

### **Monthly Stats (February 2016)**

- Circulation **8,895**
- Visitors **7,311**
- Public computer and WiFi sessions **1,578**

### **Children's & Youth Programming**

- A very special kid visited the library for a **Barnyard Storytime** on March 2. Children had a chance to pet and bottle-feed a real **baby goat** after reading stories about goats. Thanks to our Children & Youth Programmer Sandra for bringing 'Gigi' to the library.
- Thanks to **local author Emily Bulmer** for volunteering to lead a **writing workshop for 'tweens** and to staff member **Melissa Sawatsky**, also a writer, for volunteering to assist. 14 youth attended and were so enthusiastic that they requested a regular Writers' Club at the library. A second workshop will be held in April.
- The **United Way of Northern BC** continues to fund weekly programming for teens and 'tweens.
- Regular **Babytime, Toddlertime, Storytime and LEGO** programs continue.

### **Adult Events**

- **Book Lovers' Night Out** continues to generate rich discussions.

### **Outreach, Community Needs Assessments & Partnerships**

- The director was honoured to meet with youth at the **Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre** to discuss the library and her role. The library was invited as part of a series of speakers featuring community leaders.
- Kathy Wilford lead a library tour for a group of youth and teachers from the **iCount school**, describing programs and resources and issuing membership cards.
- The library shared information with other local education and literacy organizations at a **Bulkley Valley Literacy Coalition** meeting.
- The director attended an **SD54 educational forum** about the impact of social media on youth.

### **After Hours Use**

- **Five exam invigilations** and a **Beekeepers' meeting** were held outside of open hours.
- Wednesday night **Magic: The Gathering** continues to grow. The move to Sunday afternoons has resulted in smaller turnouts for **Smithers Tabletop Gamers**.
- A **Book Club** meets at the library monthly.

### **Reports & Funding**

- Our **annual report** has been submitted to the **Libraries and Literacy** branch of the Ministry of Education.
- A grant application for a **Summer Reading Club student** has been submitted to **Canada Summer Jobs**.
- The Town of Smithers' has completed their review of the library's **year-end paperwork**, reporting a deficit of \$482.74. The annual **external audit** is nearly finished. This year's deadline for submitting our **SOFI** to Libraries and Literacy is May 16.

### **Publicity**

- The library director spoke about **Freedom to Read Week** and public libraries' commitment to intellectual freedom on **CICK Radio's Art Beat** program.
- Thanks to the **Interior News** for sharing a Barnyard Storytime photo.