

Monthly Stats (May 2016)

- Circulation **7,752**
- Visitors **6,084**
- Public computer and WiFi sessions **1,892**

Children's & Youth Programming

- **Magician Leif David** wowed the crowd with clever tricks and jokes to promote the Summer Reading Club in late May. **142 people** came to the show, which had to be held inside the library due to poor weather. Five classes who had hoped to attend had to take a rain cheque because of space restrictions.
- **Summer Reading Club (SRC)** students Tina and Chanelle are busy planning a terrific program for ages 3-12 and connecting with schools, preschools and local service organizations. Watch for their pop-up registration booths around town.
- **Sandra** will be running a **Volunteens** program this summer funded by the **United Way of Northern BC**. Volunteens provides opportunities for youth to be in a leadership position and gain experience for their résumé or put community service hours towards graduation while having fun helping kids with the Summer Reading Club.
- **LEGO Thursdays** continue with lower attendance during fair weather.

Adult Events

- 13 people participated in a **Philosophers' Café** led by Smithers Secondary School teacher **Wade Wilson**. The discussion on alienation and belonging was the final night of a remarkable season of free community events supported by Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation through their Program & Events Coordinator funding.
- **Book Lovers' Night Out** has wrapped up a successful pilot season. Dependent upon funding, the library hopes to continue this program in the fall. Thank you to Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation for making this monthly book discussion group possible.
- **AFFNO** (Association des francophones et francophiles du Nord-Ouest) set up a booth at the library one afternoon to raise awareness of their mobile lending library and cultural

events. The library will partner with AFFNO this fall to present a bilingual children's performer.

- A workshop for community members and organizations interested in participating in **BC Culture Days** was held at the library.

Reports & Funding

- Thanks to the **Bulkley Valley Credit Union** for generously supporting the Summer Reading Club by donating half of one summer student's wages! Having two students will enable the library to perform more outreach, connecting with a broader section of the community, and to better accommodate children with special needs.
- The library has received all of our annual provincial grants. This year's Resource Sharing grant was slightly higher than anticipated as it is calculated according to the previous year's volume of interlibrary loans.

After Hours Use

- **Magic: The Gathering** sessions average nearly 30 attendees per week, with monthly tournaments just as popular.
- A **Muheim Elementary** class has arranged to visit the library one morning before opening hours for a Nerf battle, a program popular with youth at the Prince George Public Library.

Outreach

- **Sandra** lead school tours of the library for 335 students and siblings in May.