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VISION

A thriving, connected, cohesive, and empowered region of Island and coastal communities.

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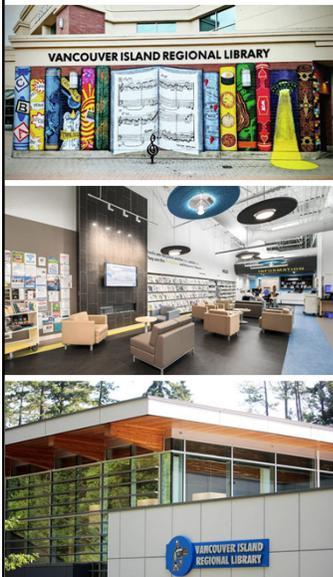
We lift our communities by providing barrier-free, region-wide, and equitable access to a unique and critical blend of Collective Services.

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USAGE & IMPACT

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1,200 daily visits



30K Resident Cardholders (1/3rd)



All demographics



395 programs attended by 10,994

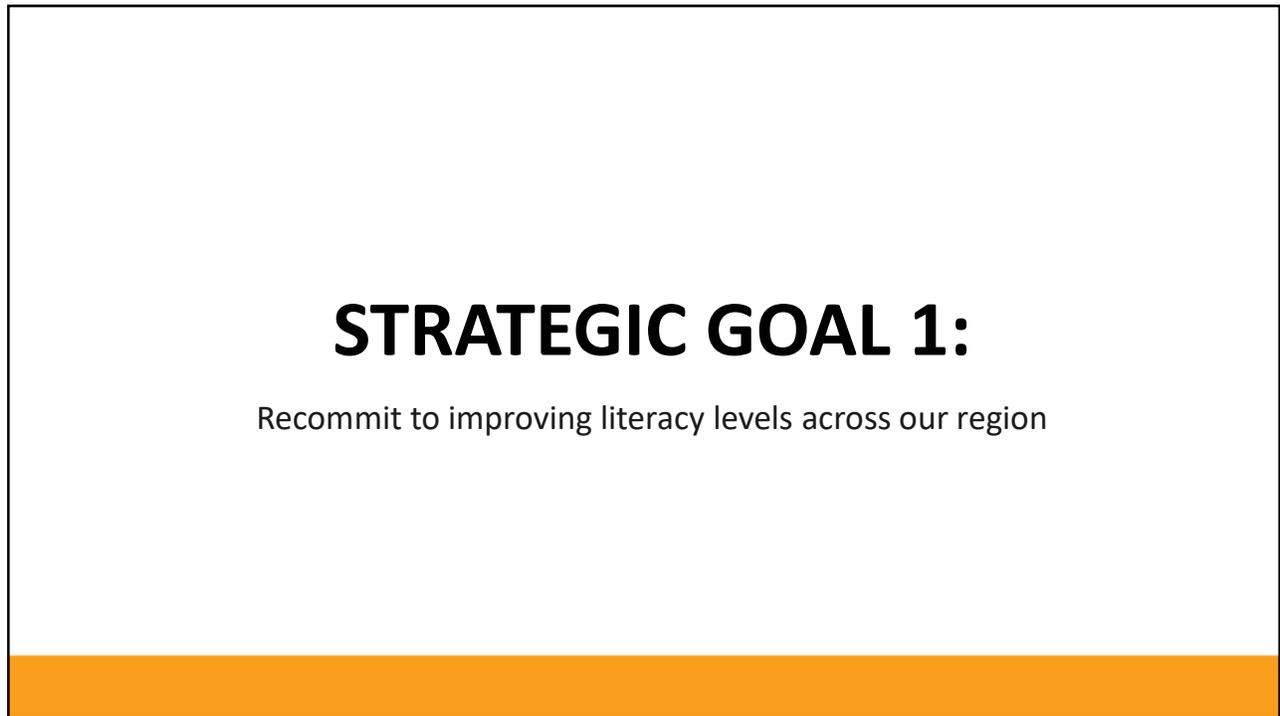


3rd largest collection in BC

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STRATEGIC GOAL 2:

Review, innovate and design service models in service to equity

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STRATEGIC GOAL 3:

Extend the impact and reach of our services through partnerships and reciprocity

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STRATEGIC GOAL 4:

Foster safe, inclusive, and welcoming spaces, and Collective Services

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STRATEGIC GOAL 5:

Grow organizational culture and effectiveness

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Collective Services

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Context

Overdue: The Case for Public Libraries

Why Investment in public libraries is essential to Canada's post-pandemic recovery, competitiveness, and resilience

<https://canurb.org/publications/overdue/>

October, 2023: Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) and Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC)

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Context

Overdue: Three-year analysis

- Canada's public libraries play a crucial role in enabling governments to meet their obligations and strengthen the common good.
- Public libraries offer critical supports, including access to knowledge, culture, health, reconciliation education, belonging, and our democracy.

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Context

Overdue: Three-year analysis

- Critical social infrastructure and community hubs
- Expanded roles and mandates to respond to social vulnerability across the country
- Canada (and BC) per capita investments lag behind the G8; post pandemic realities require investments
- Recommendations for Federal and Provincial governments to relieve operational pressures, treat libraries as critical infrastructure and formalize sustainable investment streams

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