

OUR VISION

To empower, connect and inspire.



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To be a valuable community asset that inspires minds, connects citizens and empowers lives.



SECHELT PUBLIC LIBRARY

2024–2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Sechelt Public Library is an integral asset to our community and enhances the lives of many on the Sunshine Coast and beyond. Our service area encompasses the District of Sechelt, shishálh Nation Government District, Roberts Creek, Halfmoon Bay, and Pender Harbour/Egmont with our operating budget being financially supported by these five local government funders as well as the BC Government.

The desire of every Sechelt Library staff member is to positively impact the lives of our fellow citizens - not just for a moment or a day - but for a lifetime. Not taken lightly is our role in providing access to knowledge, being a haven for imagination, and in fostering social connections for all ages. We improve, adapt and innovate so that the items contained within our walls and the services we offer best serve our evolving community. Professional service and support are provided to all in a democratic space free from financial barriers. We know we make a difference.

We will continue to advocate for literacy, intellectual freedom and a strong physical structure that provides space to breathe and grow. With these, the Sechelt Library will continue to be a valuable community asset.

Leianne Emery
Director, Sechelt Public Library

OUR PRIORITIES

Fuel Literacy and Spark Discovery

The library is steadfast in its commitment to enhance literacy, creativity and discovery, ultimately empowering individuals and the community to learn, to grow and to innovate.

- Be strategic, unbiased and forward thinking in our collection development, service offering and program planning.

Embrace Everyone

The library endeavors to ensure that all library items, services and opportunities are beneficial for everyone regardless of age, sexual orientation or physical ability. We embrace equality and inclusivity.

- Continue to assess all areas outlined in the Sechelt Library Accessibility Plan and make improvements whenever and wherever possible.
- Continue to advocate for intellectual freedom ensuring that this fundamental value is maintained throughout our library.

Forge Connections

The library will continue to build partnerships, create opportunities and foster community ties, enabling a collaborative ecosystem that enhances service offerings and community engagement.

- Build beneficial partnerships with individuals, businesses and provincial/federal organizations on the Sunshine Coast and beyond.

Enrich Environments

We recognize that our library building - built in 1996 for a population of 7000 and a staff of 5 - no longer offers adequate square footage to properly or safely house the library's collection, staff, volunteers, processing areas, services, programs and events.

- Continue to be strategic in our use of current space to create a welcoming, adaptable library that enriches our patron experience and supports staff functionality.
- Pursue a professional "Needs Assessment" for our library space that addresses current needs and takes into consideration the inevitable future growth in our community and library.
- Work with the District of Sechelt staff and council, architects and other professionals in furthering our mutual need for additional space.