



## DECEMBER 2020 LIBRARY REPORT

### November Statistics:

- 2492 Visitors
- 7062 Circulations of physical items
- 1779 Circulations of digital items (eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines)

### Programs

- Sandra's weekly online programs for babies, toddlers and preschoolers are wrapping up for the season but families have two more special treats to look forward to: a **Facebook livestreamed holiday special at 6:30 December 18**, and **Moose FM's radio special "A Very Merry Moose-mas"** including Sandra reading *A Visit From Saint Nicholas* by C. Clement Moore.
- Zoom **VolunTeens** meetings continue, generously sponsored by Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation.
- **Book Lovers' Night Out**, also sponsored by Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation, has returned to a virtual environment.
- Wendy shared spooky book experiences on **CBC's Daybreak North** for Hallowe'en.

### Professional Development:

The Association of BC Public Library Directors (ABCPLD) has shifted their annual professional development online this year. Wendy, Melissa and Erin viewed the virtual presentations "Media Relations" and "Advocacy in 2020 & Beyond" which will be particularly useful when the New Library-Gallery Fundraising Committee resumes campaigning. Wendy also viewed "Budgeting Basics", "What Makes a Library Director Effective?", "Working With a Board" and "Managing in Times of Uncertainty" as well as "Workplace Mental Health" from BCLA and the BC Libraries Co-operative and "Facilitating Safer, Braver Inclusive Virtual Spaces" from TechSoup. Sandra viewed the webinar "Little Hands: Signing in Storytime".

### Community Partnerships

Melissa created a list of books by Indigenous authors for ages 0-18 for the **Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre**. The Centre posted it on their Facebook page, encouraging people to check them out, and is reading selected titles in online storytimes.

### Truth & Reconciliation

The **Northwest Library Federation** (Houston to Prince Rupert) is taking on two Library Technician practicum students to begin **decolonizing the catalogue**. They will recommend changes such as reclassifying certain materials to more culturally appropriate Dewey Decimal numbers (e.g. moving

books on Indian residential schools from Education in the 300s to Canadian History in the 900s), updating subject headings , and adding keywords (such as proper spellings of the names of First Nations).

### **Health & Safety**

The library became very busy with after school visits in early November, necessitating locking the door to stay within maximum occupancy. More signage was created about keeping visits short and the occupancy is once again under control.

All aspects of the current Public Health Orders are being followed by staff and visitors. The library thanks all of our patrons who help keep everyone healthy by wearing masks in the building, sanitizing their hands and staying home when they are not feeling well. (*Psst – phone us and ask about eBooks.*)

### **Collection**

- The **Little People, Big Dreams** series of biographies for children has arrived and are flying off the shelves. Thanks to the **Bulkley Valley Credit Union** and the **Friends of the Smithers Library** for funding this purchase.



- Likewise, most of the **Bulkley Valley Community Foundation**-funded **Seniors' Collection** of Large Print books and books on CD are now in circulation. Both new collections are so popular that the display areas are in constant flux and frequently half-empty.

- Thanks to the Friends of the Smithers Library for funding the purchase of books on **Diwali, Chanukah, Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr.**

Special thanks to local artist **David Mio** for donating a lovely painting to brighten up the children's room.

