

The Britannia Branch of the Vancouver Public Library functions as a joint Public Library as well as a School Library for K-12 students of the Britannia Elementary School and Britannia Secondary School. Britannia is also the only branch in the VPL system that has an Art Gallery inside the facility.

Books and other Resources:

The Library collection has over 57,482 items of books, AV material, magazines, and newspapers from VPL and the VSB. The library collection includes multilingual resources in Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, and French languages for both children and adults. There is also a dedicated collection of adult and children's Aboriginal Resources. From the VPL website, our patrons have access to a rich collection of online eBooks and downloadable Audiobooks including the borrowing of tablets as of Dec. 2015.

We continue to do major weeding in subject areas such as the Medical Health and Sciences sections since materials can get outdated.

Britannia Branch has 16 public access computers in the library for public use and two computers with access to the library catalogue and links to our electronic databases and websites. The Library has wireless functionality to provide free internet access to VPL members with personal devices.

Services the Library offers include:

- Weekly Storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers to attend with their parents and caregivers. We also have weekly special programs such as the *Man in the Moon* (for male caregivers and their babies) and the Spanish Mother Goose (*Mama Gansa*) in partnership with the Britannia Community Education staff.
- External programs such as the *Language Fun Storytimes* with a speech pathologist at the Robert & Lily Lee Health Centre; monthly visits to YPPP (Youth Parenting and Pregnancy Program) and connecting with the MOSAIC's *Building Blocks program* for immigrant families and preschool children at Crabtree Corner.
- The annual Summer Reading Clubs for school aged children.
- Access to the internet and to the resources of the whole Vancouver Public Library system through our public access computers
- Training in research skills and curriculum support for the many schools in the Grandview Woodland area
- One-to-One Training sessions on basic computer, internet and email skills
- Tours for schools and community groups such as MOSAIC's *ESL classes*.
- Author readings for all ages.
- Book talks in partnership with organizations such as the *Pandora's Collective* and support for book clubs and movie nights with the *Britannia Community Seniors Centre*.
- Special programs in partnership with organizations such as the programmers for the *Britannia Community Services*; the *SFU's Philosopher's Café* and *SFU's Writing Studio*.
- Partnership with Community Partners on external events such as the annual *Connect Day Homeless* event; *Stone Soup Festival*; *Italian Day on the Drive* and the *Latin American Corn Fiesta* with the Grandview Woodlands Food Connection.

- Outreach visits by the Community Librarian to organizations such as the *Kettle Society* and to Seniors at the *Britannia Lodge*.
- Participating in Aboriginal Programs such as the *Aboriginal Mother Goose* and *Singing Frog Aboriginal Headstart programs* at the Eagle's Nest Aboriginal AHS Preschool; monthly visits to the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre's *West Coast Family Nights*; the annual *Reconciliation-in-Action* events on the Britannia site and being involved with the annual *VPL's Aboriginal Storyteller-in-Residence* program.

Key Information

8,997 Sq. Feet | 9.97 Staff (FTE) staff | 16 Public Computers | 62.0 Hours Open/Week
Circulated: 287,061 physical items (eBooks and eAudio not included) | In-Person visitors: 271,773 |
In-Person Internet Sessions: 55,367. Programs: Adult: 131 (Twice weekly 1-1 Computer Training sessions not included) [A=3626] | Teens: 34 [A=1214] | Children: 545 [A=21,050] |
Total Attendance: 25,890