








Guide to Children's Materials

Age Level	Items	Symbols on Book Spine	
Babies and up	Picture books and board books	JE	
	Alphabet, counting, colour and shape books	JE	 
	Easy non-fiction (has call numbers)	JEN	
Ages 5 – 8	Beginning readers	JS	
	Easy fiction	JEF	
Ages 9 – 12	Fiction	J	
	Non-fiction (has call numbers)	JNF	

Literacy Stations



Many branches have children's literacy stations with fun-filled activities that promote learning for toddlers to second graders.

Vancouver Island Regional Library Branches

Bella Coola	250	799 • 5330
Bowser		757 • 9570
Campbell River		287 • 3655
Chemainus		246 • 9471
Comox		339 • 2971
Cortes Island		935 • 6566
Courtenay		334 • 3369
Cowichan (Duncan)		746 • 7661
Cowichan Lake		749 • 3431
Cumberland		336 • 8121
Gabriola Island		247 • 7878
Gold River		283 • 2502
Hornby Island		335 • 0044
Ladysmith		245 • 2322
Masset		626 • 3663
Nanaimo Harbourfront		753 • 1154
Nanaimo Wellington		758 • 5544
Parksville		248 • 3841
Port Alberni		723 • 9511
Port Alice		284 • 3554
Port Clements		557 • 4402
Port Hardy		949 • 6661
Port McNeill		956 • 3669
Port Renfrew		647 • 5423
Quadra Island		285 • 2216
Qualicum Beach		752 • 6121
Queen Charlotte		559 • 4518
Sandspit		637 • 2247
Sayward		282 • 5551
Sidney/North Saanich		656 • 0944
Sointula		973 • 6493
Sooke		642 • 3022
South Cowichan (Mill Bay)		743 • 5436
Tahsis		934 • 6621
Tofino		725 • 3713
Ucluelet		726 • 4642
Union Bay		335 • 2433
Woss		281 • 2263
Admin – Central Services		758 • 4697

Vancouver Island Regional Library
Central Services, Box 3333, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N3



Welcome to the Children's Library



Vancouver
Island Regional
Library has a lot
of resources
for children
of all
ages.



How old do I have to be to get a Library card?

You can get a Library card as soon as you're born!

How do I get a Library card?

It's very easy. Ask your parents or guardian to take you to the nearest Library and apply for a Library card. They need to show ID at the Library desk and sign your card. You can also apply online at www.virl.bc.ca.

You must show your Library card every time you borrow materials.

When can I get an adult Library card?

As soon as you turn 13, you can get your own adult Library card.

What can I borrow?

You can borrow books, graphic novels, magazines, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, French books, and you can even download e-books and talking books. For young children there are early learning games, and some of the Library branches have literacy kits that contain books, a CD, DVD and hand puppet.

How long can I borrow items?

You can borrow most items for 3 weeks. You can renew most items for another 3 weeks – by phone, in person, or online.

How do I find out what I can borrow?

You can visit the Library to see what is on the shelves. You can also visit our website at www.virl.bc.ca to check the Library catalogue and request items you want to borrow; we will call or email you when you can pick them up. If an item is not in your Library, we will get it for you from another branch, free of charge. If you don't find your favourite author, talk to a librarian who can suggest a similar author and books.



Can I use computers?

You bet! Just ask a staff member for help. We also have computer stations for children that are full of fun and educational games.

Can you help me with my homework?

Yes. Our Kids & Teens web page has a Homework Help page with links to websites where you can get information on math and other subjects. You can also click on 'Ask a Librarian'!



What happens if I return items late?

If you return the borrowed items late, we will charge you 'late fees' as follows:

Children's Books, Magazines	\$ 0.10/day
Children's DVDs, CDs, Videos	\$ 0.10/day
Children's Reference & Interlibrary Loans	\$ 0.50/day
Literacy Kits	\$ 1.50/day

We will send you a courtesy email reminder when your items are overdue. Maximum overdue fine is \$10 per item; you will be blocked from further borrowing until fines are paid.

Fees are subject to change without prior notice.