

Library Report January 2020
Wendy Wright, Library Director

2019 statistics:

Circulations (all formats and ages): **110,716**

Children's books (print only): **41,251**

eBook downloads: **7,458**

Public computer and WiFi sessions: **16,552**

Program, Event & Outreach Participation: **8,921**

Events

- The annual Holiday Pyjama Storytime was a great success with the biggest turnout yet: **58** people! Thanks to Sandra for putting together such a wonderful evening for the little ones, with carols (including sign language), crafts, snacks, stories, and Santa, of course! Special thanks to Vern Wright.



Ongoing Programs and Facility Usage

- **Book Lovers' Night Out** (monthly), sponsored by **Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation**, and **LEGO/KEVA Thursdays** continue to be popular.
- **Babytime**, **Toddertime**, and **Storytime** will resume in the second half of January.
- **Book Club**, the **Board Gamers** and **Magic: The Gathering** groups continue to use the library.

Fundraising

- A rich afternoon of classical and jazz music was presented in a **benefit concert** for the **Smithers Library-Gallery Project** on Sunday, December 15 at the Della Herman Theatre. This event was the idea of internationally-renowned concert pianist, professor of piano pedagogy and Kawai Artist **Dr. Jelena Vladikovic**. Many incredible musicians generously donated their talents to the project, and all of us with the Smithers Library-Gallery Project wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation.

Dr. Jelena Vladikovic, Kawai Artist

The Gardeners Trio – Diane Mattson, Jean Guenther & Sue Harrison

Sharon Richmond Carrington

Jean Christian

The Gordon Urban Quartet – Gordon Urban, Mike Doogan-Smith, Colin Maskell, & Jason Taylor

Thanks also to **School District 54**; the **Bulkley Valley Concert Association**; the **Bulkley Valley Credit Union**; **Hans Saefkow**; the many **volunteers** who donated treats for the baked goods table; **Melissa Sawatsky, Erin Hart** and **Lynnda McDougall**; and everyone in the **audience** for their presence and generous donations.

Retrospective

The primary focus at the library in 2019 has been the **Smithers Library-Gallery Project fundraising campaign**. To date the Fundraising Committee, comprised of representatives of the Library, the Smithers Art Gallery and the Town of Smithers, have raised \$737,000 towards our goal of \$1M, which will be matched by Harvey and Corry Tremblay. We are excited to see such an outpouring of support from the community and anticipate reaching our goal very soon, with the project remaining a top priority for 2020. To everyone who has contributed towards the new building thus far, we extend our sincere appreciation.

The Most Popular Titles of 2019:

The library was thrilled to discover that so many community members are reading Indigenous history (*) and fiction by Indigenous authors (*). In making these materials freely available, the library supported Truth and Reconciliation in our community in 2019.

ADULT NON-FICTION

1. ***Shared histories: Witsuwit'en-settler relations in Smithers, British Columbia, 1913-1973 by Tyler McCreary**
2. Educated : a memoir by Tara Westover
3. *21 things you may not know about the Indian Act : helping Canadians make reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a reality by Robert Joseph
4. *Indigenous relations : insights, tips & suggestions to make reconciliation a reality by Robert Joseph
5. Becoming by Michelle Obama
6. *Song of the earth : The life of Alfred Joseph by Ross Hoffman

ADULT FICTION

1. **Washington Black : a novel by Esi Edugyan**
2. *Trickster drift by Eden Robinson
3. Every breath : a novel by Nicholas Sparks
4. *Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese
5. Kingdom of the blind by Louise Penny
6. Where the crawdads sing by Delia Owens

POPULAR BEGINNING READER SERIES

Fly Guy; Pete the Cat; Star Wars, Dragon Masters, and Kingdom of Wrenly

PICTURE BOOKS

1. **Waiting is not easy! (Elephant & Piggie series) by Mo Willems**
2. Stanley the Farmer by William Bee
3. Curious George and the Firefighters by H. A. Rey

CHILDREN'S NOVELS

1. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) by Jeff Kinney**
2. Harry Potter (series) by J. K. Rowling

CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

1. **Minecraft (multiple titles)**
2. Guinness Book of World Records (multiple titles)

CHILDREN'S GRAPHIC NOVELS

- 1. Smile by Raina Telgemeier**
- 2. Dog Man series by Dav Pilkey**
- 3. Genius Mode (Big Nate series) by Lincoln Peirce**

***Archie Comic magazines** (multiple issues, not including teen versions) were borrowed **267** times

ADULT/TEEN GRAPHIC NOVELS

- 1. The Handmaid's Tale (based on the novel by Margaret Atwood) by Renee Nault**
- 2. The Giver (based on the novel by Lois Lowry) by P. Craig Russell**

TEEN FICTION

- 1. The One by Kiera Cass**
- 2. The Elite by Kiera Cass**
- 3. Cinder by Marissa Meyer**

ADULT DVDS

- 1. Game of Thrones (series)**
- 2. Alpha**
- 3. Boy Erased**

CHILDREN'S DVDS

- 1. Beauty and the Beast; Curious George; Jumanji. Welcome to the Jungle (tied)**