

## Librarian's Report – May 2014 Wendy Wright, Library Director

### Presentations:

- April 28 – *In Our Backyard* – Health & Wellness Public talk – first in a series of monthly talks to explore the diversity of wellness options in the Valley. Attendance: 9. Next talk May 26.
- Ongoing: Smithers Tabletop group – meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday afternoons each month, with support from Big Smiles. Attendance: 10
- Upcoming: May 27 – *Norden the Magician* – organized by North Coast Library Federation to advertise Summer Reading Program

Book Club met at the Library. Attendance: 13

### Teen & Youth programming:

- Teens and 'Tweens will have weekly programs throughout the summer. Dungeons & Dragons continues twice per month in May and June.

United Way Northern BC funding for Teen programs – 2014/15 funding has been confirmed at the same amount as last year.

### Story Time:

- Concluded on April 30 and will resume in September. Staff have received many verbal inquiries from patrons about summer programming for babies and toddlers at the Library.

### Summer Reading Program:

- Skeena Lawson has been hired for a second year as our Coordinator for the Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is "*Funny Business*." Summer Reading Club launches June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Class Visits:

- Wanda has booked 23 fun and informative class visits to the Library to raise awareness of our programs and services. These visits have generated lots of book and program requests from Smithers children and increased usage.

### North Coast Library Federation:

- Lauren Wolf has been hired as Coordinator. Smithers Public Library and Board representatives will attend the NCLF's Spring Meeting in Terrace on May 24.

### Provincial Reports:

- Our *Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)* has been submitted. The *2013 Statistics* Report is due May 23.

### Friends of the Library:

- Digitization meeting held May 12. Selected members will appear before Town Council May 27 and neighbouring Village Councils asking for letters of endorsement.
- Booth at NW Trade Expo
- AGM May 28, 7 pm
- Pursuing A/V grants from Wetzin'kwa. Exploring possible funding from Telus for iPads.

### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:

- Set for the evening of Wednesday, June 25.

#### Technology Upgrades:

- The two new computers we ordered have arrived. All public computers will be upgraded to Windows 7 when they are installed.
- Funding applications for a new projector and screen are ongoing.