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TEXT A

Welcome to the Royal British Columbia Museum



Information and Guide

1. Come inside the museum and discover British Columbia. Learn about the rich history of this province shaped by earth, ice, water – and people. Since 1886, the Royal BC Museum has collected, protected and shared the human and natural histories of British Columbia. This is the place to do legal or historical research, or to find out about your family tree.

2. Museum Exhibitions

Exhibitions and activities on the ground floor are free. You can visit upper floor exhibitions and take part in tours with a museum admission ticket. There are escalators and an elevator to get you there.

3. Services

For your comfort, we offer:

- a coat and bag room on the ground floor (large items must be left here)
- strollers and baby change areas
- wheelchairs, elevators and washrooms on every floor
- drinking fountains on every floor
- a cash machine at the entrance
- pay phones on the ground floor.

4. Guided Tours

With the admission ticket, you can have a guided tour of the First Peoples, Natural History or Modern History exhibitions.

If you would like to see the exhibitions on each floor, join the Highlights Tour (1 ½ hours).

5. Where to eat

Willie's Bakery Museum Café on the ground floor serves soup and sandwiches, cakes and specialty coffees. Please note that the consumption of food and drink is restricted to that area.

6. Museum Shop

Select from many objects with a BC flavour: books, art, jewelry, music, clothing and toys.

You can also give the gift of a museum membership. Buy one today!

7. Hours

The Royal BC Museum is open seven days a week from 10am to 5pm. It is also open late most Fridays and Saturdays from June until September. The museum is closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

8. Support us

Help bring BC's fascinating stories to life as a museum volunteer. Pick up an application form at the information desk or call Volunteer Services at 250-387-7902. If you give a donation to the museum, you can help protect BC's stories today.

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TEXT B

Online Learning

Study at the best universities without leaving home – or paying for classes

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The internet offers more and more possibilities for online education. In open learning institutions like Canada's Athabasca University and the Open University in the UK, you can pay to take a single course, complete a diploma or earn a university degree. These institutions are excellent: you can have a formal education and at the same time stay in the comfort of your own home. However, you can now connect directly via the internet with many of the best institutions and resources in the world – and they are free.

2.

→ **Open Culture** (openculture.com)

This site brings together free online resources such as language lessons, e-books, university courses and movies. You will quickly find an introductory course to Spanish (or 39 other languages). You can look through hundreds of quality movies and documentaries. An excellent site.

→ **Coursera** (coursera.org)

This online site was created by two professors from Stanford and it works with top world universities. It offers more than 200 free courses in the arts, sciences, humanities, medicine, biology, social sciences, math, business and computers. Courses have specific start dates and include quizzes, tests and assignments, and offer certificates.

→ **The Khan Academy** (khanacademy.org)

This is an online school funded by philanthropists. It has more than 3500 short videos. The videos make you think you're back in elementary or high school, but that is the aim. The classes help students to understand a key concept, from telling time to advanced algebra problems. It's very strong in sciences, math and other technical subjects, but at the moment limited in the humanities. Interactive exercises help develop skills. It is probably the best resource, for any age, to get help on specific concepts and skills.

Online learning has its [– X –]. You will not become friends with your [– 13 –], have a [– 14 –] with your professor or [– 15 –] political issues in the student debating club. On the other hand, you can [– 16 –] lessons again, find and use materials at any time, receive feedback through email and audio / video exchanges and communicate through online forums.

The ideal education may be a mixture of the virtual and the actual.

Adapted from Rick Gibbs, *Boulevard Magazine* (January 2013)

TEXT C

Friendships that depend on technology

- ① According to a recent survey, two thirds of the interaction between friends now takes place electronically. Research into modern friendship shows that time spent in direct contact, talking on the phone or meeting a person, is much less than the contact through texts, emails and social media. The average adult does 65% of communication with friends and family electronically and sends 140 texts, 72 Facebook interactions and 40 emails a month. Half of the people who answered the survey had not spoken to their closest friend on the phone for more than a month. They stay in contact with electronic messaging.
- ② A representative of the company who carried out the survey said: “The results show that many of us feel we depend on technology too much and that it’s changing our relationships. Although we are in more constant contact and can share and bring visual elements to our conversations, the time we spend speaking on the phone or the time we see each other face to face is much less than in the past.”
- ③ 63% of the 2000 adults who answered the survey say they have friends who only contact them via text or on Facebook. However, 66% feel that online interaction does not help their friendships to develop. 75% feel they do not see people face to face enough. The survey shows that people use the phone less and less. 33% say that they do not like talking on the phone, even with friends. However, 80% of people still believe that talking face to face is the best way to communicate if they want to thank someone or want to express something sincerely.

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TEXT D

Volunteers needed to count whales



Humpback whale

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Lihu'e (Hawaii) – Christine Brammer, Coordinator of the Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary said yesterday that volunteers are encouraged to sign up to participate in the Ocean Count project. “We count the whales around the Hawaiian Islands and make notes about their behavior. In this way we help to protect the humpback whales.”

Scientists say that the humpback whale population around the Hawaiian Islands has been increasing at a 7% annual rate because of federal protection. They now number about 20 000.

The annual event will take place on the last Saturday in January, February and March. Volunteers count the number of whales which can be seen during a four-hour period. There will be 15 counting sites this year around Kauai and 60 sites around Oahu and other Hawaiian Islands.

In order to take part in the event, Ocean Count volunteers must first be registered. They must then attend one of two compulsory training programmes. These will take place in the Chiefess Kamakahalei School cafeteria. Volunteers will be told what to expect, what the duties are and what they need to bring. They will also watch a multimedia presentation on whales.

Those who cannot take part in any volunteer activities but would like to support the programme, can buy T-shirts made of soft organic cotton online. The design is printed in the colors of the Pacific: blue, sky blue and black. The money from the T-shirts will go to the National Marine Sanctuary for the Ocean Count project.

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What the volunteers on the Ocean Count said last year:

– Vickie L.

The experience added to my knowledge by helping me to better understand the whales' movements and playful swimming ... it was great to see!

– Pat and Susan M.

We were in Hawaii on vacation and thought the count would be fun to do, worthwhile, and not something we could do at home.

– Barbara F.

The final count figures help to show that the population of our humpback whales in the Hawaiian Islands is growing.

– Andrew C.

There were moments when no whales were in sight, but those moments were rare.

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