

Librarian's Report November 2016
Wendy Wright, Library Director

October Circulations: **9,113**

Visits: **6,530**

Public Computer & WiFi Sessions: **1,701**

Children's & Youth Programming

- **Babytime, Toddlertime, and Storytime** are going strong, while **LEGO Thursdays** have attracted up to **22 kids and adults per session**.
- **Friday night teen and 'tween programs** funded by the **United Way** continue, featuring more plotting by the intrepid **Volunteens**. The group decided they wanted to have a Haunted Library for children to visit near Hallowe'en, and threw themselves into creating a spooky great time for **130 children and adults**, with games, activities, and a Ghost Walk for older kids. Thanks to the Volunteens, Sandra, the United Way and the Friends of the Library for extra snacks.
- Sandra and the Volunteens put together a very popular **Kooky Kemistry** Non-Instructional Day program in October. **74 kids and adults** tried out various science experiments, with Volunteens demonstrating and displaying their projects.



Kooky Kemistry Non-Instructional Day Program

- Volunteers took to the streets to help promote the **Friends of the Library's Book Sale** in early November. It must have worked; the sale brought in **\$5,000** towards library programs and special projects! Thanks to the Friends and everyone who donated books, DVDs, CDs or money for their Book Sale finds.



Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Legion

- Staff member, writer and editor Melissa Sawatsky has teamed up with local writer Emily Bulmer to lead a new series of free **BV Youth Writers Workshops** beginning on the November 14 Non-Instructional Day. **21 youth** ages 9-18 attended the first session, eager to learn, experiment, and ultimately **publish their work in an anthology** at the end of the series. BV Youth Writers will also participate in a **writing retreat** in April 2017.



BV Youth Writers Workshop November 14, 2016

Adult/General Audience Events

- Elder Lillian Morris returned in October for a follow-up **Wet'suwet'en Language Workshop**, sharing her culture with eager learners through language, anecdotes, and answering participants' questions. Missiyh', Lillian.
- **Book Lovers' Night Out at The Alpenhorn** acquired new drop-ins in October. Thanks to **Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation's** ongoing support.

Outreach

- Smithers Community Services Association's **English Language & Multicultural Services (ELMS)** group toured the library in November, acquiring membership cards, learning to use the catalogue, and discovering relevant programs and resources. A warm welcome to our new neighbours!
- **Walnut Park grade 4/5 students** visited the library for a tour, a story, and to view their schoolmates' wonderful artwork displayed in the Children's Room.

Facility Usage

- The library regularly provides space for a **Book Club**, **Magic** gamers, and meetings of groups such as the **Beekeepers**.

Reports & Funding



- Young Ben Glanz donated \$100 to the library from the sale of his pig. Ben is a member of the 4-H Club and a regular library patron. His generous donation will be used to purchase books about pigs and 4-H.
- The **Minerals North** Committee awarded excess funds from the 2016 convention held in Smithers to many groups and organizations in our area that provide an abundance of services to locals. Their **donation of \$2,000** to the library during the Business Awards is deeply appreciated.

