

Library Report February 2019
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January 2019 Statistics

- **9567** circulations
- **1272** WiFi & public computer sessions

Family Literacy Week

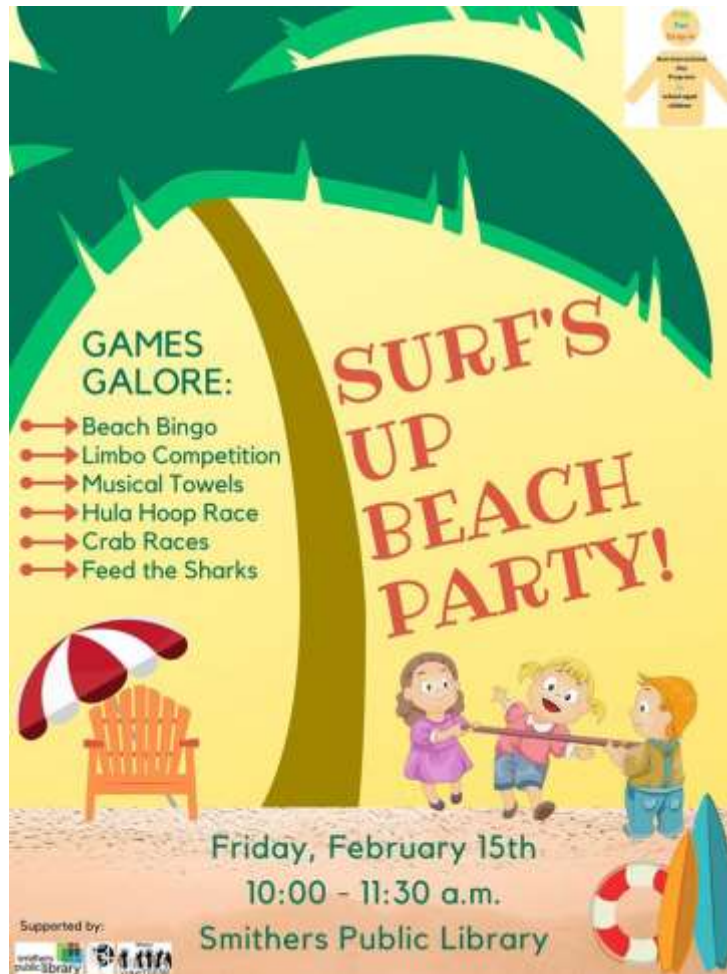
Sieghard and Jackie Weitzel brought Sieghard's guide dog Radar to the library for during Family Literacy Week. The goal was to give beginning readers a fun, positive experience reading aloud to a patient and cuddly listener. **39** children and caregivers came to practice their "**Reading with Radar**" over the course of three one-hour sessions.



Ongoing Programs and Facility Usage

- **26** members of the **Bulkley Valley Beekeepers' Association** met at the library in January.
- Demand for the library's **exam proctoring service** continues to increase as more courses are made available online. Our lack of quiet study rooms presents a significant problem for these patrons, as well as for those people conducting research or doing distance education in the library.

- **Babytime, Toddlertime, and Storytime** have resumed.
- The **Book Club, LEGO/KEVA, Book Lovers' Night Out** funded by Wetzin'kwa, **Board Games**, monthly **Teen Dungeons & Dragons** funded by SD54, and **Magic: The Gathering** continue.



The Library VolunTeens hosted another **non-instructional day** for school-aged children in February: The **Surf's Up Beach Party!** Thanks to the **VolunTeens, Sandra, and School District 54** for bringing summer back to the library when it was -20C outside.

The library participated in **Family Play Day** at the **Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Hall** with a craft table for children.

Staff **professional development** webinar topics this month included **implicit bias** in the library workplace, **presentation skills, repair cafés, and emerging technology trends.**

Patrons are appreciative of the library's new **fine-free** policy implemented last month. The Hazelton Public Library has since gone fine-free, and other local libraries have inquired about our experience.

The library's 2018 financial records have been taken to the Town for the **year-end audit.** Our **SOFI** must be submitted to the Province by May 15. Our annual **grant report** to the Province is due March 1, and the **annual survey** (statistics) on May 15.