

Librarian's Report December 2016  
Wendy Wright, Library Director

November Circulations: **8,715**

Visits: **5,896**

Public Computer & WiFi Sessions: **1,686**

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

- Regular programs **Babytime, Toddlertime, Storytime, LEGO Thursdays** and United Way **Teen Night** are all well-attended.
- Both age groups in the **Bulkley Valley Youth Writers Workshop** series met again on a non-instructional day in early December. **Babytime** and **Toddlertime** programs were held the same morning – all before the library opened for regular hours at noon!

### **Adult/General Audience Events**

- **Book Lovers' Night Out** takes place the first Tuesday of each month at **The Alpenhorn** with support from **Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation**.
- **Positive Living North** marked **World AIDS Day** on December 1 with an informational presentation and discussion at the library on AIDS/HIV.

### **Community Needs Assessments & Outreach**

- The director attended the November 29 **Community Vitality Forum** at the Old Church to hear the public's impressions, hopes and concerns.
- The library has joined the **Smithers Bridging Committee**. The Committee's mission is as follows:  
*The Smithers Bridging Committee supports and facilitates the sharing of cultures and the building of lasting relationships. We strive to create a welcoming and inclusive community between aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples in the Bulkley Valley. We do this through education, partnership, celebration, dialogue and reflection.*
- The director attended the November **Chamber of Commerce luncheon** featuring an powerful **exercise in Wit'suwit'en history** presented by Jana Fox.

## **Facility Usage**

- Regular users are **Magic: The Gathering** gamers and a **Book Club**.

## **Reports & Funding**

- The Board presented their **2017 funding request** to Town Council on December 6.
- The **Computer Tutoring** service will be **suspended** from December 20 until January 8 in order to stretch Seabridge Gold's funding through to the beginning of May 2017 when the Town of Smithers' funding begins.
- **Reports** on grants from the **United Way, Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation**, and the **Bulkley Valley Community Foundation** are due in January.
- The Friends of the Smithers Library have submitted a grant application to the **Bulkley Valley Community Foundation** for five more **Tech Kits**. The kits were selected based on patron feedback and consultation with the school district. The requested items are a programmable Airblock **drone**, a programmable ball-shaped **robot** called a Sphero, two **building kits** for young children utilising gears, and a **virtual reality headset**.

## **Staff & Training**

- The director participated in a **webinar** on engaged planning for libraries within rural communities.

## **Holiday Hours**

- The library will be closed on Saturday, December 24; Monday, December 26; and Monday, January 2.