

Library Report December 2019

Wendy Wright, Library Director

Previous month's statistics:

Circulations: 8,997

Public computer and WiFi sessions: 1,179

eBook downloads: 618

New at the Library

- Community member Carmen Nikal has donated a "S.A.D" **sunshine supplement lamp for patron use**. The lamp is used to lift mood during the dark winter months.

Events

- **125 people** came to the November space-themed **Non-Instructional Day** program "**Out of This World!**" **8 VolunTeens** ran the event, and around 85 people waited outside for the program to begin. Program attendance at the library has grown exponentially in recent years and it is exciting to see the VolunTeens directly contributing to the success of the programs. Well done Sandra and the Library VolunTeens!
- The **VolunTeens** got together for a potluck and games night in early December.
- The annual **Holiday Pyjama Storytime** will take place on Monday, December 16.

Ongoing Programs and Facility Usage

- **Book Lovers' Night Out** (monthly), sponsored by **Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation** and **LEGO/KEVA Thursdays** continue to attract regulars and new participants alike.
- **Babytime, Toddlertime,** and **Storytime** have ended for the month and will resume in January.
- **Book Club,** the **Board Gamers** and **Magic: The Gathering** continue to use the library.

Professional Development

- Wendy viewed a webinar offered by BC Courthouse Libraries titled **Know Your Rights: A Primer for Advocates & Service Providers**. She also attended a morning of professional development on **Truth & Reconciliation** with author **Monique Gray Smith** at SD54.
- Sandra completed a one-day course in **Emergency First Aid & CPR**.

Fundraising

- The library has been busy organizing a classical and jazz **benefit concert** for the **Smithers Library-Gallery Project**. The concert takes place on Sunday, December 15 at the Della Herman Theatre.

Community

- The library is collecting donations of food for Smithers Community Services Association's **Christmas Hamper Program**.

Staff

- The library has been **short-staffed** quite a bit in November and December. Thank you to all of our regular and casual staff for pulling together to cover for one another and keep the library providing excellent service to the public.