

2023 Financial Highlights

Operating Revenue	
Local Government	\$ 948,257
Provincial Grants	82,162
Donations and Grants	42,142
Library Revenue	24,831
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,097,392
Operating Expenses	
Administration	878,876
Operations	168,871
Grant Expenses	14,805
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 1,062,552

Sure, I go to the library for books, but also sometimes I go just to exist in a space that's welcoming, organized, comfortable, judgement-free, and run by knowledgeable, helpful, passionate people, because that energy is straight up medicinal.

Author, Jonathan Edward Durham



Library Director

- Leianne Emery 4 Years

Library Staff

- Rose Toenders 33 Years
- Beth Dodds 25 Years
- Lorinda Waite 19 Years
- Janette Hellmuth 17 Years
- Teresa Eckford 15 Years
- Jeff Wadge 8 Years
- Claire DeVries 7 Years
- Sam Iversen 7 Years
- Cheryl Pedersen 6 Years
- Gillian Smith 5 Years
- Gail Norman 4 Years
- Jason Gregory 3 Years
- Jessica Kraus 2 Years
- Charlotte Gray 2 Years
- Jolene Good 1 Year

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(2023)

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Sechelt Public Library 2023 Annual Report



Friends of the Library Book Faire



Seed Exchange Library



SSC Literacy Coalition Event



SSC Photography Club Installation

Message from Rhian Piprell, Library Board Chair



The Sechelt Library Board had the gratifying experience of being part of the Canada Day parade of 2023. As we walked the streets waving our signs we were able to experience the love that the residents of Sechelt have for their Library. And who could not love a library that strives every day to be an essential community hub. Leianne and her tireless staff continuously look for ways to improve the experience of their patrons. They reach out to provide new and vital services while maintaining the literary core for which the library is known.

Every new collection and service involves a huge amount of thought and detail behind the scenes. Cognitive Care Kits, worked on throughout 2023 and soon to be added to the collection, have a myriad moving parts each of which has to be recorded and labelled, checked and rechecked. Working with the CRA to provide a much needed clinic involves a great deal of coordination and communication to bring it to fruition. Just two of the successful ventures in 2023.

The Library Board is justifiably proud of a staff that rises to every challenge thrown their way and congratulates them on a successful year in 2023.

Rhian Piprell
Chair, Sechelt Public Library Board

Message from Leianne Emery, Library Director



As I write this, the library building is still closed to the public from the January 17th flood and we are operating both at a temporary location in the Mall and out the back door! But, I digress, there will be more about that in our next Annual Report...

At Sechelt Library we like to challenge the status quo and continually strive to excel, innovate and become more efficient. Whether it's in administration, circulation, library layout, services, library materials, programs or community partnerships, there is always something new and improved!

Of course, how could we not mention our newest library program - innovative, slightly unusual but very fun - laser tag at Sechelt Library! Also new in 2023 was the development of six Cognitive Care Kits. Much thought and time has gone into their creation so they can be unveiled and ready for circulation this coming year.

This past year brought some improvements to the physical space. The magazine and public computer area underwent layout changes including new shelving for the magazines making them more accessible and visible. We partnered with Chatelech High School art students and the Sunshine Coast Photography Club - not only to adorn our library walls but to showcase local art and photography talent. Slanted shelves were added to the lower DVD and Large Print sections improving visibility and access.

Community Partnerships are important and bring existing groups together for the benefit of many. As shown on the cover, the Sechelt Library has many different partners including the Friends of the Library volunteer group with their well-loved Book Faires, the SSC Literacy Coalition with multiple events for families and children and the Sechelt Seed Sharing group who keep our beautifully crafted Seed Library supplied with seeds, to name a few. Others include the much-loved and much-used Repair Cafe and the SSC Astronomy Club. Schools bring children to the library for tours, games and stories, and the Storytime Outreach Program travels to the mem7iman Daycare and others every month. In 2023, in partnership with the CRA and Service Canada, the library successfully hosted the first ever "Super Clinic" - an information and service session for the public. We intend for these Super Clinics to continue in 2024.

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

Leianne Emery
Director, Sechelt Public Library



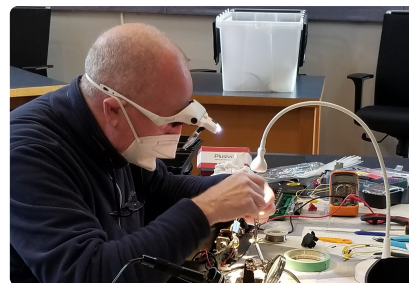
Laser Tag in the Library



Elementary School Library Tour



Canada Day Parade 2023



Repair Café at Sechelt Library

Facts & Figures*

52,334	Total Items in the Library**
21,122	Population Served***
884	New Memberships
15,869	Wi-Fi Users
46,557	Website Visits
21	Exam Invigilation's
397	One-on-One Tech Appointments
1564	Volunteer Hours
1,353	Transit Tickets Sold
6,467	Public Computer Users
262	Adult Programs/Events
200	Children/Youth/Teen Events
63,707	Pages printed on public computers

*Jan 1-Dec 31 2023
**As at Dec 31 2023
***As per 2021 Census

Physical Collection*

5,150	DVDs
998	Biographies
1,291	Audiobooks
2,168	Large Print
27	STEAM Kits
6	Kobo eReaders (Preloaded)
183	Video Games
7	Light Therapy Lamps
2,442	Magazine Issues
4,852	Children's Picture/Board Books
27	Brain Games
425	First Nations (Non-Fiction)
8	Ukulele
507	French Language

*Selective Highlights
as of Dec 31, 2023