Dear Parents,

With support from teachers across **SD64**, **Salt Spring Island Public Library** would like to encourage parents to sign up their children for the **BC Summer Reading Club**.

The **BC Summer Reading Club** is a free program designed to engage children aged 5-14 with libraries and reading. It is sponsored by the British Columbia Library Association and your local public library with the generous assistance of Public Libraries Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and CUPE BC. Your local schoolboard has been a great support too! Here are some key pieces of information to get started with the BC SRC:

STEP 1: Connect with Salt Spring Library

See what's happening within your community by checking in with your local library. Once there, register your child(ren) and receive your reading record and reading goal tracking stickers for the program.

STEP 2 (Optionally): Sign Up for the Online Reading Tracker App

Since 2020, BC Summer Reading Club offers an Online Reading Tracker app (available starting June 16, 2025) where participants can track their reading goals throughout the summer. For every day that they meet their reading goal* they earn a themed digital badge.

* = a reading goal varies. It could be 15 minutes a day, or X pages per day, or X number of books... whatever is a good challenge for your child. "Reading" includes all methods of literacy.

STEP 3: Check out our online activities

Starting July 2nd until August 12th, bcsrc.ca will release new weekly activities including quizzes, contests, and more.

STEP 4: Follow and share how your family participates in BC SRC

Follow BC SRC on <u>Instagram</u> (@bcsummerreadingclub) and use the hashtag #BCSRC2025 or #BCSRC to share the different ways that your child and family participates in the BC Summer Reading Club. Or: Let us know at the Library! We'll post it on our socials and share the reading enthusiasm around. Email jwagner@saltspringlibrary.com with your BC Summer Reading photos or videos.

STEP 5: Continue to encourage and support your child

Throughout the summer, encourage your child's reading goals by checking in and seeing how they've been doing. Participate in SRC activities together at home together as a whole family. There's lots of ways to adapt the activities to include everyone (audiobooks on car trips, maybe?).

Most local libraries will be awarding children with an official BC SRC medal and/or other prizes. It's best to see how your libraries are celebrating the end of SRC.

Step 6 (Optionally): Accessible Reading Materials

Does your child have a print disability and need some help finding accessible reading materials? Connect with your local library to ask about their eBooks and downloadable audiobooks. You can also connect with the following organizations for more materials and resources:

Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA)

National Network for Equitable Library Services (NNELS)