



## Librarian's Report November 2015

Wendy Wright, Library Director

The library was one of three finalists in the Chamber of Commerce's Technology/Innovation Award and Major Contributor to Arts & Culture Award categories. Thank you to the community and the Chamber for this honour!

### Children's & Teen Programming:

- **Babytime, Toddlertime** and **Storytime** continue weekly into December. A number of proud grandparents have joined the Babytime group.
- **Teens and 'tweens** spent Friday evenings at the library playing Dungeons & Dragons and attending an information session on applying to post-secondary institutions. Many thanks to Northwest Community College's Education Advisor Tracy McIntyre for answering questions and assisting teens with their applications. The teen and 'tween program is funded by the **United Way**, who also funded a Zombie-themed non-instructional day program in October.
- Thursday afternoon **LEGO** time continues to attract families every week.

### Adult Programs:

- Prolific author **Chris Czajkowski** entertained patrons with a fascinating slideshow and talk about her life in the wilderness.
- UNBC Writer-in-Residence and former Poet Laureate of Victoria **Janet Rogers** gave a spellbinding performance in late October. Ms. Rogers is a talented spoken-word artist with several CDs and books to her credit, and a former host of two radio shows.
- The first **Book Lovers' Night Out** was held at The Alpenhorn in November. Staff member Melissa Sawatsky hosts this casual book discussion group once a month. Participants alternate between sharing personal favourites on a chosen theme and reading a selection from the library's book club sets. RSVP for more information, or just drop in and chat.

### Partnerships:

- The library will once again participate in **Food for Fines** to support Smithers Community Services Association's Christmas Hamper program this December.

### After Hours Use:

- **Smithers Tabletop Gaming** and **Magic: The Gathering** is a popular group of kids, teens, and adults who gather at the library three Wednesdays per month.

- Scrabble will no longer occupy a regular time slot, but patrons are always welcome to request one of our board games from the staff and play in the library.
- The **Book Club** meets at the library once a month.

#### **Publicity:**

- Book Lovers' Night Out – CBC Daybreak North interview and Facebook post; MooseFM interview; Interior News

#### **Library Operations:**

- The laptop used with the 3-D printer was stolen in early November during an after-hours program. A locking tether has been installed on the replacement laptop.

#### **Building:**

- The crawlspace has been upgraded to reduce mold and hopefully reduce heating costs. Thanks to the crew for doing such a professional and considerate job with minimal disruption to our patrons. Insulation, the final stage of the project, will be completed soon.