



Director's Report
Sechelt Public Library

August 31, 2023 – September 27, 2023

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1. Cover Photo

Rob Williams, “our” amazing finishing carpenter, putting up another 45 additional book display shelves on the end caps of our shelving units and every other area we could think of for additional front facing display. We also had Rob make a specially shaped unit to house “staff picks” at the front desk area which also doubles as a secure storage on the staff side for things such as scissors, magnifying mirrors and other items.

2. Highlights for October

- Official Accessibility Plan for Sechelt Library finalized (as per BC provincial regulations)
- Magazine area / public computer area layout changes still underway
- Public Services Assistant – casual - now hired and being trained
- Partnership with the Sunshine Coast Camera Club still underway and decisions made
- Books for Babies 2023 up in the library and also bags with the Sechelt Health Unit and Pender Harbour Health Unit.
- A second drug addict found in washroom and ambulance called
- Potential consultant for Strategic Plan interviewed
- Replacement for Outdoor Book/Audio Return bins being considered
- Bomb Threat Procedures gone over with staff (happening in libraries all over the USA)
- In person meeting with CRA/Service Canada personnel to go over logistics for October 27
- Cognitive Care Kits now developed and await processing and cataloguing (a lot of work still to be done)
- DOS tender going out soon for scope of work development on building envelope repairs
- Broken window in the teen area

3. Funding and Service Agreement

A meeting took place on September 13, 2023, with all three funding partners, to gather and discuss the funding and service agreement.

4. Friends of the Library

The amazing volunteers at “Friends of the Library” (FOL) work tirelessly to put on Book Faires throughout the year and raise funds for “extras”, like capital purchases, for the Library. The Book faire on September 15-17 raised \$1,881.50

5. Book Displays for September

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 September.

- Wild Safe BC
- Positive Thinking Day
- Vocabulary Builder – Syzygy
- Jamming and Canning
- It's a Mystery
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

6. Program Guides – October

We have a very full schedule for October – so much so that we had to print the Program Guides on 11 x 17 paper! Three of our newest partnership events are:

1. **Working with Peoples Law School** to put on online webinars for legal subject matters under the banner of Wills and Estates

People's Law School Webinar #1: How to Make a Will

Tuesday, October 3, 12:00-1:00 Community Room

We will be showing a live webinar on How to Make a Will by the People's Law School.

We will act as host and ask your questions during the Q&A portion. This is the first part of a three part webinar series. **Registration Required.**

2. Virtual Author Series (through **Interlink on behalf of BC Libraries**)

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- Brandi Morin: On the Frontline of Indigenous Land Defence
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Please visit the Sechelt Library website for the link to the live event. Thanks to our library federation, InterLINK, for hosting and arranging this series of virtual author events.

3. CRA/Service Canada Super Clinic at the Sechelt Library.

SERVICE CANADA & CRA SUPER CLINIC AT SECHELT LIBRARY

Friday, October 27
10:00AM - 3:00PM
Community Room

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- Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security
- Canada Pension Plan disability benefits
- Passport Information
- Support for apprentices
- Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- What benefits and credits are available
- How benefit payments are calculated based on your tax return
- How and when to apply for benefit payments
- CRA services that might be available for you

*If you need a SIN please bring: your birth certificate, certificate of Indian Status, and any other form of federal or provincial identification you may have.

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All programs are **FREE!**

Call (604) 885-3260 or drop by the library to register.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 10-5 Oct 2&9 **CLOSED**
Tuesday: 10-5
Wednesday: 10-6
Thursday: 10-5
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 10-4
Sunday: Closed

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

- @secheltlibrary
- @secheltlibrary
- @secheltlibrary

CONTACT

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

BOOK FAIRE

**Organized and run by
volunteers of
"Friends of the Library"**
Fri, October 20 12:00 - 5:00
Sat, October 21 10:00 - 4:00
Sun, October 22 12:00 - 3:00

Community Room at the Sechelt Library

Donations are welcome but limited to 1 box of books on Friday or Saturday only, during Book Faire hours.

**Please do not put donations in the
Library's book return!**

ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT

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.

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

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

REPAIRS

Repair Café FREE
Saturday, October 14, 10:30-2:30
Free, while you wait, repair to domestic appliances and devices by volunteers from Gibsons Repair Café. Basic mending or clothes also offered.

Knitting Repairs FREE
Saturday, October 14, 10:30-2:30
The Spinners and Weavers Guild will be joining us to provide guidance on how to repair your knitted items.

BOOKS FOR BABIES

Ongoing Sechelt Library
Have you had a baby in 2023? Come get your FREE Books for BC Babies bag! Each bag contains books, a download code for a musical CD and information on literacy for babies. Thank you to the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition for funding this Books for Babies program.



October 2023 Program Guide



ADULTS

Card Making with Ruth

Thursday, October 26 11:00-12:00 **Community Room**
Join Ruth Moore for a free card-making class! All supplies provided.
Registration Required.

Astronomy Group Meeting

Friday, October 13 7:00-9:00 **Community Room & Zoom**
Presentation by Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club.
Registration Required.

Stitchin'

Mondays, October 16, 23, 30 11:00-12:00 **Community Room**
Bring your knitting/crochet/stitching project and enjoy a friendly 'stitchin' session with other crafters. Drop-ins Welcome. **No meeting on October 2nd or 9th**

Chair Yoga

Mondays, October 16, 23, 30 12:00-1:00 **Community Room & Zoom**
Join Bobbie Seale-Cobisky for this gentle form of yoga. Zoom link on our website.
No meeting on October 2nd or 9th

Ukulele Jam

Thursdays, October 5, 19, 26 1:30-3:00 **Outside, weather permitting.**
Fun Ukulele jam for all age levels. Drop-ins welcome, other instruments welcome.
No meeting October 12.

Very Beginners Ukulele: 8 Week Course

Thursdays, September 21, 28, 12:00-1:00 **Community Room**
Thursdays, October 5, 19, 26 12:00-1:00 **Community Room**
Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, **Community Room**
Brand new to Ukulele? Join Jill Shafford for an 8 week course for new beginners where you will learn the basic chords and enjoy a fun group experience. Please only join if you can commit to the majority of the classes. Starts September 21.
Registration Required. No meeting October 12.

Non-Fiction Book Club

Wednesday, October 4, 11:00-12:00 **Room of Requirement**
Read *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean in preparation for the next book club meeting.
Please see the book club flyer in the library for an updated list of upcoming books.
New members welcome. Registration Required.

Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, October 10, 11:00-12:00 **Room of Requirement**
Read *Horse by Geraldine Brooks* in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Please see the book club flyer in the library for an updated list of upcoming books. **New members welcome. Registration Required.**

Men's Book Club

Tuesday, October 24, 1:00-2:30 **Room of Requirement**
Read *The Power of Geography* by Tim Marshall in preparation for the next book club meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Please see the book club flyer in the library for an updated list of upcoming books. **New members welcome. Registration Required.**

Ancestor Hunters

Tuesday, October 24, 10:00-12:00 **Community Room**
Interested in your family history? Come join our group of dedicated ancestor hunters. **New members welcome. Registration Required.**

Service Canada and CRA Super Clinic at Secheit Library

Friday, October 27, 10:00-3:00 **Community Room**
Representatives from Service Canada and Canada Revenue Agency will be offering services at Secheit Library on Friday, October 27 from 10:00-3:00. First come, first served. This will include one-on-one assistance for our patrons with a wide range of Service Canada and CRA issues. See back of brochure for details.

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Emergency Preparedness

Tuesday, October 17, 10:30-12:00 **Community Room**
SCRD Emergency Management Program Coordinator Nancy Hughes will be giving a presentation on how to prepare and/or recover from a disaster.
Registration Required.

Colouring Club for Adults

Wednesday, October 11, 4:00-5:00 **Room of Requirement**
Join us for a fun and relaxing session of detailed colouring. Colouring can have a calming effect on the mind and promote overall wellness. All supplies provided, or bring your own. **Registration Required. Space is Limited.**

Morning Movie: The Little Shop of Horrors (1960)

Tuesday, October 31, 10:30-12:30 **Community Room**
Join us for a spooky Halloween movie screening of Roger Corman's cult classic. Snacks provided. Please note this film is intended for a mature audience, viewer discretion advised. **Registration Required.**

Writer's Studio Writing Consults

Saturday, October 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 a sample of your work 1-2 weeks prior to your appointment.

Repairs

Saturday, October 14, 10:30 - 2:30 **Community Room**
See back of brochure for details.

Fall Family Storytime

Saturdays, October 14, 21, 28, 10:30-11:00 **Children's Area or Outside**
Recommended for families with children five and under. Join us on some Saturdays for a drop-in Family Storytime for books, songs, and play. **No Registration Required. No session October 7**

Teen Anime Club

Friday, October 6 3:00-4:50 **Community Room**
Thursday, October 19 3:00-4:50 **Community Room**
Join us at the library to watch anime and discuss manga. Will be watching anime thanks to Crunchyroll. Snacks Provided! Ages 9-18. The content is rated PG13 or TV14A.
Registration Required.

Youth Book Club

Wednesday, October 11, 3:30-4:30 **Teen Area**
Join us at the library to discuss books. Call the library or email sam.liverson@secheitlibrary.ca to register and borrow a copy of *Mimona* by Noelle Stevenson. Snacks Provided! **Registration Required.**

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 5:30-8:30 **Secheit Library**
Adventure begins at the library! Join the party for exciting adventures in imagination every Tuesday at the Library. **Registration Required. No youth table October 31.**

Mario Kart Tournament

Saturday, October 28, 1:00-3:00 **Community Room**
Calling all Nintendo Switch Fans! Test your skills at our fun Mario Kart tournament. Choose your character and compete at 100cc to see how fast you can complete the course. Prizes will be awarded for the finalists. **Registration Required. Ages 6+.**

ALL AGES

Candy Guessing Game

Tuesday, October 17 - Tuesday, October 31 **Secheit Library**
Our candy guessing game is back! Visit the front desk and try to guess how many candies are in the jar. Closest guess wins the jar of candy. This year we will have two jars, one adult, one child. Winner announced October 31 at 3:00.

Pumpkin Carving

Thursday, October 26, 3:00-4:30 **Library Lawn**
Come carve or paint a pumpkin with us, and then take it home or enter it into our Jack o'Lantern contest. All supplies provided. **Registration Required.**

Jack o'Lantern Contest

Thursday, October 26: **Pumpkin Drop off**
Friday, October 27 - Saturday, October 28: **Voting**
Saturday, October 28: **Pumpkin pickup**

Enter our Jack o'Lantern contest or come vote on your favorite! Drop off your pumpkin creation October 26, we will display your pumpkin until Saturday October 28th. We will announce winners for our 4 age categories Saturday October 28 at 3:00 **Registration Required. All ages welcome to enter. See our website for more info.**

Halloween Costume Contest

Tuesday, October 31 3:00-5:00 **Secheit Library Lobby**
Stop by the library to get a treat and show off your Halloween costume! Pictures will be put on our social media for the public to vote on their favorite! Prizes for the winner!

Spooky Storywalk®

Tuesday, October 31, 11:00-5:00 **Secheit Library Lawn**
Enjoy the story *The Hallow-weiner* by Dav Pilkey before you go trick-or-treating! Walk the story route out on the lawn, then come inside to get some candy!

7. Police/ Ambulance Situation

In addition to the early afternoon situation on August 29, 2023, we also had another situation in the late afternoon – with another patron. Again, staff found a barely responsive male in a washroom stall. The ambulance team was called. It was a situation involving drugs.

8. Broken Window in the Teen Area

A broken window was found in the teen area on Saturday September 9th. At the same time, there were also a break-in at the Trail Bay Mall. The DOS has boarded it up for us.



9. Accessibility Legislation

We have now completed our Accessibility Plan in compliance with the BC Accessibility Legislation. This Plan was a tremendous amount of work! We will endeavor to have our first meeting within the next couple of months (required to meet once every three years) whereby we will focus on choosing a few projects to work on to improve the library's accessibility profile. Our first change has already occurred – and can be seen on the Library Website.

A copy of the **Accessibility Plan for Sechelt Library** has been included in the email to the Board and will soon be available on the website – likely within the week.

Here is the first change we have already made:

Catalogue Website


+ show preferences

Clicking on this (“show preferences” link, which appears at the top right of our library website, will display nine different visual changes patrons can choose according to their reading preferences and needs. Examples include text size, contrast, line spacing, and a few unusual ones like displaying table of contents of a page.

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10. Patron Comments







 **Dave Mather**
17m · Sechelt ·  

This is a my favorite tranquil nook in the library with a beautiful view out onto the front gardens. There are plug ins for charging electrical devices including free wifi throughout.
— at Sechelt Public Library.

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Kisses & KICKS

Coast Reporter Kiss – September 8, 2023

A second round of kisses to Capilano Highway Services staff for sweeping highway shoulders west of Sechelt and probably farther. Gravel and grit-free bike lanes make a huge difference for both ease of riding and safety.

Barking kicks to people who report a dog barking without talking to the owner first. My 91-year-old Dad is in the hospital, I have his dog and had no idea he was barking, I was at work! You have added huge stress that was very unnecessary!

My friend lives near Nanaimo. One of her grandchildren accidentally left Teddy on a ferry. Tears of loss and a call to the Ferries by grandma resulted in the location of Teddy. And...one of the employees dropped Teddy off at home on their way home after work.

Kisses to the amazing pharmacist Rami for hand delivering post-surg meds, after office hours, while I was stuck on the ferry coming home.

Kicks to the woman on the top of Reed Road trail riding a horse. You didn't need to scream at me to turn my bike around and go the other way. Asking nicely would have worked just as well. It is a multi-use trail. Also kicks for leaving the trail covered in horse manure. It's disgusting.

Kicks to those who visit beaches (in front of waterfront properties) and literally "go" wherever they want (i.e. pee and poop) because "it's a public beach" (direct quote). Show some respect. Or better yet, hang out at the public beaches that have public washrooms.

Electrifying kisses to the Repair Cafe team who fixed my mini fan and my stained glass lamp cord. You are the best! Thank you.

Stars to the kind person who paid for my chili at Independent when my PC card did not work. The world would be a better place with more people like you. Grateful.

Kisses galore to the honest person who turned my red wallet in to the library. Thanks Rose and staff for the phone call. I'm so grateful!

Grateful kisses to Dipesh at the Sechelt Telus store for resurrecting my old phone in record time, all with a big happy smile! Truly outstanding customer service!

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