

## Library Report September 2019

Wendy Wright, Library Director

### Staff

- We thank Summer Reading Club students **Jacob Cachia** and **Noel Haftner** and Computer Tutor **Cole Jennings** for their service to the library and wish them luck in their new adventures. **Isaac Vetsch** has joined the library as our new Computer Tutor.
- **Eryn Joseph** has switched her Page position for a fill-in role on the front desk. We welcome new employees **Silvea Bryshun** and **Isaac Wright** to their new roles as Library Page and fill-in Page.

### Professional Development

- Wendy viewed a webinar on how to write a **media release** and Melissa watched one on **library marketing**.
- Wendy is now the **Chair** of the British Columbia Library Association's **(BCLA) Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC)**. The position has been vacant for a period of time and she looks forward to facilitating stimulating discussions in the library community around this core value.
- Wendy will also represent the BCLA on the **Canadian Federation of Library Associations's (CFLA) Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC)**.

### Outreach

- Library staff and **VolunTeens** dressed as classic storybook characters for the **Fall Fair Parade**, handing out **1800** bookmarks provided by the Friends of the Smithers Library.
- The **New Library-Gallery** Fundraising Committee hosted an **information booth at the Fall Fair**, speaking with over 130 people and answering questions. Fairgoers expressed a great deal of interest in using the new multipurpose community spaces for meetings, conferences, and even weddings.
- Jacob and Noel brought the library's tent to the **Farmers' Market** for Kids' Day with a Storytime on stage and a seed activity.
- **125 people** attended the annual **Campfire Cookout & Singalong** in Riverside Park. Many new families with babies and toddlers were present. The diversity of attendees and level of audience singalong participation was the highest yet.
- Approximately **700 people** attended **National Indigenous Peoples Day** celebrations at the Dze L K'ant Hall on June 21. Hundreds of people browsed the library's display of Indigenous books and DVDs inside the hall while Sandra, Jacob and volunteers did face painting for **144 children** outside in our tent. This was the biggest turnout yet at the annual celebration, with noticeably more schoolchildren in attendance.


### Reports & funding

- The **Bulkley Valley Credit Union** has generously donated \$500 towards **Indigenous books** and another \$500 to purchase popular **graphic novels** for children and teens.
- **Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corp.** has once again enabled our little library to make a big difference in the community. Wetzin'Kwa has granted **\$5000** for a **Program & Event**

**Coordinator** and **\$5000** towards an **Indigenous student for the Summer Reading Club** program. These are high-impact positions that affect hundreds of people in the Bulkley Valley and we are grateful for Wetzin’Kwa’s ongoing support.

**Events:**


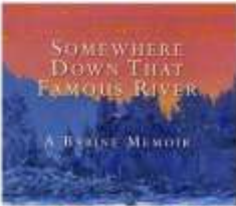

- **85 people** attended an **Ocean-themed Science Extravaganza** on a Saturday in September to mark Science Literacy Week. The program featured local scientists leading kids through activities, answering questions and showcasing a selection of aquatic insects. Thank you to our partners SCWIST, ms infinity, SD54, the Library VolunTeens and Wetzin’Kwa Community Forest Corp. Special thanks to local entomologist Lynn Westcott for brainstorming the event.
- Local author **Pierce Clegg** gave a talk and slideshow based on his new fly fishing book **“Somewhere Down That Famous River: A Babine Memoir”** supported by Wetzin’Kwa Corp.



**AUTHOR VISIT**  
WITH PIERCE CLEGG

Join local author Pierce Clegg for an evening of stories and images from his rich and personal book, *Somewhere Down That Famous River: A Babine Memoir*.

Saturday, Sept. 21st  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
Smithers Public Library  
3817 Alfred Avenue



For more information, visit:  
[smithers.bc.libraries.coop](http://smithers.bc.libraries.coop)

- **29** people listened to UNBC Professor **Ross Hoffman** speak about **Song of the Earth: A Life of Albert Joseph**. The evening was a partnership project with the **Smithers Bridging Committee, Creekstone Press** and **Wetzin’Kwa Community Forest Corp.**

**AUTHOR VISIT**  
WITH ROSS HOFFMAN



*Then there is a Song of the Earth [...] If a few people were to sing that song today, on the hill above town (Smithers), maybe the people would understand why we went to court to fight for the land.*  
—Alfred Joseph

**READING + Q&A**  
**Friday, June 28th**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**BOOKS FOR SALE**  
**Smithers Public Library**  
**3817 Alfred Avenue**



- **AFFNO** visited our patio once again to bring their mobile library of French books to the community.
- **Roxi and Kent Dykstra** returned to share their love of **classical music** with the community through two **Spirit of the North** programs at the library: one designed for **adults with developmental disabilities**, and another aimed at **children**.
- The **H.R. MacMillan Space Centre** presented two well-attended talks about the **moon** for children followed by fun activities.
- Thanks to the Library VolunTeens for another successful **Teddy Bear Sleepover!**
- Well-known storyteller and author **Ivan Coyote** entertained a full house at The Old Church in September. Coyote is a frequent guest speaker on CBC and a popular workshop leader. Their tales of their extended family had the audience in tears of laughter and left us with nuggets of gentle wisdom to ponder.

"Coyote resists reading trans-ness in hindsight, refuses to centre trans-ness as the single primary concern in trans lives and, in this regard, is **quietly radical.**"

- Jade Colbert, *The Globe and Mail* (Nov 2016)

# Ivan COYOTE

SMALL TOWNS, SHORT STORIES

Ivan Coyote is a writer and storyteller, the author of twelve books, the creator of four films, three albums, and an international touring performer. Coyote's new book, *ReBent Sinner*, will be released in 2019 (Arsenal Pulp Press).

**Tuesday, September 17th**  
**7:00 p.m. (door at 6:30)**  
**The Old Church, Smithers, BC**



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## Ongoing Programs and Facility Usage

- **Repair Café** (monthly, May through October)
- **Book Lovers' Night Out** (monthly, September through June). This season began with the topic "Indigenous Reads".
- **Babytime, Toddlertime, Storytime** and **LEGO/KEVA Thursdays** resumed in September
- The library continues to host a **Book Club, Board Gamers** and **Magic: The Gathering** gamers.