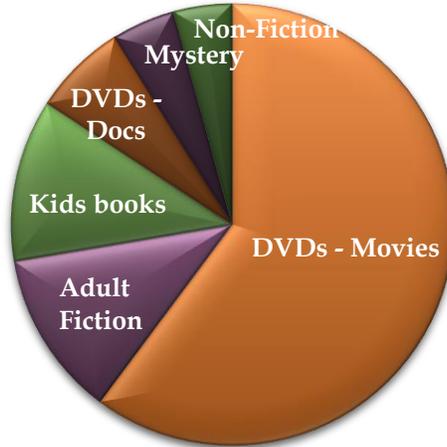


New items added to the library shelves:

308



Canada Day book sale fundraising event 2019

“And the winners are...”

Our most popular titles in 2019 were:

- Most borrowed item: *In a House of Lies* by Ian Rankin
- Top adult mystery: *Cast Iron* by Peter May
- Top adult fiction: *The Tuscan Child* by Rhys Bowen
- Top adult non-fiction: *A Philosophy of Walking* by Frédéric Gros
- Top Children’s books: *Building Our House* by John Bean, and *Scaredy Squirrel Has a Birthday Party* by Mélanie Watt
- Top DVDs: *Geostorm* and *Miss Marple Mystery Collection*

Eddie Reid Memorial Library

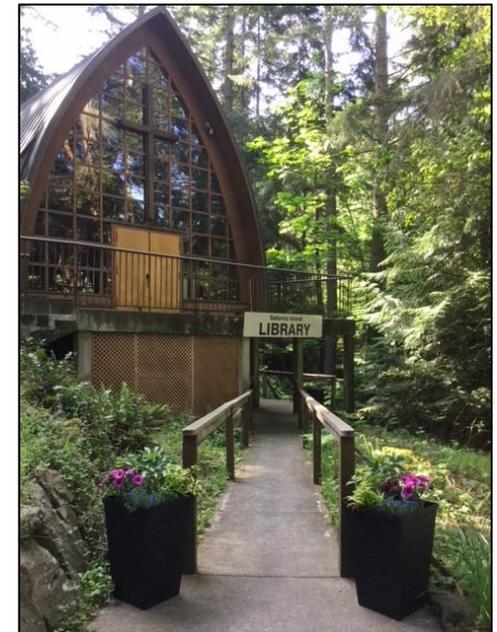
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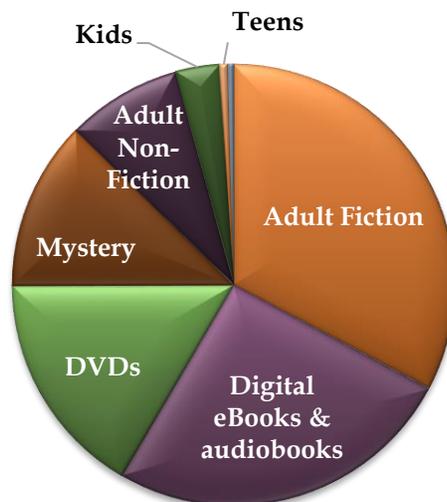
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Items borrowed:

4,643



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Highlights 2019

Message from the Chair

2019 started off with a flurry of weather-related events. The aftermath of the enormous storm in Dec. saw the Library without power for days and this trend continued, forcing us to close for three days – an unprecedented occurrence. Our Library Director visited in March to conduct a Workplace Safety review, a very worthwhile exercise that illuminated the need to upgrade our fire extinguisher and smoke detectors. The family of Betty Jardine, one of the Library's founding members, made a generous donation in her honor, which was used to purchase a bench and a plaque that sits beautifully outside the Library. One of our Board members attended the Memorial Tea to thank the family and to share our recollections of Betty. Our Annual Book Sale at the Canada Day Lamb BBQ was a huge draw for visitors, boaters and enthusiastic residents who again enjoyed the massive selection. This is a major fund-raiser for the Library and the community itself. We were grateful to receive funding through CRD Community Works to purchase new computer equipment -- a significant and much appreciated technical upgrade. We were sorry to lose our long-standing Inter-library Loans volunteer after years of excellent service. We are hugely grateful for the assistance provided by staff: Library Director, Carmen Oleskevich, Melody Pender, Bookkeeper and Colette Clark, Library Tech., we couldn't do it without them. And thank you to all our volunteers!

Nancy Phillips, Chairperson



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Library Highlights 2019

- Over 3,000 visits to the library!
- 32 people signed up for a new library card
- 308 new items were added to the library shelves
- Library collection has 4,530 books and 1,900 DVDs
- Over 4,600 physical items were borrowed, including 246 youth books.
- Digital items borrowed: 1,395 eBooks and 548 eAudiobooks were downloaded for free – a 35% increase from 2018
- Public computers were used >200 times
- Free Wi-Fi was available 24/7
- Kids and families enjoyed our Summer Reading Club activities around the island
- Biggest fundraising event: Used Book Sale at the Canada Day Lamb BBQ: thank you for all the book donations!
- 45 boxes of used books sold at Lamb BBQ
- We shared staff with all SGI libraries: Library Director, Library Technician, and Bookkeeper
- 15 Library volunteers worked behind the scenes and served the public, keeping the library doors open.

How tax funds, grants, & donations were spent



Library Volunteers Appreciation Lunch 2019