

LIBRARY HISTORY & CONNECTIONS

The Library began as the vision of Bruce Parisian, the former executive director of the Victoria Native Friendship Centre. He purchased the initial collection of books from a First Nations bookseller.

More details about how the Library evolved, and the people involved, can be found on the Centre's web site:

[www.vnfc.ca/
the-bruce-parisian-library](http://www.vnfc.ca/the-bruce-parisian-library)

PROGRAMS

All programming is currently on hold during the Covid-19 pandemic.

There have been author visits, such as that by Richard Wagamese and Monique Gray Smith, in collaboration with GVPL.

Storytelling by community Elders for adults and youth is anticipated in the future.

View our Catalogue Online:

<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/vnfc>

Find Us Online



[https://www.facebook.com/
VNFCLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/VNFCLibrary)



[@bruce.parisian.library](https://www.instagram.com/bruce.parisian.library)



Hours:

Mon-Fri

9:00am - 4:00pm

Visiting the Library can only be done through an appointment.

Contact Us

VNFC Library

231 Regina Ave

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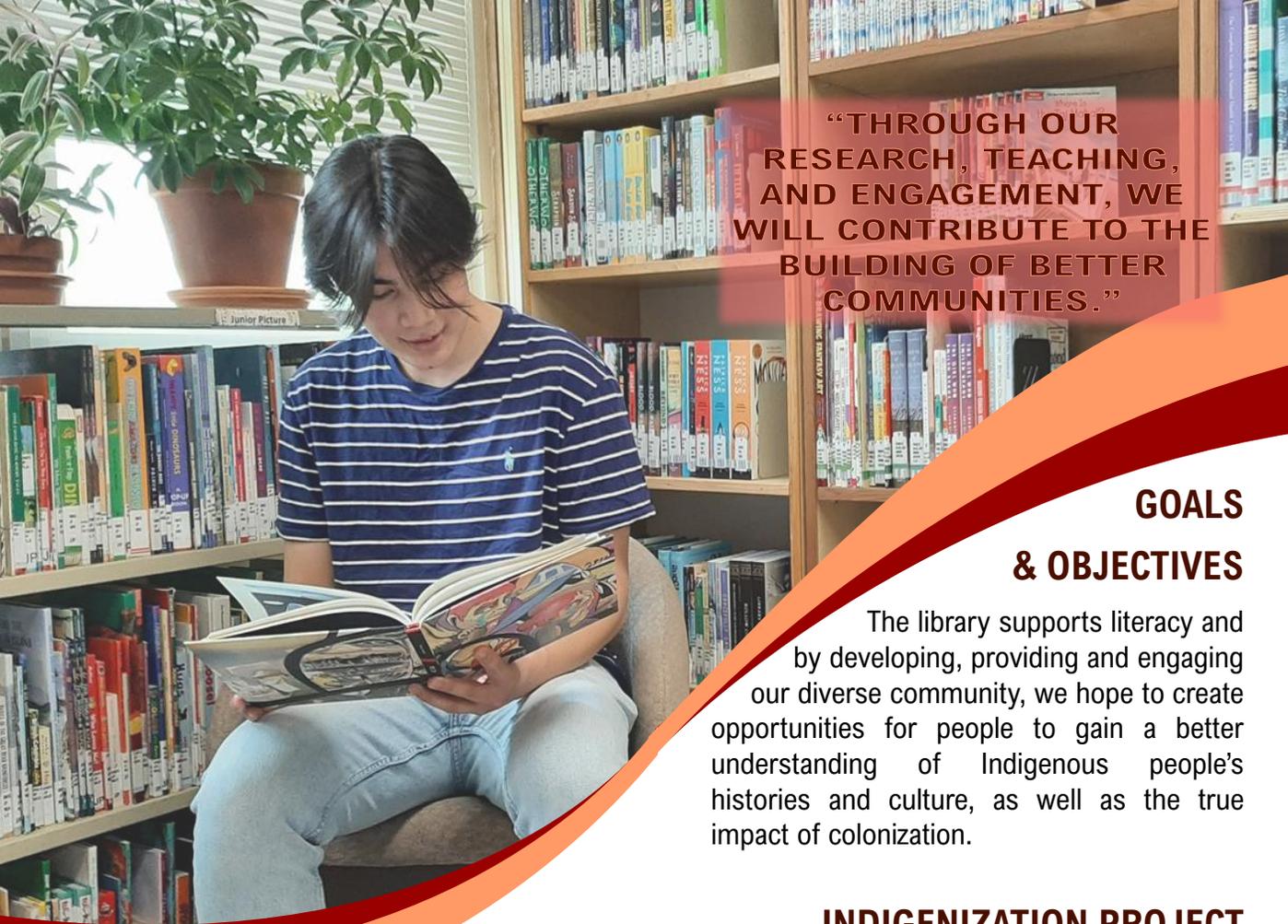
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Bruce Parisian Library

Victoria Native

Friendship Centre



“THROUGH OUR RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND ENGAGEMENT, WE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF BETTER COMMUNITIES.”

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The library supports literacy and by developing, providing and engaging our diverse community, we hope to create opportunities for people to gain a better understanding of Indigenous people's histories and culture, as well as the true impact of colonization.

INDIGENIZATION PROJECT

The Indigenization Project will pivot our library from a traditional lending library into more of a community knowledge gathering place focused on Indigenous created and related resources. We are excited to be developing a new vision that better aligns with our current work in Reconciliation.

Expect to learn more about the libraries next steps of work, which will include policy development, a communications strategy, and new programs!

VOLUNTEERS

The Bruce Parisian Library is a great way to connect with community and make lasting relationships. In the past, the Library was largely run by volunteers. It never could have reached where it is now without their help.

Want to Get Involved?

Our NEW VNFC Volunteer Program is starting in 2022. Contact us to learn more.

OUR BOOKS

Approximately 70% of the 4600+ items in the library have Indigenous content or are written by Indigenous authors. The other books are General Interest titles, most of which were donated. In both collections, there are books for children, youth and adults, fiction, and non-fiction, as well as reference and media items.

DONATIONS

The Bruce Parisian Library is funded by donations and special grants as well as by fund-raising efforts by members and volunteers.

***Do you have books to donate?
Contact us today!***

MEMBERSHIPS

The policy of the Board of the Friendship Centre is that membership in the Bruce Parisian Library costs one dollar per year. Any interested member of the public may join. Items may be borrowed from the Library for three weeks, and may be renewed by email, phone or in person.

