



**GREATER VICTORIA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**



**WORLD  
of  
CURIOSITIES**

April 25, 2024

The Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL) invites your students to join the annual BC Summer Reading Club! Every year, thousands of children ages 0-12 participate in the BC Summer Reading Club, celebrating reading, literacy, and libraries, and encouraging them to keep up their reading all summer. The theme for 2024's BC SRC is *World of Curiosities*, with artwork provided by local Victoria artist Meneka Repka.

Your school can support the BC Summer Reading Club in three ways:

1. Welcome a GVPL librarian for a short presentation about GVPL and the Club during May or June. Presentations can be delivered to multiple classes simultaneously. A librarian will contact teachers in May to schedule a visit to your school or teachers can contact the library at 250-940-4875 or [comments-questions@gvpl.ca](mailto:comments-questions@gvpl.ca). Class visits at the library are also available at most GVPL branches.
2. Include a BC Summer Reading Club flyer (coming soon!) and/or a link to [www.gvpl.ca](http://www.gvpl.ca) in communications to parents or on the school's website.
3. Include BC Summer Reading Club content in your school and PAC newsletters so that parents can learn about the program and are encouraged to bring their children to their local library.

In addition to reading incentives, GVPL will offer free activities for kids to inspire their curiosity and fuel their creative minds. BC Summer Reading Club begins Friday, June 21, and ends on Tuesday, September 3.

BC SRC is an inclusive and accessible program with options for all reading levels, languages, and abilities. We encourage reading and storytelling in all formats.

Regular reading over the summer helps kids maintain or improve their reading skills; voluntary reading is key to making reading a lifelong habit. Children taking part in this program will track their reading with a self-paced reading record and earn incentives, including stickers, bookmarks, and a medal. There are options for tracking with a paper reading record or an easy-to-use website.

The BC SRC is sponsored by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, British Columbia Library Association, CUPE BC, and public libraries throughout British Columbia, with generous support from the Province of British Columbia. Additional support is received from IslandLink Library Federation and local partners in Greater Victoria.

Thank you for helping to make this year's BC Summer Reading Club a success for your students.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maureen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a trailing flourish.

Maureen Sawa

Chief Executive Officer

Greater Victoria Public Library