



FEBRUARY 2021 LIBRARY REPORT

Programs

- **Where Is Pete?** Take a look at the photo on the library's Facebook page and email your answer to Sandra to have your name entered into a draw.
- Monthly **Book Lovers' Night Out (BLNO)** and **VolunTeens** meetings continue via Zoom, generously sponsored by Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation. This month BLNO acquired three new members and seven youth spent a fun Friday evening together online.
- **Bounce, Sing & Learn:** discover rhymes, songs, bounces, finger plays and basic sign language with Sandra and Pete the puppet. Posted on YouTube every Monday and tailored for ages 0-3 years and their caregivers.
- **Preschool Playtime:** Activities, songs, rhymes, and storytelling with Sandra and Pete the puppet. Posted on YouTube every Wednesday for ages 3-5 and their caregivers.
- Thanks to **Smithers Community Services Association**, the **Smithers Interior News**, **15 downtown businesses** and all of the families who participated in the **StoryWalk®** during **Family Literacy Week**, including a grade 1 class from Walnut Park.

Note: The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Health & Safety

Due to local COVID-19 case counts, the library has been operating under a Takeout model. Creating Grab Bags for patrons who don't have specific titles or authors in mind is excellent professional development for staff, encouraging them to ask each other for recommendations and become more familiar with the library's collection. Everyone is doing a great job and patron feedback is very positive.

Professional Development

- Wendy viewed a webinar on adult literacy (specifically misinformation and disinformation) and Lynnda attended a webinar on unattended children in the library.

Funding

- Our annual Public Library Grant Report to Libraries Branch is due March 1.