

**Salt Spring Island  
Local Community Commission  
(LCC) Presentation  
May 14, 2026**



# Guiding Principle: All Belong Here.

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**Values:** The Library values innovation, equity, diversity, inclusion, and sustainability.

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**Mission:** We build opportunities for all to learn, connect, and explore.

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**Vision:** An engaged, informed, and connected Salt Spring.



The Library collected more than 100 emails asking the LCC to maintain funding for the Library as they love, depend on, or make use of the various offerings the Library provides our community.



# 2025 Annual Statistics:

6,145	Library Members (50% of Pop.)
674	New Library Members
106,489	Library Visits
68,002	Virtual Visits
143,680	Physical Circulations
51,978	Digital Circulations
17	Check outs per person (books=\$425)
6,713	Computer Sessions
8,953	Wi-Fi Uses
11,382	Social Media Engagements



## Children's Area & Collection: Supporting Families and Community Literacy

School Class & Library Visits, March Break. Summer Camps, Summer Reading Club and programs.

- Youth Programs: **1149**
- Total Participants: **8043**
  
- Outreach Programs: **77**
- Summer Reading Club: **149**

## Supporting Teens

- Teen Programs: **211**
- Total Participants: **1114**

## Youth Engagement

- 626 youth library cards **(+5%)**
- Youth Library Circulations: **72,507** (50% of total circulations)



**Summer Reading Club  
Achievement unlocked!**

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# Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Truth & Reconciliation, and Accessibility

## Events:

- Pride Parade annual host
- Workshops, Talks, Book Launches
- Community Partnerships
- Art & Our Living Languages Exhibits
- Social Media



## Accessibility Plan

- **FabLab Accessibility Program:**  
Free 3D printed assistive devices.  
171 Assistive Devices given to patrons
- **Accessible Washroom Renovation:**  
2026-2029: \$25k per year from  
Community Works Fund through the CRD.



# FabLab & STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math)

## STEAM Programs

- **127** Sessions
- **1057** Child attendees

## FabLab

- **1112** Appointments
- **3639** Drop-in patrons
- **12** Class visits with
- **269** Children attending



# Dedicated Volunteers & Staff:

- **Volunteers, 4 hrs/week shifts (-28%): 57**
- **Total Volunteer Hours (-38%): 10,091**
- **FT Staff: 6**
- **PT Staff (includes students): 14**
- **Total Staff Hours: 12,880**



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH

*01 June 2025*  
10:00am-12:00pm

Salt Spring Sailing Club  
152 Douglas Rd (off Beddis Rd)

This is a drop-in style event,  
meaning you can come by at any  
time and leave as you need to.  
We are looking forward  
to seeing you.

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# Library members, partners, funders, & supporters:

**2025**

**Total Grants: \$157,394**

**Total Donations: \$65,493**



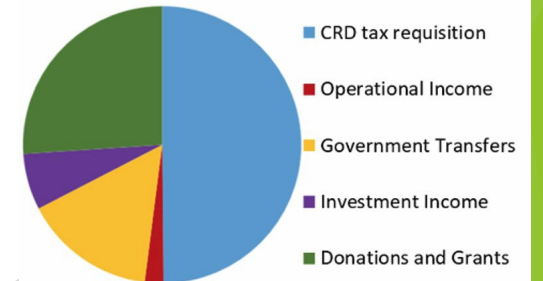
**2025 Donor Appreciation Event**

- Arbutus and Salt Fund
- ArtSpring (Island Arts Centre Society)
- Barb's Bakery & Bistro
- BC Libraries Cooperative
- BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs
- Canadian Federation of University Women
- Capital Regional District (CRD) and LCC
- Courthouse Libraries of BC
- Country Grocer Salt Spring
- Derrick Lundy Poetry Grant
- Diverse and Inclusive
- Salt Spring Island (DAISSI)
- Sally and Glen Rycroft Endowment Fund
- SS Arts Council
- SS Books
- SS Exchange
- SS Forum
- SS Literacy Society
- SS Potters Guild
- SS Trail and Nature Club
- SSI Chamber of Commerce
- SSI Emergency Program
- SSI Fire and Rescue
- Government of British Columbia
- Government of Canada
- Gulf Islands Driftwood Together Society (GIFTS)
- Gulf Islands Secondary School (SD64)
- Indigenous Peoples that call Salt Spring home
- Island Community Services Society
- Family Place
- IslandLink Library Federation
- Islands Trust
- Lorrie Hunt Fund
- McConnell Foundation
- Nature Salt Spring
- Nurse Family Fund
- Phillip and Muriel Berman Foundation
- SSI Foundation & Foundation of Youth
- SSI Historical Society
- and Archives
- SSI Restorative Justice
- Stqeeye' Learning Society
- The Raffi Foundation
- Thrifty Foods
- Times Colonist
- Literacy Society
- Transition Salt Spring Society
- Vancouver Foundation
- Westland Insurance
- Wilding Foundation

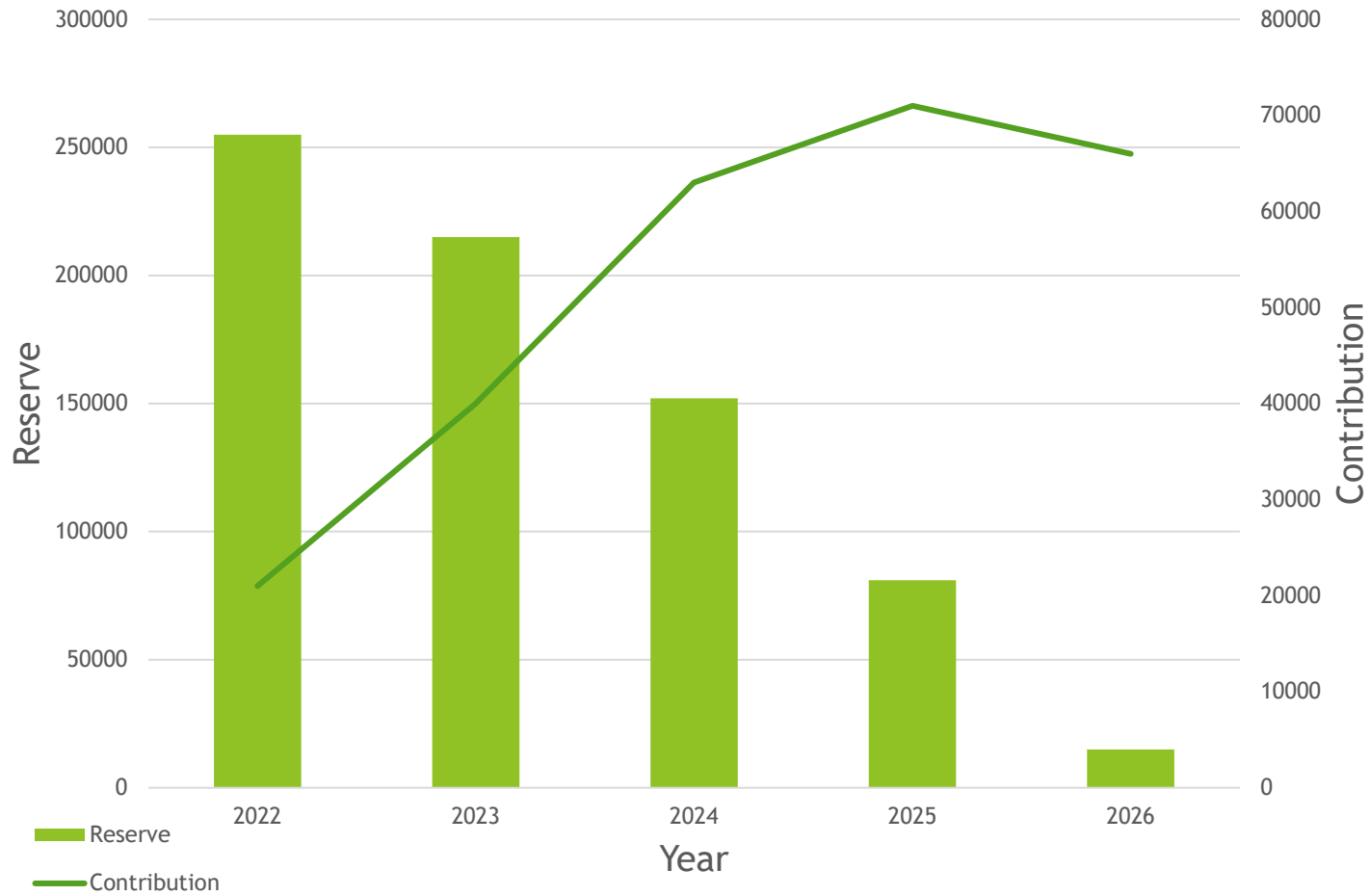
## Revenue

Including Investment gains

**\$1,128,960**



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SSI Public Library drawing down Operational Reserves for 5 past years to cover annual deficits until Library building mortgage paid off in 2026.



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	2025		BUDGET REQUEST				FUTURE PROJECTIONS			
	BOARD BUDGET	ESTIMATED ACTUAL	CORE BUDGET	ONGOING	ONE-TIME	TOTAL	2027	2028	2029	2030
<u>OPERATING COSTS</u>										
Contribution to Library	563,680	563,680	591,864	5,500	-	597,364	657,100	689,960	703,760	717,840
Allocations	29,952	29,952	33,083	-	-	33,083	33,681	34,352	35,036	35,733
Insurance	13,130	13,130	12,620	-	-	12,620	13,251	13,914	14,610	15,341
Other Operating Expenses	10,120	9,920	10,310	-	-	10,310	10,520	10,730	10,940	11,150
Contingency	2,500	-	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>619,382</b>	<b>616,682</b>	<b>650,377</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>655,877</b>	<b>717,052</b>	<b>751,456</b>	<b>766,846</b>	<b>782,564</b>
*Percentage Increase over prior year			5.0%	0.9%		5.9%	9.3%	4.8%	2.0%	2.0%
<u>DEBT / RESERVE</u>										
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	1,715	4,413	2,575	-	-	2,575	94,260	76,275	87,525	88,895
MFA Debt Reserve Fund	870	870	1,010	-	-	1,010	50	50	-	-
MFA Principal Payment	112,731	112,731	112,731	-	-	112,731	5,368	5,368	-	-
MFA Interest Payment	33,920	33,920	33,920	-	-	33,920	4,520	4,520	-	-
<b>TOTAL DEBT / RESERVE</b>	<b>149,236</b>	<b>151,934</b>	<b>150,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,236</b>	<b>104,198</b>	<b>86,213</b>	<b>87,525</b>	<b>88,895</b>
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>768,618</b>	<b>768,616</b>	<b>800,613</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>806,113</b>	<b>821,250</b>	<b>837,669</b>	<b>854,371</b>	<b>871,459</b>
*Percentage Increase over prior year			4.2%	0.7%		4.9%	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<u>FUNDING SOURCES (REVENUE)</u>										
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	(530)	(528)	(540)	-	-	(540)	(550)	(560)	(570)	(580)
MFA Debt reserve fund earnings	(870)	(870)	(1,010)	-	-	(1,010)	(50)	(50)	-	-
Other Income	(540)	(540)	(550)	-	-	(550)	(560)	(570)	(580)	(590)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(1,940)</b>	<b>(1,938)</b>	<b>(2,100)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,100)</b>	<b>(1,160)</b>	<b>(1,180)</b>	<b>(1,150)</b>	<b>(1,170)</b>
<b>REQUISITION</b>	<b>(766,678)</b>	<b>(766,678)</b>	<b>(798,513)</b>	<b>(5,500)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(804,013)</b>	<b>(820,090)</b>	<b>(836,489)</b>	<b>(853,221)</b>	<b>(870,289)</b>
*Percentage increase over prior year Requisition			4.2%	0.7%		4.9%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%



# CRD Support Needed to Maintain Services

**2027 CRD Contribution    \$657,100**

\*only 2% increase over 2026 requisition.

10% One Time Funding Needed to Maintain:

- Library staffing for Children's programs, and auxiliary staff for volunteer absences.
- Current Library Opening Hours.
- Book Purchasing, computer resources, and building maintenance.
- Maintains 94K to CRD Capital Reserve Fund.

If Funding Reduced to 5%:

- Unable to maintain current staffing.
- Reduce hours of operation 1 day per week, Saturday being the most difficult to staff.
- Further\* decrease in books, computer resources and building budgets (\*cutting staff hours & Kanopy in 2027).

