



Director's Report
Sechelt Public Library
June 1, 2023 – June 28, 2023
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1. Cover Photo

A student from West Sechelt School Tour and the latest member of the Sechelt Library animal Family, “Ralf”, who came all the way from the BC Museum in Victoria. Other animal family members already in the library hail from the “Amazon”.



2. Highlights for June

- 2022 budget process completed
- Working on options for 2024 + 2025 Funding and Service Agreement amendments
- Inaugural Laser Tag in The Library!
- Upgrading of library router completed
- Upgrading of the library WIFI completed
- Art by Amanda Boghean (one of our volunteers) now hanging in the children’s area
- Sechelt Library at the Pride in the Park June 4th
- New Large Print Program Guides offered
- SSC Seniors Planning Table Meeting attended
- Chatelech Secondary student’s artwork now adorns walls in teen section
- Patron banned from library for theft
- School tours (2)
- Public computers full for first time in years
- Summer Reading Program sign up commenced
- It would appear that someone... is placing books in wrong locations on purpose...
- Participation in Syiyaya Days with programming at the library
- Canada Day Parade items (t-shirts, banners, truck and trailer, signage and BIG book) all in place

3. Budget Requests and Funding and Service Agreement

DOS Update:

At a DOS council meeting on June 7th, the council voted in favor of giving us the full request. We are very grateful.

Funding and Service Agreement:

At the request of the DOS, I created six different excel scenarios for decision making data in regards to the amendment to the Funding and Service Agreement which would apply to the remaining years 2024 and 2025. They look at options of moving the benchmark for all funders in 2023 to 9.19% mark or the

7% mark, the implications in years to come, two different populations census scenarios (2016 or 2021) and implications for SPL. They also look at the implications and overall percentage contributions for all funders over the 5-year term of the Funding and Service Agreement. Each year has to be calculated separately as the contribution of the SIGD increases slightly each year of the 5-year agreement.

4. Public Library Partners Advocacy to BC Government Funding

Rina Hadziev, BC Library Association (BCLA), wrote:

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 12. Our unified ask was for the Province to permanently increase annual funding for public libraries to \$30 million in 2024, and commit to inflationary adjustments every year.

Our presentations were well received, and we look forward to seeing the Finance Committee’s recommendations in late summer/early fall. You can [read the transcription](#) or [listen to the audio](#) of our presentations and the questions – they are one after the other from 2:48 – 3:45 pm in both versions (there is a presentation from the Association of Book Publishers of BC in the middle).

These presentations are only one aspect of the government advocacy initiative the Partners are working on as we strive to ensure public libraries receive adequate, consistent provincial funding to support their communities, after struggling with frozen funding for over a decade while addressing increasing needs and facing rising expenses.

The Partners are proud to represent and support public libraries throughout BC and the work you do in your libraries every day.

5. Friends of the Sechelt Library – Book Faires

The amazing volunteers at “Friends of the Library” work tirelessly to put on Book Faires throughout the year and raise funds for “extras” for the Library. The Book Faire on June 2, 3 and 4th raised \$1425. The book faire on June 16-18 raised \$1347.

Heather Till, FOL, designed a document showing all the contributions the FOL has made to the Sechelt Library since 2013. Almost \$140,000 !!! There are many items over the years that were important to the library that could not have purchased as they are not paid for by our funders in the operating budget, or, in historical years, the library was very underfunded – or there was no grant funding applied for and or available. We are grateful to the FOL for working so hard to make these purchases a reality.

We have placed an 11” x 17” poster in the library by the biography section and on the A frame in the lobby (which may change in size to fit the actual opening). There will be a poster at the cash desk at every FOL book sale, and, soon to come, we are creating an in-library display which should be in place at the end of the first week in July and located by the Seed Station.

6. Book Displays for June

Our unique displays highlighting specific areas of intrigue, holidays, celebrations, seasonal activities, unique subjects from our collection, subjects that match our programming activities, unique world and local events or highlights are as follows for the month of June, July and August (thanks Jeff!):

Graphic Novels
Biography
Pride Month
Dinosaur Day
Foreign Films
National Indigenous Peoples Day
Canada Day!

7. In the Library

We are pleased to have artworks by artist Amanda Boghean now hanging in our Library. Amanda is also a long-time volunteer for us! Photo is of Amanda and Beth (in background) From left to right: (top) transportation forms, puzzle pieces, cat and cat (bottom) chicken cocoo clock, puzzle pieces.



We also have new artwork displayed in the teen area of the library! In the spirit of involving more of our community members in the things we do or have at the library, at our request, we were able to arrange with Chatelech Secondary School to hang six artworks made by art students from grades 10-12. They were put on display in the library teen area on June 23 and will remain there until the fall semester. The current art teacher, Brett, and some of the students have already been by and they more than pleased!





Chatelech Secondary School

Artists

(from left to right on the teen area walls)

Keith Manitobensis
Cowboy Self Portrait

London Allcock
Pastel Portrait

Natalie Starrs
Mushroom Kingdom

Katelyn Dilday
Boots Were Made For Walking

Ines Pontbriand Traore
Remembering Kiki

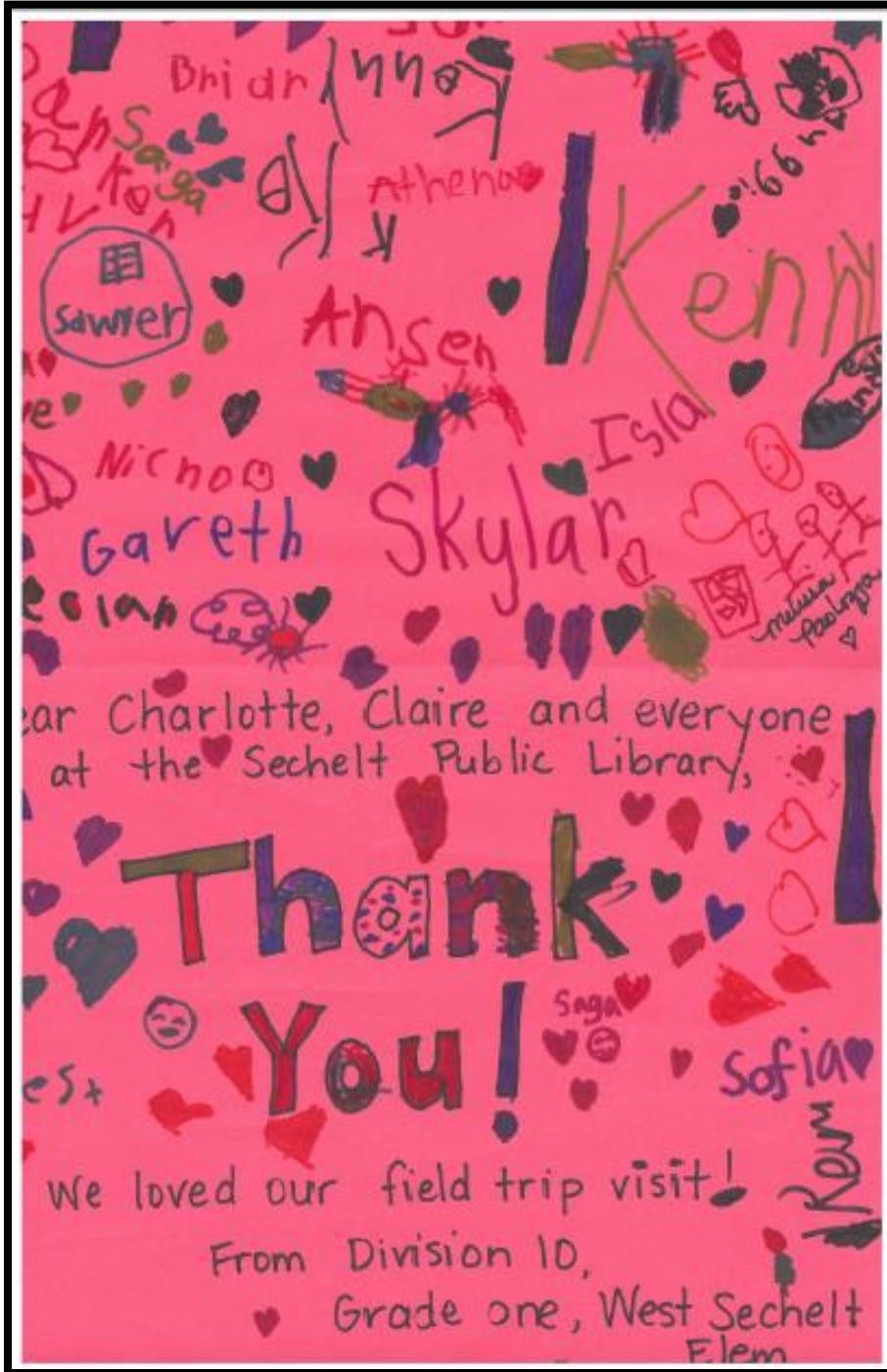
Katelyn Dilday
Self Portrait (Red)

8. Program Highlights – June

West Sechelt Elementary Grade 1 class visited the Sechelt Library on Friday June 2 along with their teachers and many parents. Charlotte and Claire did an animal search game, a Storytime and a tour!









West Sechelt Elementary
Grade 1 and Grade 2 split
Friday June 23rd



Laser tag! Went over VERY well with all who participated. We will do again in the fall when it is darker outside!



World Knit in Public Day photo taken by Repair Café! It should be noted that we had decided to purchase two gift cards to our local “Sew Easy” store at Trail Bay Mall for an event day draw, but instead of paying for them, Sew Easy insisted on donating them to the library. Much appreciated! .

9. Program Guides – July Events and Summer Reading Club



Note the Canada Day Parade section below...





Space to think

REGISTRATION

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

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 10-5 July 3 CLOSED
 Tuesday: 10-5
 Wednesday: 10-6
 Thursday: 10-5
 Friday: 10-5
 Saturday: 10-4 July 1 CLOSED
 Sunday: Closed

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SOCIAL MEDIA

For more exciting information and photos, follow us on social media.

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Canada Day Parade

Look for our float in the July 1st 2023 Canada Day Parade!



With special thanks to all our Library Board members:

- Rhian Piprell, Chair
- Pat Harvey, Vice-Chair
- Dixie Meagher, Treasurer
- Adam Shepherd, DOS Representative
- Justine Gabias, SCRD Representative
- Ann Hopkins, Trustee
- Ruth Moore, Trustee
- Garry Nohr, Trustee
- Paula Selmayr, Trustee
- Jack Young, Trustee
- Leianne Emery, Library Director



ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT

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

Tech Assistance FREE
30 minute one-on-one sessions with our local tech expert.
Appointment with Jason required.

Repair Café FREE
Saturday, July 8, 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 with Janette Required.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Faire

Fri, July 14 & 28 12:00 - 5:00 Community Room
 Sat, July 15 & 29 10:00 - 4:00 Community Room
 Sun, July 16 & 30 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.



ADULTS

Card Making with Ruth

Thursday, July 13, 27 11:00-12:00

Community Room

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

Limited Space - Registration Required.

Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesday, July 4, 11, 18, 25 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'

Monday, July 10, 17, 24, 31 11:30-12:30

Community Room or Foyer

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

Please note the new start time of 11:30

No meeting July 3rd

Chair Yoga

Monday, July (NO CLASSES)

Monday, August 14, 21, 28 1:00 - 2:00

Zoom & In Person

Join Carole Logtenberg for this gentle form of yoga. **This program returns in August.**

Welcoming Communities

Fridays 3:00-5:00 *Sechelt Library Teen Area*

Are you new to Canada? For help in getting settled, accessing services, learning skills, making connections in the community or learning English, Sunshine Coast Welcoming Communities can help! For more information, call Lea Bautista at (604) 212 2716 (LeaBautista@capilanou.ca)

Drop-Ins Welcome



Ukulele Jam

Thursday, July 6, 13, 20, 27, 1:30-3:00

Outside

Fun ukulele jam for all levels.

Drop In. Other Instruments Welcome.

Non-Fiction Book Club

Thursday, July 4, 11:00 - 12:00 *Community Room*

Read *Braiding Sweetgrass* by [Robin Wall Kimmerer](#) in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month. **Registration Required.**

General Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, July 11, 11:00-12:30 *Community Room*

Read *Greenwood* by [Michael Christie](#) in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. **Registration Required.**

Men's Book Club

Tuesday, July 25, 11:00-12:30 *Rockwood Center*

Read *The Amur River: Between Russia and China* by [Colin Thubron](#) in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. **Registration Required.**

Ancestor Hunters

Tuesday, July 25, 10:00-12:00 *Community Room*

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

Writer's Studio Writing Consults

This Program will return in September

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

Herbal First Aid with Philippa Joly

Saturday, July 22, 1:00 - 3:00

Community Room or Outside

Join educator and clinical herbalist Philippa Joly, for a session of herbal first aid education for adults. We will explore what an herbal first aid kit might contain and discuss which local plants can be safely used to treat ailments. **Registration Required.**

CHILDREN & TEENS

Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesday, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 5:45-8:00 *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.**

Summer Family StoryTime

Saturday, July 15, August 5, 19, 26 11:00 - 11:30

Children's Area.

Recommended for families with children 5 and under. Join us on Saturdays for a drop-in Family Storytime for books, songs, and play.

Drop-Ins Welcome. Please note time change.

No storytime July 22nd.

Drop-In Lego

Saturday, July 15, 2:30 - 4:00 *Childrens Area*

Swing by the Library for an open Lego session. It's fun and free. We'll provide the Lego and your task will be to let your imagination run wild. Play, create and experiment as you like!

All ages welcome. Drop-ins welcome Parent supervision required.

Teen Anime Club

Friday, July, 21 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, July 12, 3:30-4:30 *Teen Area*

Read *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate and discuss it with us. Snacks provided! Ages 9-12. **Registration Required.**

Kids Card Making

Thursday, July 20, 3:30 - 4:30 *Community Room*

Friday, August 11, 11:00 - 12:00 *Community Room*

Local card-making buff Ruth Moore, will be leading this card-making and crafts class. Supplies provided, call or email to register. **Registration Required. Ages 4-8**

Plant Play with Philippa Joly

Saturday, July 22, 10:30 - 12:00 *Library Lawn*

Join educator and plant geek Philippa Joly, the author of *A Kid's Guide to Plants of the Pacific Northwest*, for a morning of fun nature connection games. Learn which plants are safe to nibble, who eats who in the Salish Sea food chain, and how to stay safe and win in plant tag!

Pokemon Scavenger Hunt

July 18 - July 25 *Library*

Gotta catch 'em all! Find all the Pokemon hidden in the library and choose something from the Prize Box.

Storytime with Starr

Saturday, July 8, 29, August 12 11:00 *Outside*

Starr the Great Dane will be joining us for 3 special storytimes this summer. Starr is a certified St. John Ambulance therapy dog and is part of the PAWS 4 Stories Program. Ages 2-8

Please check our Summer Reading Club brochure for more programs.



Other Youth Events

Wed
July 12th
2-3pm

Age:
8-12

On Zoom

Drawing Workshop
Join the Summer Reading Club's 2023 illustrator Jeni Chen as she shares her inspirations for her book, *Emet's Box*, and does a live drawing demo/exercise.

Registration Required

Sat.
July 22
10:30am-
12:00pm

Age: 6-10
outside

Plant Play Workshop with Philippa Joly
Join the author of *A Kid's Guide to Plants of the Pacific Northwest* for some fun with native plants!

Registration Required



Summer Reading Challenge: Teens

**July 4-
Sept 2**

Scratch Tickets
Check out a book and get a Scratch Ticket for a prize! See website for more details.

Age:
12-18

Reading Logs

Available June 14th

Pick up your Reading Log at the Sechelt Library!

1. Add a check mark every day you read
2. Bring your Reading Log to the library each week to get a sticker!
3. Bring your completed Reading Log to the Sechelt Library on or after August 16 and get a medal for your reading achievement!

Read To Me Logs Available for Preschoolers.

Find the app at bcsrc.ca

SRC Celebration

Wednesday, August 16th
Outside the Library on the Lawn

10:30am- Pico's Puppet Palace performance

11:30am- Medal Ceremony

Completed your reading log? Come get your certificate of completion and medal in our award ceremony and enter our prize draw! Family is welcome to come watch. Please let us know if you will be attending.

All events are in the Sechelt Library's Community Room unless otherwise stated.

All programs require registration unless otherwise stated.



Summer Reading Club



Journey through time

Registration opens
Wednesday, June 14!

Check our website for more info
<https://sechelt.bc.libraries.coop/>

Summer Reading Club: Primary

Ages 5-7
Every other Friday

Drop off your kids for some fun themed activities. We will play games, read books, do art and play!
Registration required

July 7
11-12am **Dynamic Dinosaurs**
Travel back to the Prehistoric ages.

July 21
11-12am **Rollin' with Retro**
Celebrate pop culture and retro classics!

Aug 4
11-12am **Far Out Future**
What will the world look like in 100 years?

Intermediate

Ages 8-12
Every other Thursday
Registration Required

July 6
11-12am **Art through the Ages**
Create beautiful painted rocks.

July 20
11-12am **Rollin' with Retro**
Create pop art and try out some pre-2000s tech.

Aug 3
11-12am **Taste Test Challenge**
Test out your taste buds and try to guess secret foods.

Other Youth Events:

Sat
11:00am **Storytime with Starr the Great Dane**
July 8, 29 and August 12
Age:
under 8
Outside on the lawn.
Drop-ins welcome

Sat
11:00am **Summer Storytime**
July 15
Age:
5 and under
August 5, 19, 26
Outside on the lawn.
Drop-ins welcome

2 dates **Kids Card-Making with Ruth Moore**
Age:
4-8
Thurs, July 20, 3:30-4:30pm
& Fri, Aug 11, 11-12am
Registration Required

Sat
July 15
2:30-4pm **Drop-in Lego**
all ages in the children's area
Parental supervision required.

July
18-25
anytime **Pokemon Scavenger Hunt**
Gotta catch 'em all! Find all the Pokemon hidden in the library and get a prize! All ages.

Sat
Aug 5
10-3pm **Sidewalk Chalk & Bubbles**
Drop by for some fun outside the library!

Wed
Aug 16
10:30am **Pico's Puppet Palace and SRC medal celebration**
on library lawn. See back for more details.

Messy Science: Primary

Ages 5-7
Every other Wednesday
Outside the library on the lawn
10:30-11:30am. Registration required

July 5 **Ooey Gooley Slime**
Have fun making messy slime!

July 19 **Dino Dig**
Dig up dino fossils!

Aug 2 **Homemade Ice Cream:**
Learn the science behind ice cream making!

Messy Science: Intermediate

Ages 8-12
Every other Wednesday
Outside the library on the lawn
10:30-11:30. Registration required

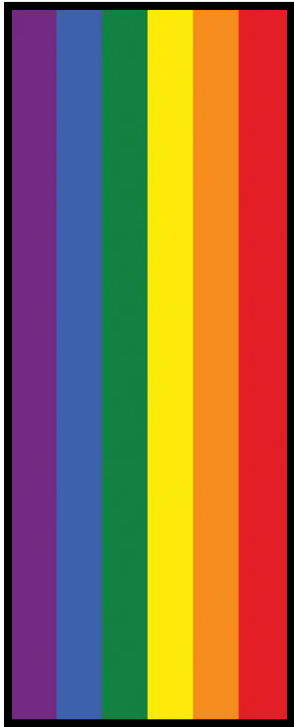
July 12 **Ooey Gooley Slime**
Have fun making messy slime!

July 26 **Crash Test Dummies**
Make a contraption that can save your crash test dummy!

Aug 9 **Homemade Ice Cream:**
Learn the science behind ice cream making!

10. Pride in the Park

The Sechelt Library participated in the Pride in the Park event on Sunday June 4th at Mission Point Park in Davis Bay. Charlotte was at the tent and table with the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition partners. It was a beautiful day and the event was a great success! Amongst the many tables, tents, events and performers, the Literacy Coalition table generously offered photo taking, bracelet making and personalized button making (very popular – and see photo) for the crowds to take part in. At the end of the day, 70 people made buttons, 39 had a special photo taken, 21 made bracelets, 90 participated in our book raffle and many chatted at the booth!



11. Coast Reporter

We designed three advertisements for the June 16th Coast Reporter. For the Summer Reading Club (SRC) advertisement, we asked Gibsons Library if they wanted to have their name on our advertisement as well as both libraries have SRC activities in the Summer.

Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day



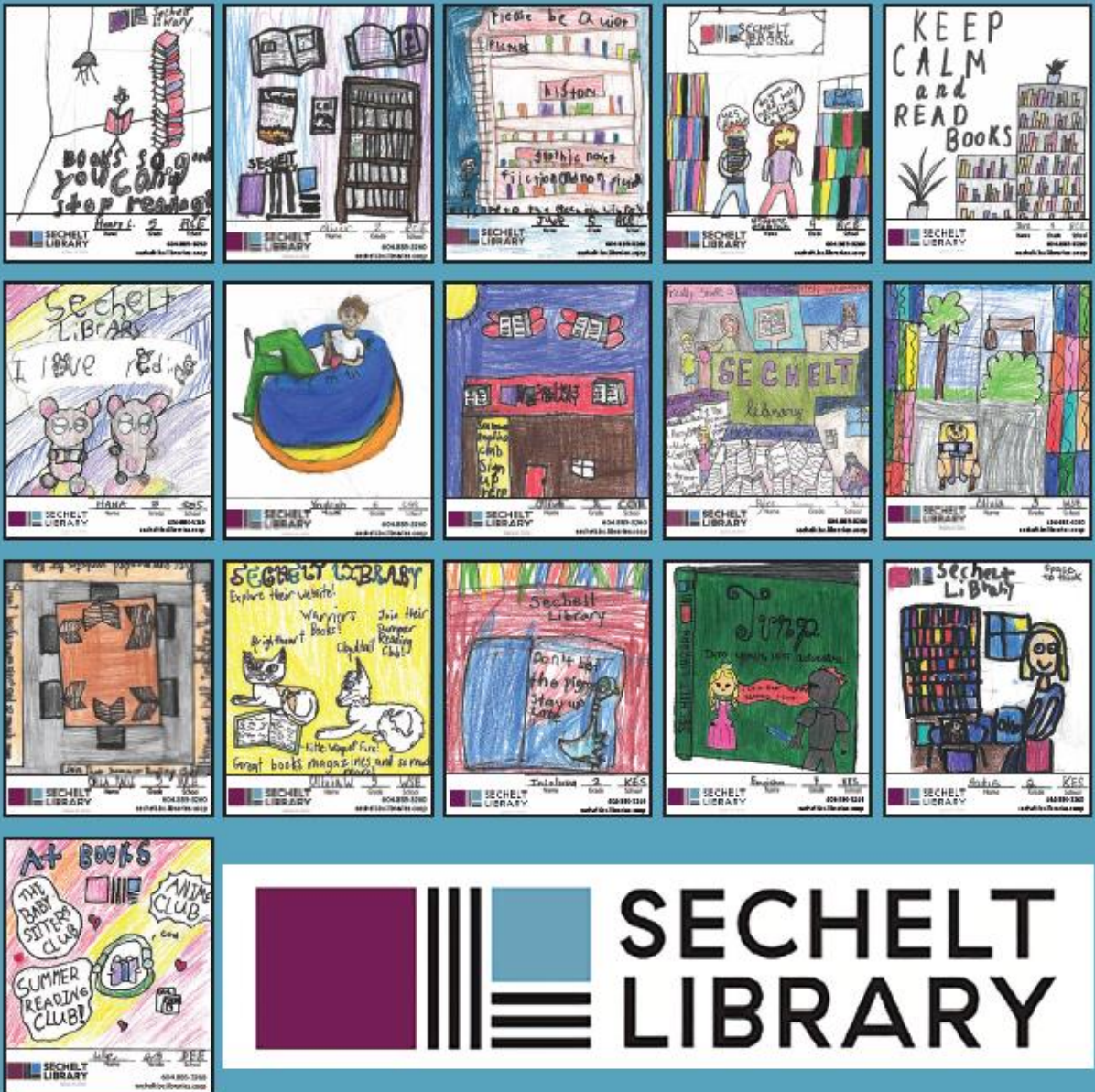
**Sechelt Library honours
the long history and
rich culture of Canada's
Indigenous Peoples.**

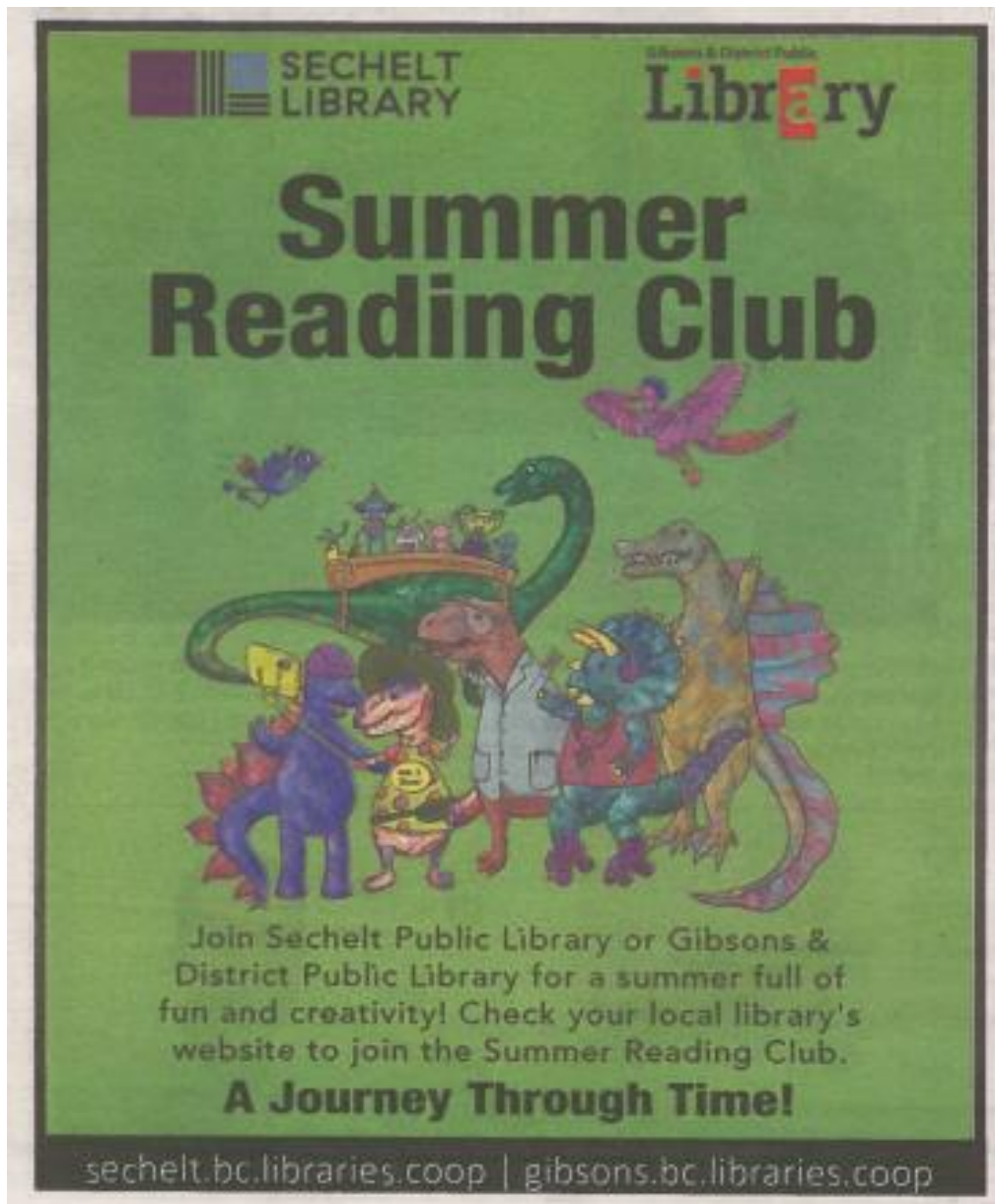


Blanket woven by Shy Watters - 2019

THANK-YOU ARTISTS!

SECHELT LIBRARY LOVED ALL OF THEM!





12. Bookmarks for the Fall

With so many creative artists participating in the Coast Reporter colour contest, we decided that, in addition to paying for the winner to be printed in the paper, we would also like to use the kids' drawings and make book marks with them! These bookmarks will be available for everyone after the Summer Reading Club. Here are what the bookmarks will look like: (uncut)

13. Syiyaya Days

Sechelt Library was pleased to be able to host a Syiyaya days event on Saturday June 23rd. Orange hearts were available for people to put create their own unique and personalized messages on and then display on the front library window.



14. Library Technology Projects

We have three major projects for the upgrading of library technology:

1. Router upgrade (completed in June)
2. WIFI upgrade (completed in June)
3. Server upgrade (planned for July)

Router Upgrade:

Problem (as per Jason):

The Sechelt Public library has, for several years, used a Ubiquiti branded router to handle both the Staff and the Public network. On May 4, 2023 the router experienced an error and corrupted the DHCP system. DHCP is the system that assigns IP addresses to devices on the network, without those IP addresses the network is unable to route traffic. This results in computers, tablets, smart phones, and other devices unable to access the internet, printers, or each other. The issue occurred on the Public network side and Staff were unaffected.

Solution #1:

After determining the issue, the DHCP system was rebuilt and the Public network began to function as expected.

Solution #2:

This event created doubt about the router's future reliability, and the decision was made to replace it. It was determined that installation and configuration of the new router would be a two-person job, and needed to happen after hours when the library was closed. Taylor Howden, who has done tech work for the library for a number of years, was asked to assist.

This project proved to be very challenging – even for two well versed technical people. All components must speak properly to each other (networks, servers, routers, switches) and work together in perfection in order to provide optimum security. Trouble shooting, research, brainstorming, working with the manufacturer and problem solving many different technical issues over three attempts finally proved successful. Our new configuration now has the added benefit of allowing for an additional layer of security as now both systems will automatically reject a new or unknown DHCP server. This is an emerging attack technique used by some groups to gain access to networks.

Funds:

Upgrade paid for by the CVITP Grant

WIFI Upgrade:

Problem (as per Jason):

Currently the Sechelt Library offers free Wi-Fi access to our patrons and has a dedicated Wi-Fi network for staff usage. These networks are currently generated by three Ubiquiti Access points, two are mounted in the library itself and one in the staff area. A recent survey of the Wi-Fi connection strength in the library noted several areas where the Wi-Fi signal was either weak or non-existent. As Wi-Fi devices are becoming more and more common this is an issue I feel should be addressed.

Solution (as per Jason):

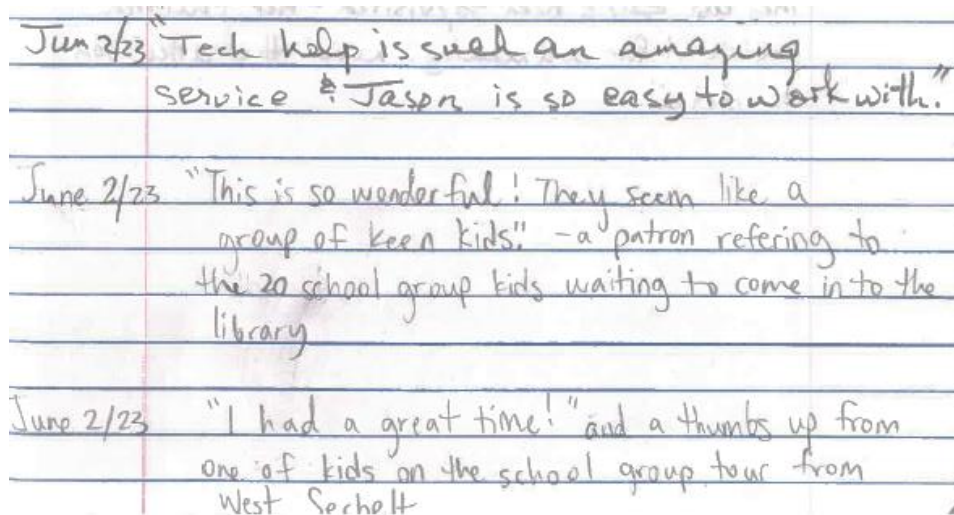
Replaced the three current access points and added two new ones to ensure adequate Coverage. While it may have possible to only add on the existing network with two new access Points, we chose not to for several reasons:

- The current units are very difficult to manage, this is a known flaw with this model
- The current models are may be unavailable
- The current units are reaching EOL

Funds:

Upgrade paid for by the BC Covid Relief/Emergency Grant

15. Patron Comments



June 9/23 Patron pleased with colour quality of our new photocopier.

June 9/23 Patron expressed thanks for us putting aside the books he had checked out yesterday but forgot to take with him.

June 23/23 Patron said that this is the best library with the best staff. Very happy w/ her. Staff recommends :)

June 24/23 Patron from Vancouver said our library is one of the best she's been to/visited - her children registered for card making. Moved the attention to detail (in library)