

The Way We Hear It!

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CHHA-BC's "The Way We Hear It! A Community Engagement Exhibition" is currently on display at the Albion Community Centre in Maple Ridge for May Better Hearing and Communication month. We had a full team of CHHA-BC staff and volunteers come together to set up the exhibit.

The exhibit was launched on May 1st with a special opening event where we gathered with members and friends of CHHA-BC and the deaf/hard of hearing community. One of our key messages during the event was that hearing health is for all ages. We should be educating all generations of people about hearing health, hearing loss and our deaf/hard of hearing community. During the event, we heard from keynote speakers: Dr. Ruth Warick, CHHA-BC president; Jessica Niemela, CHHA-BC secretary; and Russ Brummer, Manager of Arts, Culture and Events for the City of Maple Ridge. Our event was made accessible with the use of a remote microphone system, live captioning and ASL interpreting provided.



Our exhibit has come to Maple Ridge during an exciting time as the city celebrates its 150th birthday this year! The Albion Community Centre is a brand new facility and has a team that aligns with our values of community engagement. We appreciate our mutual understanding that the public needs opportunities like this to learn about their health and well-being and the diverse needs of others. A big thank-you goes out to Jennifer Baillie, the Centre's Community Engagement Coordinator; we could not have done this without her collaboration.

We have over 20 school groups registered to come tour and explore the exhibit with their classmates and teachers. There are CHHA-BC ambassadors that are present while the school groups come through to help guide them through the exhibit and to answer any questions. A huge thank-you goes out to the ambassador team for their support!

We encourage you to come see the exhibit in person with your friends, family and loved ones. It is free, and available during opening hours of the Albion Community Centre: Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm and Friday-Sunday 9am-5pm.

For those who cannot make it, please check out our video tour! [Click Here.](#)

