

OCTOBER 2021 LIBRARY REPORT

STATS (September)

- **8,275** items circulated, including:
- **1,978 eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines**
- **3,223 books for Children and Youth**

Health and Safety

The library building remains open for browsing and computer use. The current Provincial Health Order mandates masks for everyone ages 5 and up. Due to high local COVID case counts and the masking requirement we will continue to offer our children's programs online rather than in person. To protect everyone's health, mask-exempt patrons are being served via Library Takeout.

LEGO Thursdays are temporarily suspended due to the high COVID figures in our area.

Programs and Events

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day:

Thanks to funding from the **LawMatters** program of **Courthouse Libraries BC**, the library was able to **give away 103 books for all ages about residential schools** on September 30. People arrived early to ensure they would receive a book, and many visitors were families with small children. One Indigenous man said he came to find books to teach his children about residential schools so that he can tell them what he went through. Everyone was appreciative and many people indicated that they would spend part of the holiday reading their new books. Thanks to library volunteers **Vicki and Ken Alton** for helping out with this event.



Orange Shirt Day
BOOK GIVEAWAY

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

We're giving away **100 free books** for all ages to help you and your family learn more about the history and ongoing impacts of Canada's residential school system. Come and pick one.

Stolen Words	When We Were Alone	MOVING SCHOOLS	SUGAR FALLS
FIVE LITTLE INDIANS	UP GHOST RIVER	The Education of Augie Merasty	

THURSDAY, SEPT 30TH @ 10:00 AM | SMITHERS PUBLIC LIBRARY



LawMatters
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Book Lovers' Night out (BLNO):

The October BLNO was held at The Aspen Riverhouse for the first time since the pandemic began. This month's selection was *How to Stop Time* by Matt Haig. Eight people attended, including two first-timers, and four additional people borrowed copies from the Book Club Set. Three more people sent regrets with intentions to come next time, and there have been at least three inquiries from people new to the community who are interested in attending.

Children's Programs:

Early literacy programs are being posted to YouTube twice a week (ages 0-3 on Mondays, ages 3-6 on Wednesdays). Sandra has put together free bags of craft supplies so families in the older age group can follow along with the weekly activities from home.

Author Presentation with Aislinn Hunter | Tuesday, Oct 19th @ 7pm via Zoom

Join Smithers Public Library and the BC and Yukon Book Prizes on Tuesday, October 19th from 7-8 pm on Zoom for an author presentation with Aislinn Hunter. Hunter's novel *The Certainties* is a finalist for the 2021 Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize. A vivid, moving novel, *The Certainties* is reminiscent of Anthony Doerr and Michael Ondaatje, about the entwined fates of two very different refugees. To register for this event, email Megan Cole at megan@bcyukonbookprizes.com.

Professional Development:

Wendy attended the American Library Association webinar **Truth and Reconciliation: Decolonizing Approaches within Social Memory institutions** with Ry Moran of the McPherson Library, University of Victoria.

Community Partnerships :

Learn to Podcast & Broadcast | October 13, 20 & 27 @ 7pm via Zoom (partnership with CICK)

Join us and our partners at CICK 93.9 for a 3-part podcast & broadcast workshop series in October! This online learning opportunity will give you skills and exercises to create a podcast or radio show. This workshop is free, open to all and no experience or equipment is needed.