

## Librarian's Report – June 2014

Wendy Wright, Library Director

### Presentations:

- May 26 – In Our Backyard – Wellness Options – second in a series of monthly talks exploring local alternative health practices. Attendance: 7
- May 27 – Norden the Magician – organized by North Coast Library Federation to advertise Summer Reading Program. Attendance: 79

### Projects:

- Northern Health is distributing another year's worth of Books for Babies packages, sponsored by PECSF and Friends of Smithers Public Library.

### After Hours Use:

- Smithers Community Services Association held a Games Night for their ESL and Multicultural programs. Participants were introduced to the Library's adult literacy materials. Attendance: 20
- Ongoing usage: Smithers Tabletop Gaming group (8 participants), Book Club (9 participants)

### Teen & Youth Programming:

- Teen programming will continue on Friday evenings. Dungeons & Dragons remains popular with 30 participants in May. A new program, "Teen Challenge", is being created for the summer.

### Summer Reading Club:

- Launches June 27. Local teens have volunteered to assist. Tweens will enjoy crafts and games on Tuesday mornings, while activities for younger children will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

### Community Partnerships and Needs Assessments:

- Wendy spoke with representatives from Work BC, Northern Health, Smithers Community Services Association, Smithers Secondary School Library, and Northwest Community College Library to hear the needs of the people they serve and find ways to support each other's work in the community.

### Training:

- Staff BiblioCommons training continues through webinars and one-on-one instruction. Wanda will incorporate ideas from a webinar on innovative youth programming into this fall's offerings, and Interlibrary Loan staff are familiarizing themselves with updates to Outlook Online.

### Technology:

- Telus advises that our IP address is being used for activities such as spamming and hacking with increasing frequency, which could lead them to terminate our service. As a preventative measure, SD54 IT has configured our Wi-Fi so that devices must have antivirus protection installed before they can access our connection. Our patrons' wide range of devices, browsers, and programs presents a learning curve for staff assisting them with downloads and installation. We thank patrons for their patience as we work through these new procedures together.
- We have started the process of designing our new website and will continue throughout the summer.
- Evergreen, the Library's computer system used for circulation and more, will be offline for an upgrade on Monday, June 30. Patrons will be unable to search the catalogue, access their accounts, or pay fees. Staff may checkout regular items but not ones from the hold shelf. Signage will be posted to alert patrons.

North Coast Library Federation:

- Corry Tremblay, Wendy Wright, and Kathy Wilford attended a May 24 Spring Meeting in Terrace where the new coordinator and provincial consultant were introduced. A training conference for trustees, directors, and staff was set for October 2014.

Friends of Smithers Public Library:

- AGM held May 28. Funds generously donated by Shoppers Drug Mart for a Women's Health collection in the new library are depreciating over time and will be spent now with Shoppers' consent. The Friends are purchasing LEGO for our new children's program and will sell books at the Main Street Festival. Plans for a BV Exhibition puzzle are underway.

Provincial Reports:

- The Library's *Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)* and *2013 Statistics Report* were submitted in May.