

Between the Lines

Salt Spring Island Public Library

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Staff Profile

by Rasma Bertz



Danielle Hubbard Children's Librarian

We are delighted to welcome back Danielle Hubbard, who has joined us in a permanent position as Children's Librarian, and brings with her a breath of fresh air straight from the east-coast, where she recently graduated with her

Masters degree. In a life spent doing a lot of random things, Salt Spring has been the 'fantasy' want-to-live place.

Growing up in Victoria, the Gulf Islands were a choice destination for a keen cyclist on a limited budget, but living here requires some form of decent job. Danielle applied for library school after getting a BA from UVIC and went to Halifax. She chose her practicum with us to see if Salt Spring was all she thought it might be; after three weeks, she still liked it here so she applied for the summer position in 2012 and at the end of the summer, she still liked it here. She spent the whole of her last year at school hoping 'her' job would be posted. It was. We like her. Here she is.

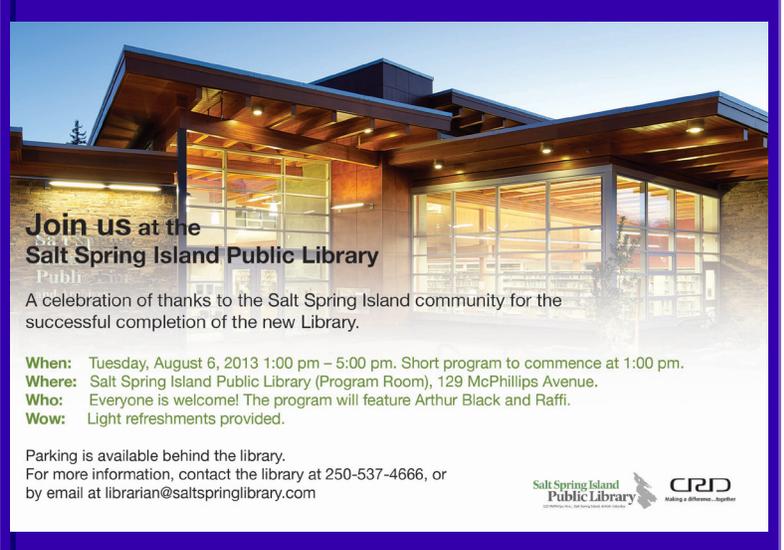
You may notice the twin cicadas on Danielle's hands. As an artist and writer, her hands are important and the means for communicating the journey. Cicadas live underground for seventeen years before coming into the light, where they live brief, passionate lives. For her, they are a symbol of the time spent in the shadows preparing; a long journey before the pay off.

Life, including a year backpacking around the Antipodes, set her on a track of traveling, experiencing and gaining confidence in herself; observing that we often get caught up in responsibilities and forget to live life. Inspired by her younger brother, a whimsically optimistic character who can see multiple options in the face of adversity, Danielle jumps into life with both feet, in spite of doubts, because he believes she can do it. While it's odd to ask someone new about what it means to them to be a part of our library...Danielle had no trouble answering. It's really important to her. It symbolizes the beginning of a new phase and goal manifestation.

Completion of grad school and her first 'adult' job with a salary will allow her to buy a new bicycle, so she can enjoy more adventures on the journey. Danielle believes public libraries are valuable places, especially in small communities, and it feels good to be part of that - the library, the setting, and the people who have made her feel she is already part of

the community.

I asked if she had any exciting plans for the future apart from finding a new home on the island and the bicycle purchase. Observing and finding her place in the Salt Spring flow, meeting new people, and settling into the job with the possibility of bringing some new projects to the table are a few on the list. Meanwhile, Danielle is excited about coming to work everyday in an amazing building with lots of natural light that brings the community together in such a visible, multi-functional way.



**Join us at the
Salt Spring Island Public Library**

A celebration of thanks to the Salt Spring Island community for the successful completion of the new Library.

When: Tuesday, August 6, 2013 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Short program to commence at 1:00 pm.
Where: Salt Spring Island Public Library (Program Room), 129 McPhillips Avenue.
Who: Everyone is welcome! The program will feature Arthur Black and Raffi.
Wow: Light refreshments provided.

Parking is available behind the library.
For more information, contact the library at 250-537-4666, or by email at librarian@saltspringlibrary.com



Children's Programs

by Sheila Spence

Lindsay Russell and James Twaites, our summer students, have been very busy with youth programs and many other facets of library operations. We will miss them when they leave in August. James' last day is August 13 and Lindsay's is August 23.

The Summer Reading Club has been a great success so far, with around sixty kids registered and an average of twenty-five attending our weekly story times hosted by James and Lindsay. As a reminder, all reading club material (including extra reading records, event programs, and stickers) can be found in the "Children's and Youth Programs" binder. This binder is kept at the Supervisors' desk.

As many of you may have heard from the very enthusiastic kids in the program room last week, we were visited by a Travelling Puppet Troupe, who performed shows and helped kids create their own puppets.

In addition to the children's programming, the Teen Video
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Librarian's Report

by Karen Hudson, Chief Librarian

Happy Summer to all of our staff and volunteers! I am excited to announce our Library Celebration on Tuesday, August 6, from 1– 5 pm (short program 1 pm) in the Library Program Room. I hope you can all come to

celebrate the new building, and share a piece of cake.

Those wanting a tour of the Library's LEED Gold sustainable building features can take a free tour of the Library when it is on the Eco-Living and Home Tour on August 11th from 10 am-1 pm.

We have had some great adult programs, including well attended Tech Café sessions and book launches, including local authors Raffi and Patrick Taylor, who launched their latest books in the library in June.

As our patrons turn towards their gardens and the beach, we have slowed down our programming for adults and increased our programs for youth with magicians, puppeteers, video workshops, and the summer reading club. We are very lucky to have James and Lindsay, this year's Summer Students, looking after programming and promotion for all of our summer events.

Travis Truong, our summer intern, has been working on the French collection, and using our new RFID reader to correct tags before they get to the desk.

Please encourage your friends and patrons to follow the Library on social media: they can like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @ssilibrary, and now find us on Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/ssilibrary/>.

A very warm welcome to Danielle Hubbard, who began working as our new Children's Librarian on June 24th and who has been enthusiastically working very hard to learn her new position.



Children's Librarian's Report

by Danielle Hubbard, Children's Librarian

It is my great honour and delight to be granted the full-time position of Children's Librarian at Salt Spring Island Public

Library. Here is a summary of my duties, though I am more than happy to answer questions and assist in other areas as well.

I will be taking on children and youth programs, including overseeing the Summer Reading Club for the rest of the summer. Sheila Spence, who will step down as volunteer Children's Librarian Sept. 1st, will continue managing the children's collection, but I will be heading the Young Adult selection committee. I will also act as librarian representative on the following selection committees: Non-Fiction; DVDs; CDs; Science Fiction; Magazines; Audiobooks; Large Print; and French.

Once James and Lindsay, our lovely summer students, have departed, I will be looking after the library's social networking. This includes updating our social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest), and posting events on the Salt Spring Exchange and local radio. I will also act as liaison with youth community groups, and write youth articles for the Driftwood.

Karen and I will be working jointly to maintain and implement appropriate operational policies and procedures for the library. I will be responsible for writing successful grant applications for further library student funding, youth programs, and collections.

Interacting with all of our wonderful staff and volunteers is a key component of my position. I will be overseeing the students who work at the library, as well as helping and supporting the Volunteer Coordinator in her / his work. Whenever I am in the building, I am very happy to assist with the daily running of the library. Please feel free to come to me with any difficulties, concerns, or unexpected events that arise – as well as suggestions and thoughts!

Finally, when am I in the building? I work five days per week, from approximately 9:30 to 5:00, with Karen and I alternating weekends. The intention is to have at least one librarian on staff every day to ensure the smooth-running of the library.

Children's Programs cont'd

Workshop held on July 15 and 16 was very successful. Tristan Bellmane, a professional videographer, returned this year to run the workshop. He was assisted by Lindsay, who supervised the participants. The teens were all very proud of their short films, and a great time was had by all.

The Summer Reading Club will continue into mid-August with three more weekly events. There will also be a couple events coming up for teenagers. James and another UBC Improv alumnus, Fran Breden, will be hosting two improv workshops on August 12 and 13 for ages 12-15 the first day and 16+ the second.

Mark your calendar!

Upcoming Events

- August 6 Tuesday
1-5 pm
Celebration of Thanks
- August 9 Friday
5-6 pm
Caitlin Rother: Book Talk and Q&A
- August 12 Monday
1-5 pm
Improv Workshop (Ages 12-15)
- August 13 Tuesday
1-5 pm
Improv Workshop (Ages 16+)
- August 16 Friday
4-5 pm
Jim Christy
Sweet Assorted: 121 Takes
From A Tin Box

Library Poem by Julia Donaldson

Everyone is welcome to walk through the door.
It really doesn't matter if you're rich or poor.
There are books in boxes and books on shelves.
They're free for you to borrow, so help yourselves.

Come and meet your heroes, old and new,
From William the Conqueror to Winnie the Pooh.
You can look into the Mirror or read The Times,
Or bring along a toddler to chant some rhymes.

The librarian's a friend who loves to lend,
So see if there's a book that she can recommend.
Read that book, and if you're bitten
You can borrow all the other ones the author's written.

Are you into battles or biography?
Are you keen on gerbils or geography?
Gardening or ghosts? Sharks or science fiction?
There's something here for everyone, whatever your addiction.

There are students revising, deep in concentration,
And school kids doing projects, finding inspiration.
Over in the corner there's a table with seating,
So come along and join in the Book Club meeting.

Yes, come to the library! Browse and borrow,
And help make sure it'll still be here tomorrow.

