

BC book publishers consistently demonstrate a high degree of resilience and imagination, despite ongoing challenges and changes in our industry.

But we need government support for a strong, well-supported BC book publishing ecosystem.

What we're advocating for:

- Increase the BC Arts Council's budget, with an additional increase to the book publishing component, which is currently 2.87% of the Council's base budget.
- Make the BC Book Publishing Tax Credit a permanent program by eliminating the sunset clause to align with similar programs in other BC creative industries, such as film and music.
- Continue championing the cause of BC book publishers at the federal level, including advocating for increases to the Canada Book Fund and the Public Lending Right.

These requests are crucial to cultivating sustainable growth, long-term stability, and resilience within our sector in the years to come.

“Our goal is to bring about a greater understanding of Indigenous cultures and Peoples through the power of their words... Medicine Wheel Publishing is extremely grateful for the BC Publisher's Tax Credit as it creates opportunities for more Indigenous authors to be published and have their stories and truths shared.”

— Kaitlyn Stampflee, Associate Publisher, and Teddy Anderson, Publisher
Medicine Wheel Publishing

“The BC Book Publishing Tax Credit has been instrumental to Orca Book Publishers' success over the last number of years and particularly since the pandemic...From dual-language Indigenous titles to bringing BC stories to wider audiences and investments in our distribution facility in Victoria, this funding allows us to grow and adapt in a sustainable manner.”

— Ruth Linka, Publisher
Orca Book Publishers



The Association of Book Publishers of British Columbia

Advocating for conditions in which publishers and book-related communities will flourish.

Sharing the stories of our region and raising awareness of the value of books in all of our lives.



BC book publishers are...

- Small-to-medium enterprises that operate in communities across the province, and employ editorial, marketing, production and customer service staff alongside hundreds of contractors.
- Champions of Canadian authors including emerging, underrepresented, and marginalized voices. Publishers' catalogues include titles by Indigenous authors, including many in Indigenous languages.
- BC book publishers' total GDP in BC is \$74 million, with \$80 million of Direct Output in BC.

The work done by our industry has cultural, economic, and artistic value, and deserves the support of our governments.

We strive to create partnerships and strengthen the book publishing ecosystem, a vital component of the creative industries of BC.

What do BC book publishers do?

Produce titles that reflect their region, BC, Canada and the world back to readers. Genres range from literary fiction, poetry, regional interest, Indigenous perspectives, children's literature, cuisine and scholarly topics.

Support an ecosystem of educators, librarians, booksellers, printers, distributors, and literary events planners in connecting readers of all ages with books that inform, entertain and inspire.

Bring Canadian writing and culture to a global audience, exporting to more than 40 countries each year.

Embrace digital transformation and champion accessibility via new technologies and formats, including ebooks and audiobooks.



BC book publishing happens all across our province

What's happening in your region? Ask Books BC or Read Local BC staff!
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