**Vision**
Connecting islanders to each other and to the world.

**Mission**
Bowen Island Public Library nurtures discovery and learning for all ages, through the sharing of ideas, knowledge, skills and resources.

**Guiding Principles**

**A Place for Everyone**
We provide a safe, welcoming, and accessible gathering space that responds to the community’s needs.

**Respect**
We respect the privacy, confidentiality, and diversity of all people and welcome everyone in an atmosphere that is non-judgmental and courteous.

**Reading, Literacy and Lifelong Learning**
We support lifelong learning and the achievement of literacy in all its forms, and we encourage reading as a pleasurable and worthwhile experience.

**Knowledge and Culture**
We encourage and facilitate an active cultural and intellectual life in the community, where ideas are shared to create and sustain an informed and knowledgeable society.

**Intellectual Freedom**
We support the Canadian Library Association’s position statement on intellectual freedom, and we support equitable access to expressions of knowledge and creativity.

**Service**
We provide free and equitable access to library materials, programs, and services with professionalism and excellent customer service.

**Collaborations**
We are a place for sharing and will work collaboratively with local residents and groups as well as the wider community.

**Responsive and Accountable**
We are responsive to community expectations and make decisions that are fiscally prudent and transparent.

**Meeting the Future**
We respond to new technologies, to the expanding knowledge base, and to changes within our community.

**Preserving the Past**
We preserve our library history and stories, and value those things the community cherishes about the library.

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