

Library Report October 2018

Wendy Wright, Library Director

September 2018 Stats

- 8772 circulations
- 1486 public computer & WiFi sessions

Community Outreach, Partnerships & Events

- Tony Chestnut and his Storytime friends helped harvest The Enormous Turnip and make Stone Soup at the last outdoor **Farmers' Market** of the season.



- Elder **Lillian Morris** returned for a third **Witsuwit'en Language Workshop** in partnership with the **Bulkley Valley Museum**. The program ran 1.5 hours overtime as Lillian answered local governance structure and vocabulary questions from participants.
- **School District 54** sponsored the September **Non-Instructional Day** program **"Build It!"** Assisted by the VolunTeens, children created imaginative feats of engineering using a wide variety of materials.



Ongoing Programs and Facility Usage

- **Babytime, Toddlertime, Storytime, the Book Club, and Magic: The Gathering, Board Games, and LEGO/KEVA** continue.
- **Book Lovers' Night Out** continues to attract new members.

Professional Development

- The library will be **closed on Friday, October 19** so staff can attend the **Northwest Library Federation (NWLFF) conference** in Houston. We look forward to bringing back new skills and ideas to better serve our community.

Staff

- Long-time staff member **Kathy Spiro** will retire at the end of November. Kathy has been with the library for 20 years and worked with everything from children's programs and special orders to poster design and website development. She is the creative spirit behind the library's displays, the Sherlock Holmes of unravelling mysterious mix-ups and baffling technical glitches, and will be dearly missed. Kathy will remain on-call for vacation fill-in.
- **Ella Bachrach** joins our team as a Page. Ella has been a keen Smithers Library VolunTeen since the program's inception, helping our staff to plan, prepare and host events for young children. Haunted Library visitors will recognise her as the narrator of the VolunTeens' spooky story walk. She has two years' experience volunteering in her school library and is quick to share recommendations from her own avid reading. Welcome Ella!