

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, sustainable BC book publishing ecosystem.

## What we're advocating for:

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.

Increase the BC Arts Council's annual budget to \$58 million, in alignment with the BC NDP's 2017 campaign pledge of a \$48 million annual BC Arts Council budget by 2021 — indexed for inflation.

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.

Long-term, stable support from the BC Government will allow publishers to make the necessary investments to adapt to uncertain market conditions and remain resilient for 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 Book Publishing 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] rewards our firms' investment in supporting local authors and creating jobs... This tax credit pays back BC taxpayers with strong returns, ensuring that investment in publishing fuels both culture and commerce. A thriving book industry means a richer cultural landscape and a stronger economy for all British Columbians.”

— Anna Comfort O'Keefe, Publisher

**Douglas & McIntyre**



## 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 publishers operate across our province

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