

Librarian's Report - April 2014

- Partnership Presentations:
 - April 28th - *In Our Backyard* - Health & Wellness Public talk - first in a series of monthly talks to explore the diversity of wellness options in the Valley
 - May 27th - *Norden the Magician* - organized by North Coast Library Federation to advertise Summer Reading Program
 - Smithers Tabletop group - meeting on 1st & 3rd Sundays in the afternoons at the Library, support from Big Smiles
- Teen & Youth programming - *Mad Hatter's Tea Party* was the last Tween session in the series sponsored by United Way Northern BC and was very successful. Teen programming will continue on Friday evenings, with Dungeons & Dragons, Nerf Tag, book club and gaming nights. During the summer we will have Tween Tuesdays with lots of fun games and crafts.
- United Way Northern BC funding for Teen programs - We will hear in early May about funding opportunities available for 2014/15.
- *Story Time* - The Story Time sessions will continue on Wednesdays until April 30th. Wanda attended *Mother Goose on the Loose* training sessions in Prince George in early April.
- Summer Reading Program - School tours begin in May and are already almost booked up. Funding from Canada Summer Jobs has been approved and we are seeking a Coordinator for the Summer Reading Program. The title this year is "*Funny Business*." Summer Reading Club launches June 27th.
- Computer Tutor - In March, the last month of the Youth Intern contract, there were 46 sessions booked and Jeremy helped 22 additional patrons when he did not have appointments. Staff took advantage of Jeremy's expertise and booked sessions to strengthen their digital knowledge. We will definitely apply for this program again for a fall session.
- Outreach - I met with staff and residents of The Meadows and discussed books and services available to them. The Library supplied a small collection of large print books as a pilot project.
- North Coast Library Federation - The Coordinator position is still vacant but Library Directors Advisory Group have been sharing responsibilities for provincial reporting requirements. It is hoped to have a new Coordinator very soon. Spring Meeting in Terrace on May 24th.
- *Provincial Reports* - Deadlines for *Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)* and the *2013 Statistics* are May 15th.

- Technology Upgrades - We are upgrading our internet service, purchasing two new computers and installing Windows 7 in all the public computers.
- We weeded the Adult and Teen Fiction shelves to make room for new titles. If a book did not circulate in two years in Adult Fiction or three years in Teen Fiction (with some exceptions) it was discarded and will be sold in the book sale. While there is a little more room on the shelves the crowding remains a constant problem.