

Library Report October 2019
Wendy Wright, Library Director

September

Circulations: 8, 722

Public computer and WiFi sessions: 1,393

Events

- The Library and the **Smithers & District Chamber of Commerce** assisted with each other's events to bring federal election candidates and community members together for information and dialogue. The Library assisted with timing the **All-Candidates' Debate** at the Della Herman Theatre, and Chamber Manager Sheena Miller timed participants at the Library's **Candi-Dating** event during which attendees spent 3 minutes in private conversation with each of five federal candidates.



- **Smithers Community Services Association** and **Big Smiles Kids' Store** helped celebrate **International Literacy Day** in the library. Patrons who shared a book recommendation were entered in a draw for an adorable plush bear.

Ongoing Programs and Facility Usage

- **Repair Café**, sponsored by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. The final session will be held on October 30.
- **Book Lovers' Night Out** (monthly, September through June), sponsored by Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation.
- **Babytime, Toddlertime, Storytime** and **LEGO/KEVA Thursdays**
- **Book Club, Board Gamers** and **Magic: The Gathering**

A library patron who overheard staff describe our **Computer Tutoring** service was so appreciative that he spontaneously donated \$20 towards the service.

Professional Development

- Wendy attended a workshop at SD54 led by David Albury, an internationally recognized leader in **change and innovation**, and participated in **BCLA's strategic planning** session.
- Melissa took in a webinar on **Creating Collaborative Training Opportunities** for Library Staff.
- Our **computer system** was recently upgraded. Staff prepared by viewing webinars and are familiarizing themselves with the new interface.

Fundraising

- Local kids **The Garbage Gang** ran their second bottle drive in October. **Jimmy Fitzmaurice, Grace Walsh, Isla Macdonald**, and **Ivy and Madigan Wright** raised **\$187.00** towards the new Library-Gallery project. Well done!