

Librarian's Report - March 2014

- Partnership Presentations:
 - March 26th - Arno Kopecky, author of *The oilman and the sea*- Reading & slideshow
 - April 10th - Local writers group reading, featuring Sheila Peters and Jane Stevenson & others
 - May 27th - Norden the Magician - organized by North Coast Library Federation to advertise Summer Reading Program
- Teen & Youth programming - *Mad Hatter's Tea Party* programming for Tweens is planned for the April 11th Non-Instructional day. Teen programming will continue on Friday evenings, with Dungeons & Dragons continuing to be a highlight
- *Postcard Story Contest* - 57 entries, partnered with local secondary schools and Interior News. Steelheads Hockey team members helped present the Dan Hamhuis Olympic hockey jersey at an assembly at Smithers Secondary. Article in paper with all other winners noted and top three entries to be published this week in the paper. A huge thank you to Friends for donating funds for the Olympic hockey sweater, toques and mitts and to Smithers Secondary for donating prizes as well.
- *Mother Goose and Story Time* - The Mother Goose winter session is over. It was very successful with glowing evaluations and requests for extending the session. Next sessions are in the fall. Story Time will continue on Wednesdays until school tours begin in May.
- Computer Tutor - In February there were 34 sessions booked and Jeremy helped 17 additional patrons when he did not have appointments . We made brochures to advertise the online databases dealing with Medical Information and delivered them to local businesses dealing with medical issues. This is Jeremy's last month and he is busy with public and staff tech training. We will apply for this funding again in the fall if it is available.
- Regional District Bulkley Nechako - *Beyond the Market New Farm Initiative* - We received \$350 from RDBN for the purchase of books and DVDs.
- Outreach - The large print westerns which we delivered to Bulkley Lodge were well received and staff are exploring a membership. A meeting is planned for The Meadows to explore outreach there.
- Canada Summer Jobs Grant Application - we are waiting to hear if we have been approved for funding for a summer student to coordinate the Summer Reading Program.
- Libraries Branch (formerly Libraries and Literacy Branch) - There have been changes in structure within Ministry of Education and the new Libraries Branch joins the Partner Relations Division. " *The realignment is aimed at helping the sector pursue one overarching goal, which is to develop capable young people ready to thrive in a rapidly changing world.*" fr. Branch Update Feb 2014

- *Provincial Grant Report* was submitted. Deadlines for *Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)* and the *2013 Statistics* are May 15th.
- Student Art Project - letters have been to all the elementary schools, including homeschool community to invite them to participate in art displays in children's room at the library. The Friends have donated and installed the hanging track system to display the art.