

2022 Financial Highlights

Operating Revenue	
Local Government	\$ 883,415
Provincial Grants	77,183
Donations and Grants	23,802
Library Revenue	19,490
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,003,890
Operating Expenses	
Administration	772,960
Operations	164,716
Grant Expenses	19,144
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 956,819

** Subject to final statements from accountant*

Library Staff

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| • Rose Toenders | 32 Years |
| • Beth Dodds | 24 Years |
| • Lorinda Waite | 18 Years |
| • Janette Hellmuth | 16 Years |
| • Teresa Eckford | 14 Years |
| • Jeff Wadge | 7 Years |
| • Claire DeVries | 6 Years |
| • Sam Iversen | 6 Years |
| • Cheryl Pedersen | 5 Years |
| • Gillian Smith | 4 Years |
| • Gail Norman | 3 Years |
| • Leianne Emery (Dir) | 3 Years |
| • Jason Gregory | 2 Years |
| • Jessica Kraus | 1 Year |
| • Charlotte Gray | 1 Year |

Library Board of Trustees
(2022)

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| • Chair | Pat Harvey |
| • Vice Chair | Rhian Piprell |
| • Treasurer | Beverly Shimazaki |
| • Trustee | Ruth Moore |
| • Trustee | Garry Nohr |
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Sechelt Public Library
2022 Annual Report



Message from Pat Harvey, Library Board Chair

Message from Leianne Emery, Library Director



In 2022 we saw the effects of Covid diminishing and library activities resuming with renewed vigor and interest. Our library had taken on many jobs in the service of our community and we recognized that many of them would stay with us for some time.

We also saw that many of the creative ideas that our staff developed during the pandemic became part of our regular service, much to our community's delight.

We were always looking to the future and as a board, we have spent much of 2022 positioning our library for the future with new and increased funding.

Libraries are so much more than books and must always endeavor to meet the needs of many members of our community. Our board has enjoyed participating in this growth. The success of our library owes so very much to our excellent staff and tireless director, our supportive Library board, funders and our community. Thanks for your hard work, and we are looking forward to a strong and positive 2023.

Pat Harvey
Chair, Sechelt Public Library Board



"Today a Reader. Tomorrow a Leader." Those wise words are written on the large colourful woven carpet in the children's area of the Library.

We have dedicated the photos in our 2022 Annual Report to some of Sechelt Library's young leaders of tomorrow. On the cover see little Ellie relaxed and reading on the couch designed for young readers, see Roxie

participating in a Chalk 'n' Bubbles event, and notice sisters Juliette and Amelie reading to Star - a St. Johns Ambulance trained therapy dog. In the final photo we have Grammie Beverly reading with her two "grandies" Vera and Eliana.

In addition to the 215+ youth events we held in 2022, we were also pleased to host many school groups with stories, discovery and, for many, the receipt of their first library card. Through our Books for BC Babies project, we helped support over 100 families in our service area by distributing packages containing a free book and music CD to our community's babies born in 2022. We make great effort to connect with our library youth because we know that by supporting and encouraging them to read from a young age, we will help them foster a life-long love of learning – and that's what we want for our Sunshine Coast communities!

From our books, programs and library services to our ukuleles, brain games and seed exchange...from our expertise in technology, accessibility and genealogy to our online courses, historical newspapers and STEAM kits – there is something to spark joy and create a passion for learning in everyone – not just the young ones but the "older than young" ones as well.

On behalf of all our amazing staff, thank you for making the Sechelt Public Library a part of your life.

Leianne Emery
Director, Sechelt Public Library



French School
Library Tour



Elementary School
Library Tour



Summer Reading Club
Awards Ceremony

Facts & Figures*

Physical Collection*

52,444	Total Items in the Library**
21,122	Population Served***
718	New Memberships
13,475	Wi-Fi Users
44,079	Website Visits
22	Exam Invigilation's
510	One-on-One Tech Appointments
1240	Volunteer Hours
1095	Transit Tickets Sold
5,320	Public Computer Users
203	Adult Programs/Events
215	Children/Youth/Teen Events
51,529	Pages printed on public computers

5,132	DVDs
1,117	Biographies
1,273	Audiobooks
2,086	Large Print
27	STEAM Kits
5	Kobo eReaders (Preloaded)
110	Video Games
7	Light Therapy Lamps
150	Magazine Titles
3,715	Children's Picture Books
30	Brain Games
398	First Nations (Non-Fiction)
8	Ukulele
507	French Language

*Jan 1-Dec 31 2022
**As at Dec 31 2022
***As per 2021 Census

*Selective Highlights
as of Dec 31, 2022