

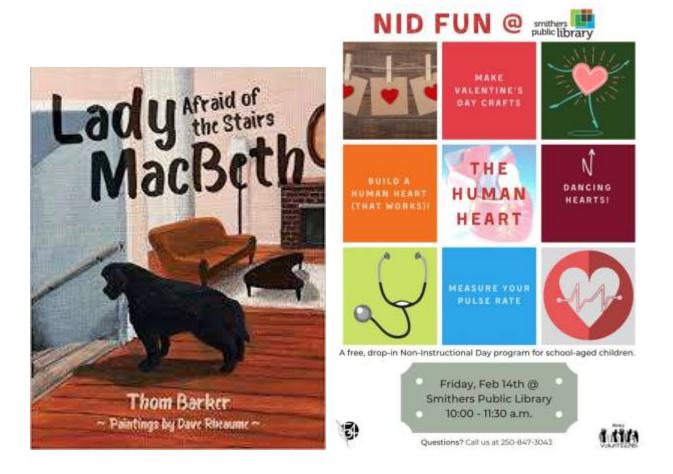
Library Report February 2020 Wendy Wright, Library Director

January Statistics:

Circulations: **9,164** including **396** children's non-fiction books Public computer and WiFi sessions: **1,011** Program, Event & Outreach Participation: **190** Items borrowed from other libraries: **408** Items lent to other libraries: **237**

Events

 Interior News editor Thom Barker visited the library for a special storytime. Thom's read from his picture book "Lady MacBeth Afraid of the Stairs" followed by a craft.



• The **Library VolunTeens** put on another terrific **Non-Instructional Day** program for elementary school-aged children. Fittingly for February 14, the theme was the human heart.

Facility Usage and Ongoing Programs

- **40** members of the **Smithers Beekeeping Club** attended their AGM at the library.
- **LEGO/KEVA Thursdays** continue to be popular with **74** attendees in January. Many thanks to **Hayden Bergen** for donating more of his LEGO for other kids to enjoy.
- **Babytime**, **Toddlertime**, and **Storytime** have resumed, with **36** toddlers and caregivers at a single session.
- **Book Club**, the **Board Gamers** and **Magic: The Gathering** groups continue to make use of the library.
- The theme of January's **Book Lovers' Night Out,** sponsored by **Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation,** was the Classics.

Community

- Erin Hart and Nicolette Davis attended a **Wooden Spoon** dinner at the **Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre**. The dinners are an opportunity for families to make connections with businesses and service providers in their community. Many thanks to Charrine Lace Naziel for organizing this program and extending the invitation.
- Wendy Wright attended a meeting of Access Smithers to share the library's successes and challenges around accessibility. The group provided information on accessibility resources for the design stage of the new Library-Gallery building project. She also met with Luba Kasum, Coast Mountain College librarian, to discuss partnership opportunities and attended the Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Luncheon to hear local leaders discuss 2019 accomplishments and the year ahead.
- Meetings have begun for this year's **National Indigenous Peoples Day** celebration Planning Committee.

Professional Development

- Wendy Wright and Board Treasurer Kay MacKenzie viewed a webinar on reading and understanding financial statements.
- **Sandra Schuffert** attended a trauma-**informed care** workshop for people working with children and youth.
- The library has accepted an invitation to participate in the Smithers Multicultural Society's first annual **Multicultural Festival** (date to be decided). The Society was recently founded by Patricia Kolida and Luba Kasum.

Finance

• The library's 2019 financial records have been delivered to the Town for auditing.