

## February 2019 Statistics

- **8722** circulations
- **1121** WiFi & public computer sessions

## Building

- With patron input, the library has installed **new washroom signage** that is gender-neutral. The symbols on each washroom's door now indicate what can be found inside the room (toilet, handwashing station, change table, wheelchair-accessible) instead of who is supposed to use it.

## Ongoing Programs and Facility Usage

- Babytime, Toddlertime, Storytime, the Book Club, LEGO/KEVA, Book Lovers' Night Out, Board Games, Teen Dungeons & Dragons, and Magic: The Gathering continue.

## Staff

- It is with sadness that we announce the passing of library volunteer **Ingrid Bernkopf**. Ingrid was vibrant, kind, inspiring, and always a pleasure to have in the library. Her presence and smile will be missed by many Smithers residents.
- Staff **professional development** topics this month included a workshop on **Strategies for Sensory Processing** (strategic goal=increasing diversity among our patrons), a webinar on **managing email** (strategic goal=optimizing workflow), and webinar previews of spring 2019 **children's books** (collection development).
- Wendy will serve on a mentoring team in early July at an **orientation for new library directors** in Prince George.
- The Director and Wally Bergen will give a talk on the Smithers Library's work around reconciliation at the May 2019 **BC Library Trustees Association Summit** in Surrey.

## Reports & Funding

- The Friends of the Smithers Library will receive a **\$4,000 BC Multiculturalism grant** towards the cost of hiring this year's Indigenous Library Assistant – Summer Reading Club.
- The library's **annual Provincial grant report** has been submitted.