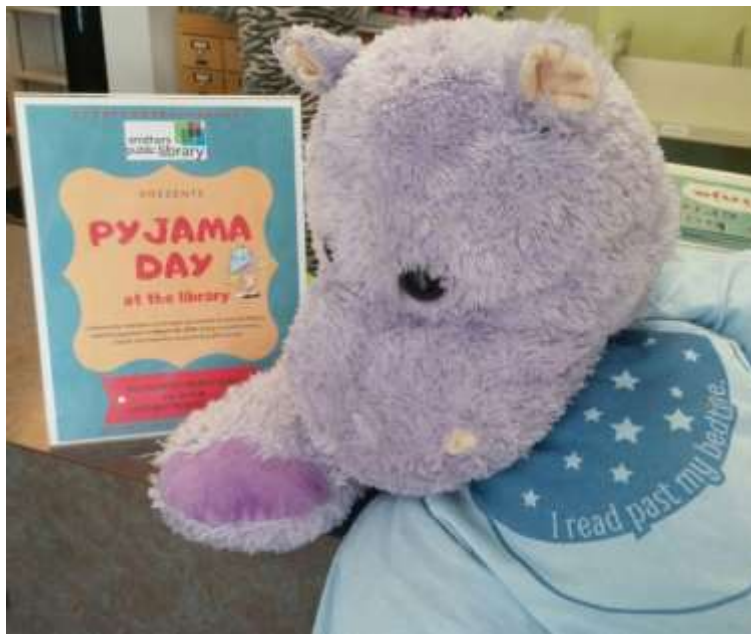


The Library donated two bookcases, a table and several benches to the **Telkwa Reading Room**.

### **Programs & Events**

- **Samantha Bosscher** (Primary Care Nurse, **Smithers Community Health Services**) and **Chris Blois** (HIV Educator, **Positive Living North**) presented **Opioid Crisis: What Can You Do?**. Participants learned to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and received hands-on training in how to respond, including administering Naloxone. **Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corp.** sponsored the event.
- **Valerie Laub** presented **SKIN: The Game** in partnership with the **Smithers Bridging Committee, OARH** (Organizing Against Racism & Hate), the **Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre, Courthouse Libraries BC, the Province of BC, and Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation**. Participants recreated locally reported incidents of racism, assuming the roles of perpetrator, target and bystander to discuss possible motivations and responses.
- **March Break Pyjama Day** -- Children and their caregivers were invited to visit the Library in their PJs one afternoon to decorate a pillowcase. Much to our surprise, **91** people took us up on the offer! We'll know for next year... (and be well-stocked with pillowcases and snacks).



- The Library added face painting to **Schnai Dai** festivities on Hudson Bay Mountain, prompting one parent to exclaim, "Wow! The Library is EVERYWHERE!"

- The **Science Extravaganza** Non-Instructional Day Program was a huge success, with **6 scientists, 8 Volunteers** assisting, and **93 attendees**. Children learned about wolves, rocks, anatomy, electrical circuits, landforms, the history of the Earth, and more. Kids explored the popular augmented reality sandbox, and one group even built their own radio and that managed to pick up The Moose FM. Thanks to the **Smithers Exploration Group, Eclipse Geomatic**, wildlife biologist **Bob Hayes**, the **Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology (SCWIST)**, and the Library **VolunTeens**.





- Local talent gathered to mark National Poetry Month with a **Poetry & Song Coffeehouse** sponsored by **Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corp.** Listeners were treated to a delightful evening of words and music by **Peter Haines, Dorothy Giesbrecht, Grace Hols, Andrea de Vries, Melissa Sawatsky, Wade Wilson,** and more.

### **Ongoing Programs and Facility Usage**

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

### **Staff**

- Staff **professional development** topics included an **Introduction to Family Literacy** workshop, **Creating a Crisis Communication Plan,** and **Google Forms for Librarians.**

### **Reports & Funding**

- The library's **annual Provincial grant** has been received.
- The **Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako** has given the Friends of the Library a **\$2,000** grant-in-aid towards a series of **Community Repair Cafés** at which local volunteers share their skills with one another to reduce waste by repairing broken items.