School Tours

Tour A (6 hours) Wednesday, July 9, departs 10:30 Limited to 30 persons. $15.00 per person

Lord Kitchener Elementary School
Kitchener’s library resource center serves staff of the school and students from JK to 8. The circulation system is currently in the process of being automated. Visitors to the school will be invited to view the management system and the collection, listen to a brief description of the role of a teacher-librarian in the Kitchener school system, and see examples of cooperatively planned and taught units of study for both primary and intermediate students. There will be time for questions and discussions.
Deborah Gallagher, Teacher-Librarian

Lunch (no-host) in West Vancouver

Tour B (6 hours) Thursday, July 10, departs 09:00 Limited to 30 persons. $12.00 per person

Cunningham Elementary School
Cunningham has approximately 560 students in grades K-7, making it one of the larger elementary schools in Vancouver. The student population is 75% English as a Second Language with roughly 20 different languages spoken at home. The school’s full-time teacher-librarian works collaboratively with classroom teachers to plan and develop units of study and then assists in the teaching of these units. The students at Cunningham also value the library as a book borrowing facility.

The library’s collection and circulation procedures are totally automated. The tour will give you an opportunity to view the collection, the automated system in action, and some of the library programs and cooperatively planned units.
Ellen Rothstein, Teacher-Librarian

Captain Cook Secondary School
Cook is a K-7 school enrolling about 500 students. Like most Vancouver libraries, it has a second language for a majority of the students. The visit to Cook will have something for everyone. For those who want to learn more about books, there will be a complete demonstration of Corel’s Catalog software and children’s work and help yourself to handouts. If you are interested in technology, the automated system will be demonstrated including a pilot of “Kids Catalog” and the computers with CD-ROMs will also be available for use. A short presentation and informal discussion on the role of the teacher-librarian and the function of the library resource center will be of interest to those who want to know “how we do it” in Vancouver.
John C. Davies, Teacher-Librarian

Rockridge Middle School
Rockridge is the newest school in West Vancouver. Its library, a room with a view, boasts the following features: seating for 10% of the student population (70 seats), 10 IBM PCs each with 2 CD-ROMs all at a fast new network, a district-wide area network, and a fibre optic link to the Internet. The multiuse library systems has five dedicated search stations for patron use and two for administration. The library also houses a Dynacostr multimedia distribution system which in turn is connected to a satellite dish which distributes four channels of information from Education Management Group in Arizona. The book collection, which remains the backbone of the library, has approximately 13,000 heavily-used volumes.
Jim Crook, Teacher-Librarian

Tour C (4 hours) Thursday, July 10, departs 13:00 Limited to 30 persons. $12.00 per person

H. J. Cambie Secondary School
Welcome to H. J. Cambie Secondary School, home to 1300 students! Cambie is just two years old and is located in Richmond, a largely residential municipality south of Vancouver. Visitors to Cambie’s school library will have the opportunity to tour a bright, airy facility and browse a comprehensive collection that includes CD-ROMs, videos, magazines, vertical files, a large paperback section, and small up-to-date professional library. This completely automated resource center can accommodate over two and a half classes at a time. Your questions will be answered and handouts will be distributed.
Judith Koot, Richmond School Board

Matthew McNair Secondary School
McNair’s library has a current good collection of literature resources. A district plan has allowed the Richmond secondary schools to upgrade their collections considerably in the past few years. Bibliographic training up to the nonfiction and fiction collections will be available to visitors. The Evergreen automated library system is used on a network which also gives access to two CD-ROMs with many programs. Internet stations are expected to be fully operational by the time of the visit. Unit plans for grades 6-12 illustrate the cooperative model between teacher and teacher-librarian, will be presented and available as handouts.
Willis Walsh, Teacher-Librarian

Local Learning Tours

Local Learning Tours will provide opportunities for students to visit a selection of schools and study centers. The tour leaders will provide a tour of the school and then lead the students in a project. Students will be provided with a description of the school and its activities.

Tour A: “Cultural Tour” (4 hours) Tuesday, July 8, departs 13:00
From UBC you will travel downtown to Vancouver where you will visit some of the city’s cultural establishments. Your first stop will be at the Vancouver Public Library. This magnificent new building is located across from the Forum Centre for Performing Arts. The Library is truly an architectural gem with curved walls, huge windows, and towering ceilings.
At the Vancouver Art Gallery, now located in one of the city’s most popular 19th century heritage buildings, you will find captivating displays of paintings, sculptures, graphic art, photography and videos, addressing both historical and contemporary issues.
A portico of the permanent collection, which covers four centuries, is always on view, together with paintings and drawings by Emily Carr, one of Canada’s greatest artists.

In the intimate and interesting setting provided by the Canadian Craft Museum, you will have an opportunity to view a series of exhibits showing the work of local artisans and international crafts, craftsmanship, and design, both contemporary and historic.
After exploring the Museum you will drive along “Robsonoosteen” (Robson Street), one of the most popular streets in Vancouver noted for its shops and restaurants. If time permits, you can do some shopping or get a hot meal at the motorcoach/Diaspora tour to the UBC campus. Or, you can make your own way back if you would prefer to explore on your own.
Limited to 44 persons (minimum) $39.00 per person

Tour B: “The Education Tour” (4 hours) Wednesday, July 6, departs 13:00
From UBC you will travel downtown to the Lookout located at the top of Harbour Centre. Here you will see the city from all viewpoints.
Next, it’s down the escalator to the Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre Library, one of the best University libraries in Western Canada. The SFU Library features all the technological advances expected in a modern academic library.
A very specialized book collection features monographs in areas of study not covered by other book collections.
At the last stop on the tour you will visit Science World. House in what was the Expo Centre at Expo 86, this futuristic building on the False Creek waterfront features permanent and travelling exhibits that relate to the sciences. These main galleries explore the realities of biology, physics, and music; the fourth gallery is reserved for the travelling exhibits. While you are at Science World you can visit the OMNIvision Theatre which features a video-screened motion picture. You may want to tour the OMNIvision Theatre.

Limited to 44 persons (minimum) $43.00 per person