



Director's Report
Sechelt Public Library
June 27 – August 28, 2024
By Leianne Emery

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1. Cover Photo

Re-Opening Day cupcakes! Over 450 people attended opening day! We have actually even had a few days since with that kind of patron attendance!

2. Highlights for April 30 – May 29

- Sechelt Library Board and Canada Day Parade
- Coast Reporter Article about reopening July 11
- Public Libraries Grant Award
- Insurance Claim to Contents Insurer (AON) fully submitted with low expectations for an expedient return
- So many Summer Reading Club activities at Sechelt Library!
- Sunshine Coast Photography Club brings new adjudicated photos to library
- Coast Reporter article about Cognitive Care Kits
- Festival of the Written Arts
- Administration and programming cleanup
- UBCM – library partners have a clinic scheduled
- Building door issues – autolocking and doors not physically closing
- Banking changes
- Security Issues
- First Nations Area Changes
- Mould

3. Public Library Grant Award 2024

In late June the Public Libraries Branch sent all BC libraries the official “Public Library Grant Award Letter.

Per Capita Operating Grant 2024	\$52,274.70
Resource Sharing Grant 2024	\$10,995.84
BC One Card grant 2024	\$11,000.00
Literacy and equity Grant 2024	\$ 8,500.00
Total Operating Funds:	\$82,730.54
ONE TIME – Library Enhancement Grant	\$15,755.85

4. Canada Day Parade

Thankyou to our Board Members and other volunteers for representing Sechelt Library in the Canada Day Parade!



5. Opening Day Photos (July 11, 2024)



Many flowers were given to us by patrons - and by Gibsons Library Staff



Our first 2024 Ukulele jam – on opening day - was well attended and the music was wonderful to hear!



Kids - and all - loved the cupcakes!





So many people have stopped to read and view pictures from our flood restoration. People also enjoyed our new lobby seating

Community

SECHELT

Sechelt Library officially reopens July 11

After flood damage closed the library, staff are preparing to welcome the public back

LEIANNE EMERY
Director, Sechelt Public Library

As most Sunshine Coast residents know, there was a serious flood on the roof of our building on Jan. 17. It not only affected the District of Sechelt offices on the second floor but the Sechelt Library, lobby and public washrooms on the main floor. Half of the library was under water and much was damaged. Public access was not possible. We have been operating from our staff entrance door as best as possible and we also operated our "Sechelt Library Pop-Up Edition" in the Trail Bay Mall from March

6 to June 19 to better serve the public.

It has been a tremendous amount of work dealing with insurance, flood remediation, project management and setting up our library for re-opening. We just received power and lighting back at the end of June!

After five long months, we are excited to finally announce we will re-open for public access on Thursday July 11 at 10 a.m. On behalf of myself and all our staff, we know that libraries hold such an important place in any community and we are very excited to welcome everyone back!



The Sechelt Public Library reopened Thursday, July 11.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SECHELT PUBLIC LIBRARY

6. Friends of the Library Book Faires

These Book Faires have been and will be hosted at **Seaside Centre:**

July 19-21 (\$1601.70)

August 2-4 (\$1482.85)

August 16-18 (\$1,382.20)

September 20-22

These Book Faires will be hosted at **Sechelt Library Community Room:**

October 18-20

November 15-17

7. Building Remediation – Exterior of DOS / Library Building

Phase 1:

The District of Sechelt is awaiting the signing of the Signia Contract for the Phase 1 remediation on the South side of the building. They still anticipate that construction will start this calendar year.

Phase 2:

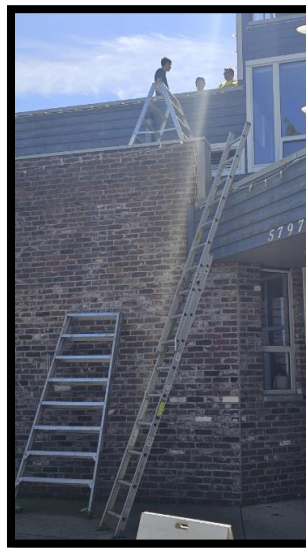
The DSO council chose Option D to pursue which is:

Option D:

Tower and Adjacent Walls plus Community Engagement and Feasibility Study for Future Expansion

\$950,000 range + 100,000 for Consultants Fees

A team from SR Engineering were here on July 23, 2024 to make further assessments on the status of the damage to the tower and the urgency of the repair requirement.



8. Insurance Claim - Contents

A complete claim has now been filed for all items lost and replaced/repaired during the January 17, 2024 flood. It was an onerous process. Our official insurance claim for the contents lost during the January 17th flood was submitted and claim is still ongoing. To date, we have had many frustrating back and forth discussions with the insurers (AON) over some of the larger ticket items (\$5500 books and \$13K self-check). We still await final approval.

9. July / August Programming Photo

There was A LOT of programming in July and August! We have the Summer Reading Club activities as well as regular programming. As part of the regular Storytime, we had Fire Smart training for Kids – and a visit with local firefighters, Fire Smart Mascot Ember (in yellow fur) and the Sechelt Fire Department fire truck



Messy Science: Preschool

**Ages 3-4
Fridays**

**Outside the library on the lawn
10-11 am**

Drop off your child or stay with them to experiment with science!
Registration required.

July 5 Washie and Blow Popping
Popsicle stations without
refrigeration needed.

July 19 Lava Bottles
Learn about igneous and
sedimentary.

July 26 Potion Station
Explore and mix
different things.

Aug 9 Homemade Ice Cream
Learn the science
behind ice cream.

SRC Artist Event

**Wed July 24th
2-3 pm
Ages 8-12**
On Zoom
or
Room of
Requirement

Drawing Workshop
Join the Summer Reading
Club's 2024 Illustrator
Menaka for a drawing
workshop! You can
participate from home or
come to the library and
work as a group.
Registration required.



Teen Book & Cook Club

**Ages 11-18
Wednesdays 2-4 pm**

**Rockwood Lodge
Registration required.**

Come cook a meal and talk about a book with fellow food lovers! Let staff know about your dietary restrictions/allergies.
Registration required.

July 16 **A Pho Love Story**
by Loan Le
Menu: Dumplings and Pho

July 23 **Bloom**
by Kevin Panetta
Menu: Pizza

July 30 **Heartless**
by Marissa Meyer
Menu: Cookies and Lemon Tarts

Other Teen Events:

**Tuesday
Aug 13
2-3:30**
Teen Area
Ages 9-14

Library Skrapin Brown
Reads books, gets history
and science done better
around the library.
Registration required.

**July 4-
Sept 2**
Gr. 6-12

SRC Scratch Tickets
Let's make a book and
ask a librarian to take us a
picture for a website for
more info.

Reading Logs

Available June 17th
Pick up your Reading Log at the
Sechelt Library!

1. Add a checkmark 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 after August 17th and get a medal for your reading achievement!

Read To Me Logs Available for
Preschoolers.

Find the app at bcsrc.ca

Award Ceremony

Saturday, August 17, 11am
Outside the Library on the Lawn
Completed your reading log?
Come get your reading medal
and a prize! Local Entertainer
Charlotte Diamond will be
performing and we will have
snacks, face paints and bubbles!



Summer Reading Club



WORLD of CURIOSITIES

Check our website for more info
<http://sechelt.bc.libraries.ca/>

Call or email to register for program
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Year-Round Kids Events

**Wed
3:30-
4:30pm**
**Youth Book Club
July 10 & Aug 14**
Check the website to
see which book we are
reading each month.
Snacks provided!
Registration Required.

Age:
9-12
Teen Area

**Every
Tues
5:30-
8:30**
**Dungeons & Dragons
July 9, 16, 23, 30
Aug 13, 20**
Call or email the library
to join our waitlist.
Currently seeking
Dungeon Masters!

Age:
Teens
and
Adults

**Fridays
3pm-
4:50pm**
**Teen Anime Club
July 12 & 26
Aug 9 & 23**
Watch anime, discuss
manga, and eat tasty
snacks at this program
twice a month.
Registration Required.

Ages 9-18
Community
Room

**Sat
10:30-11**
**Storytime
July 6, 13, 20, 27
Aug 10**
Join us on Saturdays
for books, songs and
play.
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Summer Reading Club: Primary

Ages 5-8
Thursdays 10:30-11:30 am
Community Room

Drop off your child for some Summer Reading Club activities. Each week we will play games, read books, do art and play!
Registration required.

July 4	Mysterious Creatures Use paper, drapes and design your own creature!
July 11	Depths of the Earth Make a fishing pole and catch some fish!
July 18	Precious Mysteries Make a rabbit and magic hat paper!
July 25	Natural Curiosities Create art from items found in nature.
Aug 8	Beyond Our World Work together to build a space-themed photo booth.
Aug 15	Collections and Memories Make a collage to tell the world all about you!



Summer Reading Club: Intermediate

Ages 9-12
Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm
Community Room

Drop off your child for some Summer Reading Club activities. Each week we will play games, read books, do art and play!
Registration required.

July 4	Mysterious Creatures Design your own cryptid and play roles for games.
July 11	Depths of the Earth Make a submarine, explore and battle for supremacy!
July 18	Precious Mysteries Explore optical illusions and beat a time challenge!
July 25	Natural Curiosities Create art from items found in nature.
Aug 8	Beyond Our World Build a straw rocket and a rocket bookmark!
Aug 15	Collections and Memories Make a macramé wall hanging.



Messy Science: Primary

Ages 5-8
Wednesdays
10-11 am
Outside the library on the lawn

Drop off your child at this exciting program where they can experiment with science!
Registration required.

July 3	Goop Goop Magnets Make magnetic slime and play with it!
July 10	Erupting Volcanoes Use chemistry to erupt a volcano!
July 17	Egg Geodes Make a crystal wonder out of a humble egg.
July 24	Catapult Painting Build a catapult to launch paint!
Aug 7	High-Flying Hoops Zoom into action with a gliding speeder!
Aug 14	Homemade Ice Cream Learn the science behind ice cream!



Messy Science: Intermediate

Ages 9-12
Wednesdays
Outside the library on the lawn
11:30-12:30

Drop off your child at this exciting program where they can experiment with science!
Registration required.

July 3	Elephant Toothpaste Use chemistry to create a bubbling reaction!
July 10	Air Cannons Can you knock down pins with nothing but air?
July 17	Bottle Rockets Shoot bottles high into the sky!
July 24	Slime Time Is it a solid? Is it a liquid? No, it's slime!
Aug 7	Solar Bake-Off Can you cook with the power of the sun?
Aug 14	Homemade Ice Cream Learn the science behind ice cream!





From the much popular “messy science” programs (ice cream, lava lamps, crystalized eggs etc.) to reading with a dog and Storytimes, Sam and our summer student Lydia, had the kids captured with fun projects, learning and fun.



**Amazing Stats
for Children's and Teen Programming:**

**During the two months of July and August this year,
we had over 65 events for children's and teens,
and attendance of well over 600 people!
WOW.**

Plus, we had programs for adults...





Director's Report

Over 130 people were in attendance at the Summer Reading Club Wrap Up Party with the famous, Charlotte Diamond and her son Matt.





Uke Jam in the fresh air - lead by Jill Stratford



REGISTRATION

All programs are **FREE!**

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

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 10-5
Tuesday: 10-5
Wednesday: 10-6
Thursday: 10-5
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 10-4
Sunday: Closed

CONTACT

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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ADULTS

Stitchin'

Monday, July 15, 22, 29 10:30-11:30
Community Room or Library Lawn
Bring your knitting/crochet/stitching project and enjoy a friendly stitchin' session with other crafters. **Drop-Ins Welcome.**

Card Making with Ruth

Thursday, July 25, 11:45-12:45
Thursday August 15, 11:45-12:45
Community Room
Join Ruth Moore for a free card-making class! All supplies provided. **Limited Space - Registration Required.**

Chair Yoga

Monday, July 15, 22, 29 12:00-1:00pm
Zoom & In Person
Join Bobbie Seale-Cobiskey for this gentle form of yoga. **Drop-In for the summer.**

Ancestor Hunters

Tuesday, July 23, 10:00-12:00 **Community Room**
Interested in your family history? Come join our group of dedicated ancestor hunters. **Registration Required.**

Summer Ukulele Jam

Thursday, July 11, 18, 25, 2:30-4:00
Library Lawn
Fun ukulele jam for all levels. Led by Jill Shatford. **Drop-in. Other Instruments Welcome.**

Birding Adventures with Tony Greenfield

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Tony will relate some of his adventures from a lifetime of birding. **Registration Required.**

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Read a book from our list and fill out a review form to enter our weekly prize draw!



Visit the library for reading list and entry form.



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JULY 8 - AUGUST 29

A prize draw will be held every Thursday.
July 18- August 29

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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 13, 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 19 12:00 - 5:00 Seaside Centre
Sat, July 20 10:00 - 4:00 Seaside Centre
Sun, July 21 12:00 - 3:00 Seaside Centre
Hosted by Friends of the Library.
Donations are limited to 1 box of great books on Friday and Saturday only, during Book Faire hours.



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.**

ALL AGES

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CHILDREN & TEENS

Baby Group

Thursday, July 11, 18, 25, 9:15 - 10:00
Library Lawn
For parents with babies 0-2. Older siblings are welcome to join in the fun. Come socialize and play with your babies. Tea and snacks provided. Stay as long as you like. **Drop-Ins Welcome.**

Summer Family StoryTime

Saturday, July 6, 13, 27, 10:30-11:00
Children's Area or Library Lawn
Recommended for families with children 5 and under. Special storytime with Daisy the Dog on July 27. **Drop-Ins Welcome.**

Firesmart Family StoryTime

Saturday, July 20, 10:30 - 11:00
Library Lawn
Ember the FireSmart Fox will be teaching us about Fire safety at this special storytime with a real fire truck! **Drop-Ins Welcome.**



July 2024 Program Guide



Teen Anime Club

Friday, July, 12 & 26 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.**

Kids Card Making

Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 - 3:00 **Room of Requirement**
Saturday, Aug 10, 2:00 - 3:00 **Room of Requirement**
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**

Rock Painting for Kids

Saturday, July, 13, 1:00-3:00 **Library Lawn**
Paint a rock and place it somewhere outside for others to find! All Ages. **Drop-ins Welcome.**

Partners Mario Kart Tournament

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Chair Yoga-2 Classes
Monday, August 12, 19, 26
Class 1: 12:00-1:00pm
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ALL AGES

Beyond the Harvest- Fall Fair
Saturday, September 7, 11am-2:00pm
Community Room
Sunflower contest & exhibits of vegetables, flowers or fruit- bring your garden items between 11-12am to be judged. Prizes awarded at 1pm. Come to learn about seed saving and more. **CONTACT: secheltseedsharinglibrary@gmail.com.**

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Children's Area or Library Lawn
Recommended for families with children 5 and under. **Drop-Ins Welcome.**



August 2024 Program Guide



Teen Anime Club

Friday, August 9 & 23, 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.**

Kids Card Making

Saturday, Aug 10, 2:00 - 3:00
Room of Requirement
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**

Library Escape Room

Tuesday, August 13, 2:00-3:30 **Teen Area**
Solve the puzzles to break into the box. Clues will be scattered throughout the library and you'll have to work as a team to beat the clock! **Registration Required. Ages 9-14**

Summer Reading Club Celebration & Medal Ceremony

Saturday, August 17, 11:00 - 1:00 **Library Lawn**
Come get your certificate of completion and medal in our award ceremony and enter our prize draw! Enjoy some snacks, sign up for the prize draw and find a seat, then local children's performers Charlotte Diamond and Matt Diamond will be performing at 11:30. **All Ages. Registration Required.**

Please check our Summer Reading Club brochure for more programs.





REGISTRATION

All programs are **FREE!**

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

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 10-5 **2 & 30 CLOSED**
 Tuesday: 10-5
 Wednesday: 10-6
 Thursday: 10-5
 Friday: 10-5
 Saturday: 10-4
 Sunday: Closed

CONTACT

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

ADULTS

Stitchin'

Monday, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 10:30-11:30

Community Room

Enjoy a friendly stitchin' session with other crafters. **No meeting September 2 & 30.**

Card Making with Ruth

Thursday, Sept. 15, 26, 10:30-11:30

Community Room

Join Ruth Moore for a free card-making class! **Limited Space - Registration Required.**

Chair Yoga

Monday, Sept. 6, 16, 23, 12:00-1:00pm

Zoom & In Person

Join Bobbie Seale-Cobiskey for this gentle form of yoga. **Drop-In.**

Zoom link on website.

No meeting September 2 & 30.

Ancestor Hunters

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10:00-12:00

Community Room

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

Summer Ukulele Jam

Thursday, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2:30-4:00

Library Lawn or Community Room

Fun ukulele jam for all levels.

Drop-In. Other Instruments Welcome.

Quiz Night at the Library

Friday, Sept. 6, 7-9pm

Community Room

Gather your friends and test your knowledge at our quiz night! Teams of 4-6 people. Prizes for winners! Free entry but we will be accepting donations to the food bank. Quiz Hosts Adam Shepherd and Justine Gabias. **Limited space- Please register your team.**

Service Canada and CRA Super Clinic

Friday, September 27, 10:30-3:00

Community Room

Representatives from Service Canada and Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will be offering services at Sechelt Library on Friday, September 27th from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. Last appointment at 2:40PM **No Registration Required. First come, first served.**

*If you need a SIN number please bring: your birth certificate and any other form of Federal or Provincial identification you may have.

FALL 2024 BC LIBRARIES PRESENT: Indigenous Fiction

Public Library InterLINK is thrilled to announce that BC Libraries Present virtual program series is back. This seasons line up is focused on Indigenous fiction and features the following authors:

- **Alicia Elliott:** *And Then She Fell*
 - Thursday, September 19 - 6:30PM-8:30PM
- **Katherena Vermette:** *Real Ones*
 - Tuesday, October 15 - 6:30PM-8:00PM
- **Jessica Johns:** *Bad Cree*
 - Tuesday November 12 - 6:30PM-8:00PM

Service Canada and CRA Superclinic

Friday, Sept. 27, 10:30 - 3:00

Community Room

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SPL Book Club

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 11:00 - 12:00

Community Room

Book pick: *And by Fire* by Evie Hawtry. Author joining by Zoom.

Men's Book Club

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1:00-2:30

Room of Requirement

Book Pick: *Material World* by Ed Conway

Colouring Club for Adults

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 25, 3:30-4:30

Library Lawn or Room of Requirement

Join us for a fun and relaxing session of detailed colouring. Supplies provided. **Registration Required.**

Astronomy Group Meeting

Friday, Sept. 13, 7:00-9:00

Community Room & Zoom

Dr. Jaymie Matthews, an extremely entertaining and leading Canadian astronomer will be presenting "What will Astronomy Be Like in 2124?"

Rough Draft Writing Group

Saturday, Sept. 14, 10:15-11:30

Room of Requirement

Local author Jocelyne Gregory will be leading this writing group. **Registration Required.**

Writer's Studio Writing Consults

Saturday, Sept. 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. You will be asked to provide a sample of your work 1-2 weeks prior to your appointment. **Registration Required**

Author Event: Wildlife Congregations: A Priests Year of Gaggle, Colonies, and Murders by the Salish Sea

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2:30-4:00

Community Room

Author and naturalist-priest, Laurel Dykstra, documents a year of spiritual encounters with large gatherings of wild creatures in the lower Fraser watershed. **Registration Required.**

Author Event: Emily & Elspeth by Catherine McNeil

Thursday, Sept. 19, 11:00-12:00

Community Room

Catherine McNeil, author and songwriter, will be reading from her recent poetry book and sharing a few original songs. **Registration Required.**

Journaling Club

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 3:30-4:30

Library Lawn or Room of Requirement

We'll have journal prompts to get people started. **Registration Required.**

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, September 14, 10:30-2:30

Free repair to domestic appliances and devices by volunteers from Gibsons Repair Café. The Spinners and Weavers Guild will be joining us to provide guidance on how to repair your knitted items.

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, Sept. 20 12:00 - 5:00 Seaside Centre
 Sat, Sept. 21 10:00 - 4:00 Seaside Centre
 Sun, Sept. 22 12:00 - 3:00 Seaside Centre
 Hosted by Friends of the Library.
 Donations are limited to 1 box of great books on Friday and Saturday only, during Book Faire hours.

ALL AGES

Beyond the Harvest- Fall Fair

Saturday, Sept. 7, 11am-2:00pm

Community Room

Sunflower contest & exhibits of vegetables, flowers or fruit. Bring your garden items between 11-12am to be judged. Prizes awarded at 1pm. Come to learn about seed saving and more. Contact: secheltseedsharinglibrary@gmail.com for more information.

Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, 5:30-8:30

Sechelt Library

Come and delve into the fantastic stories of Dungeons and Dragons. Call or email the library to join waitlist. **Registration Required.**

No Session September 3rd.

Halloween Costume Swap

Saturday, Oct. 5, 10:00-1:45

Community Room

Bring in your gently used halloween costumes and pick out a new one! Donated costumes will be accepted two weeks before the event. All ages.

French Book Exchange Fair

Saturday, Sept. 14, 10:00-2:00

Community Room

Donate your used French books and pick up something new! The Sunshine Coast Francophone Cultural Society will be joining us to host this event. All Ages welcome.

Repair Café

Saturday Sept. 14, 10:30-2:30
 See back of brochure for details.



September 2024 Program Guide



CHILDREN & TEENS

Baby Group

Thursday, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 9:15-10:00

Children's Area or Library Lawn

For parents with babies 0-2. Older siblings are welcome to join in the fun. **Drop-Ins Welcome.**

Fall StoryTime

Saturdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 - 11:00

Children's Area or Library Lawn

Recommended for families with children 5 and under. **Drop-Ins Welcome.**

Teen Anime Club

Friday, Sept. 13, 3:00-4:50

Community Room

Join us to watch anime and discuss manga. Ages 9-18.

Registration Required.

Youth Book Club

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 3:30-4:30

Teen Area

Call or email the library to borrow a copy of *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan Ages 9-12. **Registration Required.**

Storytelling Wildflower Picnic

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 3:30

Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden

Author Melanie Brown and illustrator Sara Gillingham will be signing copies of their book, *Wildflower*, which is provided to all new Kindergarten students by the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition. **For Kindergarten students and their families. Register at <https://sd46.bc.ca/swpr24/>**

10. Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts 2024

Sechelt Library is an avid supporter of the Festival of the Written Arts each year. Not only do we carry all the Festival Books on our Library (with marked spine labels), but we display the authors books and program brochures in library displays prior to the festival. Teresa also volunteers each year for the full three days.

Many Sechelt Library staff attended performances and enjoyed them all!





Director's Report

11. Changes to the Public Family Washroom

Previous:

Anyone requiring the public family washroom had to come and ask us for a family washroom key. This was apparently a decision made by the DOS a long time ago due to drug use issues in the family washroom. It was actually difficult for our staff to maintain oversight of the time duration between handing out the key and awaiting its return - although we did our best. Also, many of our patrons did not like having to ask as it created numerous issues relating to accessibility and urgency.

It should be noted that the current woman's washroom stalls are SO tight they are not even up to regulations on width for each stall. Everyone complains. This was something we identified in our Needs Assessment with TOAD.

Current:

At our request, and prior to our grand re-opening on July 10th, Dylan, (DOS) was able to get us a different type of lock for the public family washroom door. This lock would not require a key for entry. Not only that, it doesn't even need a handle to open. Once inside, the patron can comfortably lock the door. The outside will show "available" in green or "occupied" in red. On re-opening day, we told many of our patrons we knew used this family washroom and they were OVERJOYED.



12. Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

**This year, made possible by
Sechelt Library having a Pop-Up location,
Terri Fjaagesund, our wonderful volunteer,
was able to complete 163 tax returns
for patrons (and non-patrons)
for free!**

A great service we were able to continue despite having a flood...





Canada Revenue
Agency

Agence du revenu
du Canada

SECHELT PUBLIC LIBRARY
TERRI FJAAGESUND
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SECHELT, BRITISH COLUMBIA
V0N 3A0

July 11, 2024

Dear Sechelt Public Library,

Thank you for partnering with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) or the Income Tax Assistance – Volunteer Program (ITAVP) in Quebec for the 2024 tax-filing season.

Whether you have been part of the CVITP/ITAVP for many years or you are new to hosting free tax clinics, your contribution has made a significant difference in the lives of many Canadians.

From January 1st to April 30th of this year, through the dedication and hard work of community organizations like yours, more than 729,800 individuals were able to meet their tax obligations and receive the benefit and credit payments they are entitled to. For Canadians with a modest income, every dollar counts and these payments help with the costs of raising children, living with disabilities, or just keeping up with the bills.

Your desire to support those in need serves as a model of inspiration to others and a testament to the strength of our communities across Canada.

In recognition of your great work, please accept the enclosed Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of National Revenue.

We hope you will continue to participate in the CVITP/ITAVP for years to come.

Terri Naidu

CVITP and Benefits Outreach Officer/Agente du PCBMI et du Programme de visibilité des prestations
CVITP-VancouverBC / PCBMI-VancouverCB (CRA/ARC)
Canada Revenue Agency



Canada

13. Coast Reporter Articles

OUR HISTORY
Thank you to the Sechelt I

ANN WATSON
Sechelt Archives

The Sechelt Public Library librarian and staff, board members, volunteers and Friends of the Library have all been through a very difficult period. A leak in the building has caused the closure of the library for several months.

Despite this disaster, the users of the library have been able to order books, return books, read the newspapers and magazines in comfort in the pop-up library in Trail Bay Mall, as well as get help with computer problems, continue genealogy research, purchase books at the Friends of the Library book sale days and attend other programs.

We thank the dedicated staff and volunteers for their hard

work to ensure library users were looked after. In the library's history there have been problems but none as severe as this past one.

There has been a library in Sechelt since 1936; the first was a lending library in Alice French's little shop beside her home behind today's Shell gas station on Cowrie Street.

In 1960, the parent teacher association at Sechelt Elementary School decided Sechelt needed a public library. Fundraising events were held and books donated. These were housed in an apartment above Jack Redman's Red and White Grocery Store on the north side of Cowrie Street. The Salvation Army Thrift Store now occupies the ground floor of the old grocery store, the second floor was removed a number of years ago. In 1965, the library was

In the July 19, 2024 Edition of the Coast reporter, Ann Watson writes:

Library (and a little history)

moved across the street to one of Mr. Phillips' houses. He had willed two houses to the Hospital Society, which loaned one to the library. Today's Sechelt Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Store is located on the property.

In 1967, centennial year, Sechelt and Halfmoon Bay pooled their grants and Sechelt's Centennial Library was built on land sold at a very reasonable price to the Village of Sechelt by Alice French. The Centennial Library building still stands on Trail Avenue behind the Shell Gas Station and is a Community Resource Centre.

The library was run by dedicated volunteers for many years and funded by local government grants. Lack of floor space and no regular source of income prevented the library from becoming part of the provincial library system

until 1981, when the library finally qualified for and received its first cheque from the province - \$10,000 for books. An addition was built, more shelving added and a new typewriter was purchased. One very rainy evening, librarian Marie Montgomery decided to check the library and was just in time to prevent a muddy river from ruining the books!

Nov. 1, 1996 was opening day for Sechelt's current library, one of the busiest places on the Coast.

From the Centennial Library days to today's "new" library there has been a dedicated, loyal group of librarians, library staff and volunteers helping library users. We extend to them our grateful thanks for making the Sechelt Public Library such a welcoming, friendly place and an essential part of our community.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SECHELT ARCHIVES
The opening of the new Sechelt Public Library in 1996. Pictured left to right: Marie Montgomery (second librarian in Centennial Library), Pat Barnett (first librarian in Centennial Library), Edith De La Hays (longtime volunteer in both libraries), Rose Toenders (30+ years librarian staff member in both libraries) and Christian Kruse (first librarian in the new library).

Although the reporter got some things wrong – and forgot some crucial things - at least our Cognitive Care Kits now have a wider exposure on the Coast.

NEWS

HEALTH

Sechelt library providing dementia support with new loanable kits

Resources for dementia patients range from brain games to creative arts

JORDAN COPP
Local Journalism Initiative

Shortly after returning to its regular location, Sechelt Public Library has a new item available for loan, an innovative resource to assist those living with dementia and other forms of cognitive loss.

Leianne Emery, Sechelt Public Library director said libraries are changing, searching to find more services they can provide to their communities.

"To me, the concept is borrowing something that you may not be able to afford or don't want to buy," Emery said. "Not just borrowing books, borrowing other things."

Cognitive care kits are one of the newer additions to Sechelt Library, along with other items and kits available to borrow such as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) lamps, radon detection kits, science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) kits for children, iPads, instruments, brain games, e-readers and more.

Space is at a premium in the library, what Emery calls "net zero expansion" so to add something new, something else must be removed, meaning the dedicated team

at the library has to get creative when they want to add new features to the space.

From the contents of the kit to the container housing it, every aspect of the cognitive care kits was carefully planned out by library staff, who spent roughly 26 hours alone in processing.

The library offers six distinct cognitive care kits, each with unique contents that fall under the same fundamental categories: large print books, "working the brain" exercises, conversation starters, creative arts, games and puzzles, as well as picture books.

DVDs, fidget toys, word searches and trivia games and much more can be found in each of the cognitive care kits.

Emery and the team at the library designed the kits around the DementiaAbility Method of creating environments that support the needs, interests, skills, strengths and abilities of those living with dementia and other forms of cognitive loss.

In researching those living with dementia and other forms of cognitive loss, Emery noted the variety of proficiency and how certain tasks can be much more challenging for some people.

"Depending on who's using this, it could

suit a variety of cognitive abilities or cognitive levels," Emery said. "We wanted a one-stop shopping in the kit."

All the different activities have been labelled and packaged accordingly within the kit, making it easy to find the activity of choice.

The contents of each kit aren't cheap – each one has \$500 to \$600 worth of items inside, and thus comes with a number of measures to make sure it all comes back after each loan.

Each kit includes a loan agreement, outlining the loan period (21 days), renewals, returns and replacement fees for all items included in the kit.

While the library doesn't have late fees for their books, Emery explained they do have late fees when loaning out pieces of technology.

To help keep the many items organized, kits also come with a return checklist which shows each item and its respective contents within the kit and a sheet with all the items in the kit pictured.

The kits help not only those living with forms of cognitive loss but also their family members, Emery said.

"If Ma is sitting at home with Pa and Pa's losing abilities, some people just don't know what to do or how to do it or how to use something or how to interact properly," she said.

Even though the kits are new to the library, Emery says they started hearing positive feedback immediately, which she said has been encouraging.

Emery recalled someone who recently took out one of the cognitive care kits.

"She said, 'this was the most amazing thing I've ever had,' she goes, 'it gave me ideas and things that I could use to talk to the person I was with and conversation points and we had so much fun with this kit.'"

Another recent user said they had so much fun with the kit that they didn't even get to all the games inside.

"We're not trying to be experts," Emery said. "We're just doing our best to help somebody who might need the contents of the kit to make their day better."

Jordan Copp is the Coast Reporter's civic and Indigenous affairs reporter. This reporting beat is made possible by the Local Journalism Initiative.

14. Video Games

Our over 200+ video games can now be borrowed by patrons at other ILC libraries and Gibsons. Most libraries do not share their book collections for at least 1 year so the priority can remain for their own patrons. Many other library items are not shared at all. The decision to share our video collection came with a few considerations such as collection size, collection type and age of collection.

15. Mould



July 31, 2024, we discovered that serious mould was growing in the window sill. As we are undergoing a south side renovation this fall the fix had to be short term. It was immediately filled with poly and taped over by Dylan at the DOS.

16. Sunshine Coast Camera Club



Our Social Media Post:

August 1

Frank Thorburn, Bruce Pond and Phill Harrison from the Sunshine Coast Photography Club just finished placing 9 new pieces of incredible photography on our walls. Come in to Sechelt Library and see the club members' adjudicated photos which will adorn our walls until December. A great partnership!

Letter to the Camera Club dated August 2, 2024

Bruce,

Everyone is very excited about this new photo collection that you, Frank and Phil have just placed on the walls of our library! Staff, Board Members and patrons are all commenting on the new photos with admiration and awe. Many are trying to identify what types of flowers they are and then going to google to see if our guesses are right. They also love the techniques used to give some of the photos a different edge.

With the first collection of photography the Camera Club had in our library last November, subjects on the Sunshine Coast, the staff always overheard patrons saying how beautiful they were, how they loved having real photography instead of art on our walls, and many who were trying to identify if they had been to the locations in the photos.

We are grateful your club has such talented members and have chosen to partner with us at the Sechelt Library. Thank-you for making our library more beautiful!

Leianne Emery
Director, Sechelt Public Library

17. Interlink and Virtual Programming

Public Library InterLINK has organized a virtual program series for BC public libraries. This season's line up is focused on Indigenous fiction and features the following authors:

Alicia Elliott: *And Then She Fell*

Thursday, September 19 — 6:30 to 8:00 pm Pacific (7:30-9pm Mountain)

katherena vermette: *real ones*

Tuesday, October 15 — 6:30 to 8:00 pm Pacific (7:30-9pm Mountain)

Jessica Johns: *Bad Cree*

Tuesday, November 12 — 6:30 to 8:00 pm Pacific (7:30-9pm Mountain)

These three programs will be accessed live, online via: <https://www.crowdcast.io/@bclibraries-present>.

BC Libraries Present's goal is to make the same high-quality, virtual programming available to all public libraries and their communities.

InterLINK is grateful for the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs which enabled them to present this series free of charge.

18. UBCM

A message from Jessica A., the Director of our ABCPLD Group (Association of BC Library Directors):

- Working with our government relations consultants, the Library Partners developed the following approach to UBCM:
- UBCM is taking place September 16-20 the week before the writ drops in BC. Earnscliffe anticipates this year's convention will have a lower participation rate among MLAs as many will take that time to be in their ridings.
- submitted a Clinic proposal that has been accepted. The Partners will be presenting and facilitating discussion around the Impact of Public Libraries on Thursday, September 19th.

- ABC President Cari will attend the convention, as will our Earnscliffe Consultants Anna and Anita, who will identify specific attendees for Cari to engage directly in discussing our Ask for a sustained lift. ***If any ABC members or your Trustees are attending who would like to be part of this approach, please let me know. Additional involvement is welcomed!***
- Cari will also be joining a meeting with Minister Kang requested by a Councillor and the Mayor from New Denver advocating for public library funding. This community has been advocating for public library services.
- Earnscliffe has developed an "**Overdue: it's time to invest in BC's public libraries**" campaign to keep our Ask for a sustained lift in funding in front of decision makers. More details about this campaign will be forthcoming and a request for your assistance in letting any of your Trustees and Councillors know how they can support it if attending UBCM.
- With appreciation to Trustees for VIRL and GVPL who submitted a resolution through Assoc of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities that will go to UBCM seeking a lift to public library funding.
- With the advice of Earnscliffe, the Partners did not seek a booth at UBCM this fall. They advised that a booth would not be an effective option for encouraging policy discussion related to our Ask. However, we know there is a history of hosting a booth to highlight public libraries at UBCM and that this tool can support public libraries' relationships with local government.
- The Partners will be meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, Strategic Advisor and Director, PLB in September to ensure they continue to have all the information needed to support our Ask post-election.

19. Sechelt Library Banking

We have been going over our accounts with the Sechelt Library Finance Committee (currently Rhian, Jack and Pat) and proposed a plan and a strategy in which to take more advantage of higher interest rates but, at the same time, maintain an adequate level of freedom to move funds when necessary. At the same time, we are also moving to online banking (a major initiative of the BMO for companies) – which is a much more complicated task for a corporation which MUST have high levels of security. It has been very time consuming but will be worth it in the end.

20. Ongoing Security Issues

A number of security issues to bring to your attention – thieves, drug addicts and doors. All frustrating, a drain on our time and a constant worry from a security perspective.

1. Our beautiful snake plant was stolen from the coffee table in the lobby of our building.
2. The Coast Reporter Newspaper Bin at the library entrance was stolen. After it was replaced with another, the Bin was eventually found at the homeless encampment in Sechelt.
3. We spent last Friday afternoon addressing a drug addict, well known to everyone, who made himself home in front of the library entrance door (right behind the Coast Reporter Newspaper Bin). DOS bylaw staff had to be retrieved in person from upstairs (after three phone calls and one email in their new bylaw customer service system did not work). Ambulance staff also had to be called.
4. Since the Building's FOB system was installed (not our choice), and for other reasons, our staff are constantly finding entry and exit doors unlocked or not closed properly. Every night, our staff always have - and will always need to physically check the entrance and exit doors – from the outside after we leave. We have to continually address different issues with DOS staff and it is frustrating and worrisome. More details at the meeting.
5. Theft of a tourist's possessions from his bike packs where his bike was locked up near the staff entrance. A driver called in to tell us she witnessed it happening. She said the thieves were known drug addicts in the vicinity and possessions were likely at the homeless encampment. Police reports were made and footage sent to RCMP from DOS (our internet was down so we could not obtain ourselves).

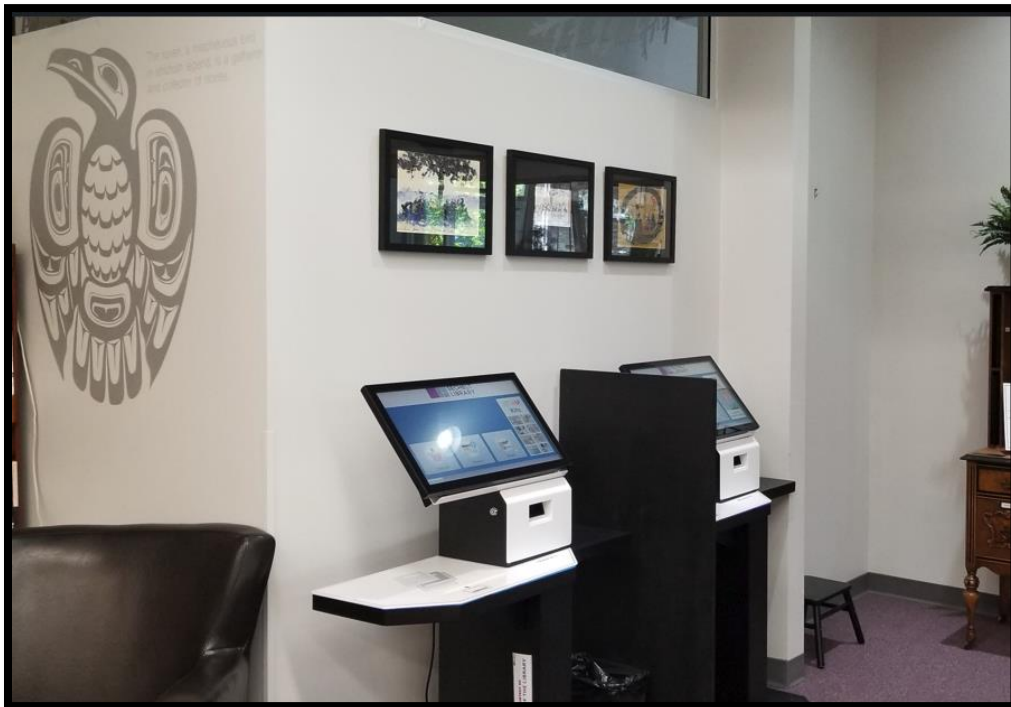
21. Changes in First Nations Area

Due to flood damaged walls - and better esthetics, we had a few changes made in the First Nations section.

1. Directional wording location, style, size and color was changed
2. Artwork displayed (2 walls) displayed were changed
3. Raven location, size and color was changed (and associated words)



OLD photo



OLD photo

NEW photo taken Tuesday August 27. A bit of wall damage repair still required...

The new artwork above the self-checks (actually not new – it was above the check in area previously) is actually first nations illustrations that are in books we have on the shelves in First Nations. Artist Hiroshi Shimazaki's artwork was moved to the wall above the interior book return and displays nicely there.

NEW photo



22. Coming in the Next Director's Report

In the next Directors Report I will be explaining more about Interlibrary Loans (ILL) et al. All you ever wanted to know and much more...

