face Masks

8. 2 x Daisy Readers and cases (demand for this type of accessibility hardware tool is becoming greater than our current supply for circulation loan is)



9. 2 x Co2 monitors (we decided to purchase two for circulation and are still working on how best to package, process and catalogue)



#### 10. Air Purifiers

We have purchased 5 of the following air purifiers for the library. 3 are located in the public area (see public area photos below) and two are in the staff areas. The public area also has ceiling fans to circulate air as well.

Blue Air brand air purifiers.

These are Consumer Reports recommended air purifiers designed for large areas and are considered very good at handling dust. We were able to test one thanks to the District of Sechelt and based on our experience and the findings by Consumer Reports we decided to purchase them.

They are a three-stage filter design, there is a machine washable outer filter to catch the larger particulate before the air passes to the main filter and then a charcoal filter is present to eliminate any odor. The main and charcoal filters are replaceable and are expected to last one year of use. The unit has three stages of operation and at the lower stage will produce ~35 decibels of noise or



roughly the level of a whisper. At max operation it will produce ~56 decibels or the amount of noise you would get in a quiet office.

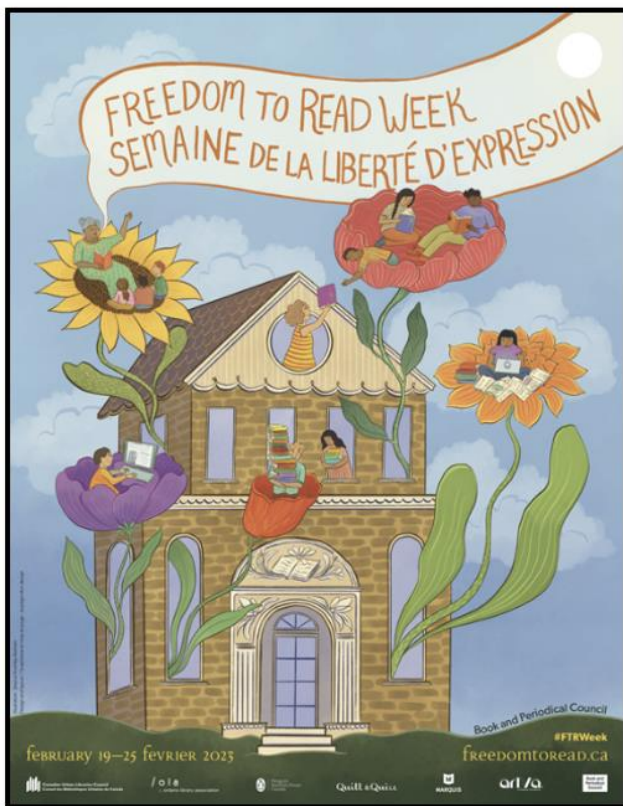
The units also capture 99% of PM 2.5 airborne pollutants; allergies, mold, dust, pet dander, smoke and pollen with specially designed particle filter



## 10. In our Library - Freedom To Read Week

The big five book displays in our library this month are:

1. Black History Month
2. Freedom to Read Week
  - a. Books challenged due to violence
  - b. Books challenged due to Sex
  - c. Books challenged due to nudity
  - d. Books challenged due to political and social mores



# Freedom to Read Week

Freedom to Read Week is an annual event that encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed them under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Intellectual Freedom is the right to read, view, hear, express, and discuss any idea on any subject.

## 11. In our Library - Puppets

PUPPETS, PUPPETS, PUPPETS!

Sechelt Library welcomes a brand-new puppet theatre along with a large basket full of cute, fuzzy and ferocious puppet participants to interact with! This super cute puppet theatre was originally purchased early last summer but we had to make some significant adjustments to furniture placement in the children's areas to accommodate. We also purchased a circular 6ft diameter carpet and 6 colored cushions to ensure the space had a welcome and cozy feeling. To say it has been a hit with kids and families is an understatement!



## 12. In our Library - Seed Exchange Library

Sechelt Library did have a Seed Exchange set up in the library last year but we decided to make some improvements this year – significant ones – to make it a more permanent structure with much presence. Originally set up by Irene Bremer, head of Sechelt Seed Sharing Library and a member of the Sunshine Coast Seed Collective, she is passionate about community gardening and seed exchange. Jessica has volunteered to work with her as the Library representative on the 2023 Seed Exchange Program. We are also fine tuning the paperwork, documents and process to make it easier and more understandable for the patrons who will be using it.

The funding is coming from the Friends of the Library – thankyou Friends!

Jessica and I purchased the base at the Restore in Sechelt and our wonderful and talented carpenter Rob Williams modified it to become our new Seed Exchange. Jessica and I are still working through the design of the labels and paperwork flow and we are wanting to have it ready for a seed-oriented programing event – just planned for March 3 and 4. Here is a sneak peak!



## 13. Program Guides - February and March 2023

With Charlotte, our Children’s Programming Coordinator, away for two weeks, we have had a slimmer schedule for LH February. Charlotte also visited Mom-ay-mon Day Care on February 8 and did a personalized Storytime for the kids. We had been wanting to do Storytime with the Band daycare for quite some time so pleased this could now be done.



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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 FEB 20	CLOSED
Tuesday:	10-5	
Wednesday:	10-6	
Thursday:	10-5	
Friday:	10-5	
Saturday:	10-4	
Sunday:	Closed	

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**Valentines Day**

**Valentine**  
by  
**Edgar Allan Poe**

For her this rhyme is penned, whose luminous eyes,  
Brightly expressive as the twins of Loeda,  
Shall find her own sweet name, that, nestling lies  
Upon the page, enwrapped from every reader.  
Search narrowly the lines!—they hold a treasure  
Divine—a talisman—an amulet  
That must be worn at heart. Search well the measure—  
The words—the syllables! Do not forget  
The trivialest point, or you may lose your labor!  
And yet there is in this no Gordian knot

Which one might not undo without a sabre,  
If one could merely comprehend the plot.  
Enwritten upon the leaf where now are peering  
Eyes scintillating soul, there lie perdus  
Three eloquent words oft uttered in the hearing  
Of poets, by poets—as the name is a poet’s, too.  
Its letters, although naturally lying  
Like the knight Pinto—Mendez Ferdinando-  
Still form a synonym for Truth—Cease trying!  
You will not read the riddle, though you do  
the best you can do.

\*Take the first letter of the first word on the first line, the second letter of the second word on the second line, and so on, to spell the name of Poe’s muse. A new line starts with a bolded letter.

ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT

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

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

**Repair Café** FREE  
*Saturday, Feb 11, 10:30-2:30*  
Free, while you wait, repair to domestic appliances and devices by volunteers from Gibsons Repair Café. Basic mending of clothes also offered.


**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.**

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Faire


Fri, Feb 17 12:00 - 5:00 Community Room  
Sat, Feb 18 10:00 - 3:00 Community Room  
Sun, Feb 19 12:00 - 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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## ADULTS

### Card Making with Ruth

Thursday, Feb 9, 23 11:00-12:00

Community Room & Zoom

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

Limited Space Registration Required.



### Astronomy Group Meeting

Friday Feb 10, 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.



### 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 Feb 20.

### Chair Yoga

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

Join Bobbie Seale-Cobiskey for this gentle form of yoga. Registration Required. No meeting Feb 20.

### Ukulele Jam

Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 Community Room

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

### 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

### Non-Fiction Book Club

Tuesday Feb 7, 11:00 - 12:30 Library & Zoom

Read *The Woods* by Amber McMillan and bring along suggestions for future meetings. Registration Required.

### General Fiction Book Club

Tuesday Feb 14, 11:00-12:30 Community Room

Read *Goodnight from London* by Jennifer Robson in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Registration Required.

### Mystery Book Club

Tuesday Feb 21, 11:00-12:30 Community Room & Zoom

Read *Busy Body* by M.C. Beaton in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Registration Required.

### Men's Book Club

Tuesday Feb 28, 1:00-2:30 Rockwood

Read *The World Without Us* by Alan Weisman in preparation for the next book club on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Registration Required.

### Writer's Studio Writing Consults

Saturday, Feb 11, March 11, April 8 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.

### Ancestor Hunters

Tuesday Feb 28, 10:00-12:00

Community Room & Zoom

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

### Town Hall: BC Seniors Advocate

Tuesday Feb 6, 10:30-12:00

Seaside Center, 5790 Teredo Street

Open Town Hall meeting with BC Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie. Open to the public.

## CHILDREN & TEENS

### Winter Family StoryTime

Saturday, Feb 4, 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.

No StoryTime Feb 11, 18, 25.

### Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesday, Feb 2 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. February 2nd ONLY



### PAWS 4 Stories

Wednesdays, Feb 1, 8, 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 Feb 15 & 24.

### Teen Anime Club

Friday, 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 February 17

### Youth Book Club

Wednesday, Feb 8, 3:30-4:30 Teen Area

Read *Chunky* (Graphic Novel) by Yehudi Mercado, and discuss it with us. Snacks provided! Ages 9-12. Registration Required.

### 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

## COMING SOON

Spring Break  
Programming  
in March!

March is still being finalized...but here are the basics:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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30 minute one-on-one sessions with our local tech expert.  
**Appointment with Jason required.**

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Free, while you wait, repair to domestic appliances and devices by volunteers from Gibsons Repair Café. Basic mending of clothes also offered.

**Accessibility Services** **FREE**  
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**Limited Space Registration Required.**

**Astronomy Group Meeting**  
Friday Mar 10, 7:00PM-9:00PM  
**Community Room & Zoom**  
Presentation by Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club.

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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.**

**Stitchin'**  
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**Community Room or Foyer**  
Bring your knitting/crochet/stitching project and enjoy a friendly stitchin' session with other crafters.  
**Drop-Ins Welcome.**

**Chair Yoga**  
Mondays, 12:00-1:00 **Zoom & In Person**  
Join Bobbie Seale-Cobiskey for this gentle form of yoga. **Registration Required.**  
**No Session March 27**

**Ukulele Jam**  
Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 **Community Room**  
Fun ukulele jam for all levels. **Drop In.**  
**Other Instruments Welcome.**  
**No Session March 30**

**Very Beginners Ukulele**  
Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 Mar 2, 9, 16, 23  
**Community Room**  
New to Ukulele? Join Jill Shatford, to learn a few basic chords and enjoy a fun group experience.  
**Registration Required**

**Non-Fiction Book Club**  
Tuesday Mar 7, 11:00 - 12:30 **Library & Zoom**  
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Read *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dove in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. **Registration Required.**

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Read *China* by Rosemary Gibsons & Janardan Singh in preparation for the next book club on the 4th Tuesday of the month. **Registration Required.**

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Saturday, March 11, April 8 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.**

**Ancestor Hunters**  
Tuesday Mar 28, 10:00-12:00 **Room of Requirement**  
Interested in your family history? Come join our group of dedicated ancestor hunters.  
**Registration Required.**

**Seed Catalogue Presentation**  
Hold For Gillian  
**Community Room**  
Hold For Gillian

**Coast Sail Presentation**  
Hold For Gillian  
**Community Room**  
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## CHILDREN & TEENS

**Spring Family StoryTime**  
Saturday, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 10:30 - 11:00  
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**Recommended for ages 6+.**

**Teen Anime Club**  
Friday, Mar 10, 31, 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.**

**Youth Book Club**  
Wednesday, Mar 15, 3:30-4:30 **Teen Area**  
Read *Borders* (Graphic Novel) by Thomas King, and discuss it with us. Snacks provided!  
Ages 9-12. **Registration Required.**

**Bookmark Colouring Contest**  
Mar 3 - Mar 28  
Help us create new Sechelt Library Bookmarks! Create your own or draw something you love about libraries and enter it in the contest. Staff will select one winner from each age category for a super prize and their design will be available in the library for the rest of the year!  
**All Ages Welcome to Enter! Adults Included!**

**Young Writers Club**  
Tuesday Mar 9 3:30-4:30 **Teen Area**  
Create and interact in this fun and informal monthly writing group! All supplies provided.  
**Registration Required, Snacks Provided!**  
Ages 10-18.

## 14. Staffing Changes

Gillian Smith, who has been with the Sechelt Library for almost four years in the position of Adult Program Coordinator, will be leaving us mid-March. Gillian connects with our adult community incredibly well and we will really miss her here as part of our library team.

As of March 13, 2023, Gillian will be working as the Manager of the Seniors Centre in Sechelt. As the current Seniors Centre Board Chair, she has worked very hard to re-open and run the centre and will now be replacing the Manager that was there.

We have just officially hired Charlotte Gray, currently the Children's Services Coordinator, who is covering Sam while on maternity leave. Charlotte will not be leaving the Children's position until Sam returns in early August, so Charlotte will be doing her best to cover both positions, the Adult Program Coordinator and the Children's Services Coordinator until then. This interim time of approx. 4 months won't be easy and will have to have the assistance of other staff and casual assistance to make this happen.

## 15. Literacy Coalition Activities

### Family Literacy Day Event – Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2023:

Rick Scott performed two concerts for Sunshine Coast kids (and their parents! ) – and both concerts were completely sold out! The Literacy Coalition members, including Charlotte and myself, did the set-up, serving, door registration and take down. Rick was a great hit and controlled the kid crowds well! What surprised me most was all the parents of kids attending that knew all of Rick's songs and had also grown up with Rick singing and playing for them as kids. Here are some photos I took:



kids dancing





*200 kids and parents at each concert!*



*Rick Scott, Trudi Diening, Leianne Emery and Charlotte Gray*

**Gift baskets for child care Centers:**

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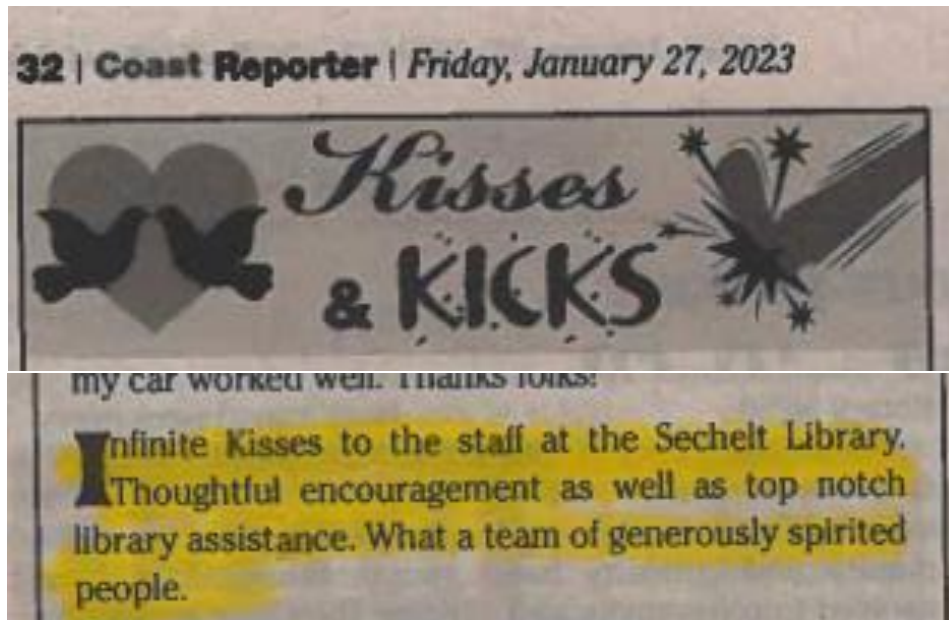
Music, Puppets and books have been put into nice baskets and delivered to all the Child Education Centers and Daycares on the Sunshine Coast (30+). Everything was chosen, ordered, put together and delivered by Literacy Coalition members. Here is one of the first thank-yous the literacy coalition received.

To the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition,

Thank you for the gifts, the books are beautiful, the music wonderful and the puppets are a big hit. The children have named the frog, Bouncy Frog and the Bunny is Huckleberry. They are fast becoming special friends during mealtime each has a habitat at the snack and lunch tables. From all the Bears( big and little) at Teddy Bear Day Care

Trudi Dening, our fearless leader and Literacy Outreach Coordinator at CAPU had all our blessing to also send our remaining 5 baskets to the Literacy Outreach Coordinator at the T'szil Learning Centre (Mount Currie, BC) who works in five indigenous communities in the surrounding area. They will be distributed to 5 Bands in the Lower Stl'at'imx. As supplies are difficult to get in and money tight – they will be well received.

## 16. Coast Reporter Kisses and Patron Comments



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.

Tuesday, January 24

"The library is an incredible resource!"

This patron was checking out a happy light and ukulele.

Saturday - January 28, 2023

"This library is amazing - love it."

From a fellow librarian who works @ Kwantelva Polytechnic.

February 1, 2023

rcvd via email:

"You have really programs here at the library. Thank-you for creating such a lovely space for the kids to read."

Feb 10, 2023

"This is the best Library in the universe!  
Who else lends out Happy Lights  
& Winkles."

Feb 10 2023 Suggestion Bot

You are  
all greatly  
appreciated  
You make a  
difference  
in our days.

February 2, 2023

A patron took me aside and just had to tell me (the Director) how much she was impressed by Jason's assistance when she was struggling on a public computer. She said all the staff were very helpful but Jason's technical assistance was the turning point for her. She loves everything about what we do in this library and is very grateful.

## 17. Libraries 101

Over the next few Directors Reports, I will be writing a Library 101” section in each report. When I think we have covered enough information it will be put into a “Library 101” standalone document.

In this Directors Report we will cover what Act governs our Library and the different types of libraries.

### LIBRARY ACT

- The Library Act is the provincial public library statute and applies to public libraries only
- It was last revised in 2018 and provides for:
  - the establishment and operation of library boards
  - mandates free basic library service
  - authorizes the provision of provincial grants for public library purposes.
- Public libraries share a common mandate under the Act for borrowing to be free of charge to residents of a library service area.

### TYPES OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- British Columbia public libraries are established under the authority of the Library Act.
- The Act allows for the creation (and continuation) of several types of libraries.
- Libraries are led by locally established, autonomous boards as legislated by the Act.
- Each community determines the type of library system.
- There are four types of public libraries:
  - Municipal
  - Regional library districts
  - Public library associations
  - Integrated public library systems.

#### **Municipal Libraries**

Municipal libraries are established by a municipality under section 3. Library board members are appointed by the municipality.

#### **Regional District Libraries**

Regional libraries are established when two or more municipalities and one or more regional districts form an agreement, under section 4. These boards are made up of regional and municipal elected representatives from participating local governments.

### **Public Library Associations**

Public Library Associations (PLAs) are a historic type of library that are recognized by section 31 and represent the majority of libraries. Library board members are elected from among the members of the PLAs and may also consist of elected local government officials. The Act no longer permits the creation of these types of libraries.

### **Integrated Library Systems**

Integrated library systems are a historic type of library that are recognized by section 60 and exist only in the Cariboo and Thompson-Nicola Regional Districts. These systems are departments within their regional districts. The Act no longer permits the creation of these types of libraries.