

Librarian's Report February 2016
Wendy Wright, Library Director

January Stats

- **Circulation: 8,279**
- **Visits: 6,131**
- **Public Computer & WiFi Sessions: 1,555**

Children's & Youth Programming

- To mark **Family Literacy Week**, 29 children and caregivers enjoyed community members sharing their favourite books during **Community Bedtime Stories**, a pyjama storytime with refreshments by the **Ground2Griddle** Community Kitchen. Big thanks to readers **Mayor Bachrach, Shelley Worthington, Matt Herzog, Anita Clegg** and **Sarah Wright**.



- Family Literacy Week also saw the local **Pop-Up Puppet Company** visit the library to perform **The Day the Stories Left the Sea**. 60 people attended the show, which finished with an opportunity for children to manipulate the puppets.



- **95** children ages 0-6 and their caregivers attended **Family Play Day** at the Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre hall where the library ran a craft table.

Ongoing Programming & Facility Usage

- **Babytime, Toddlertime, Storytime, LEGO Thursdays, the United Way's Teen Night, Wetzin'Kwa's Book Lovers' Night Out, Magic: The Gathering** and **Book Club** continues.

Reports & Funding

- The library has applied to **Canada Summer Jobs** for a portion of the two **Summer Reading Club Students'** wages. Word of the new Indigenous Library Assistant: Summer Reading Club position has been met with enthusiasm by community organizations but we cannot advertise the position until sufficient funding has been confirmed. The library is actively seeking grants and donations for this position.
- A final report and receipts have been submitted to the **Bulkley Valley Community Foundation** (BVCF) for the Tech Kits: Phase Two project.
- The Friends of the Smithers Library have applied for a **Canada 150** grant through the BVCF to assist with this summer's **reconciliation event**.
- The **Bulkley Valley Economic Development Association** (BVEDA) will sponsor a one-year subscription to **MAKE Magazine** and **45 hours of community Computer Tutoring** to ensure Bulkley Valley residents have the skills and inspiration to participate and thrive in today's economy.
- **School District 54** has generously donated books from Lake Kathlyn School to the public library and the Friends of the Library book sale. The district sees the donation as another way to put books in the hands of local children. Thanks too for the donated shelving and office equipment.
- The library's **year-end financial records** have been submitted to the Town of Smithers.

Staff & Training

- Sandra is taking an online course in **Children's Library Services** from Langara College.
- The director is taking a UBC MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) called **Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education**.
- Staff warmed up the library with **Hawaiian Shirt Day** in early February.

Community Needs Assessment & Outreach

- The director attended a school district forum to learn about the **Aboriginal Education** aspect of the new provincial curriculum.
- Mme. Pesce's **grade 4/5 class** from Muheim toured the library during Family Literacy Week.
- The director met with the Northwest Community College librarian to discuss effectively reaching non-users of the public library. This led to connecting with **Bulkley Valley Learning Centre** staff to plan class tours for their students.