

Library Report October 2017 Wendy Wright, Library Director

October

- Circulations 8,405
- Visitors 6,381
- Public Computer & WiFi Sessions 1,323

Programs, Events & Community Outreach

October was a very busy month at the library. All told, the number of regular programs, in-house and off-site events totalled **26!** Special thanks to Bulkley Valley entomologist **Lynn Westcott** for approaching the library to brainstorm and coordinate the following three events focused on science.

- A **Science Communication Workshop**: tips and techniques for adults sharing their passion and knowledge for science with children through teaching and volunteering. Sponsored by **Scientists & Innovators in the Schools (SIS)** and **Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation**.
- A **non-instructional day Science Extravaganza** led by the library's amazing **VolunTeens** and supported by the **Society for Canadian Women in Science & Technology (SCWIST)**.



- A **Teens & 'Tweens Science Career Workshop**: meet scientists to learn about their work and try out hands-on activities. Sponsored by **Vancouver's Science World** and **(SCWIST)**.



- Former Smithers resident Aaron Williams launched his book **Chasing Smoke: A Wildfire Memoir** at the library. **70 people** crammed into the space to listen. The author says he used to come to the Smithers Library in the evenings to work on the book, and the library is mentioned in its pages.
- The **Bulkley Valley Genealogical Society** held a **Genealogy for Beginners workshop** at the library. All of the participants loved it and requested more workshops on this topic.
- The **VolunTeens** topped off the month with a truly impressive feat – the 2nd. Annual **Haunted Library**. **192 children and parents** dropped by to play Hallowe'en-themed games in the Children's Room or brave a spooky tour of the haunted stacks. All 9 VolunTeens did an absolutely fabulous job, and attendance was up by 62 people over the first year!

Ongoing Programming & Facility Usage

- **The Gaming Group, Book Club, LEGO/KEVA, Book Lovers' Night Out, Babytime, Toddlertime, and Storytime** regular programs continue.