

## DECEMBER 2021 LIBRARY REPORT

### STATS (November)

- **7,553** items circulated, including:
- **1,899 eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines**
- **3,240 books for Children and Youth**

### Health and Safety

The library building remains open to patrons with a provincial mask mandate in effect for ages 5+. Mask-exempt patrons are served via Library Takeout.

### Programs and Events

#### **Book Lovers' Night out (BLNO):**

BLNO met at The Aspen Riverhouse in December to discuss *Beyond the Trees* by Adam Shoalts. Nine people were present and four more read the book but could not attend. Thanks to Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation for continuing to support this much-loved program.

### Children's Programs

Santa Claus is Coming to Zoom! The Library's first **Virtual Santa Storytime** is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17. Special thanks to Sandra Schuffert and Vern Wright for diving into digital entertainment.

### Staff:

The library has been short-staffed for some weeks but people are on the mend and returning to work. Thanks to Isaac, Erin H., Melissa and Kathy for going the extra mile to fill in whenever and wherever needed.

### Funding

Thanks to the Sausage Factory for providing inspiration for holiday entertaining through the donation of two gorgeous cookbooks about creating charcuterie and cheese platters.

The Mental Health & Addictions Advisory Committee generously presented the library with \$200 towards the purchase of books on mental health.

Thanks also to the Friends of the Smithers Library for continuing to supplement the library's offerings with fundraising throughout the year. In the past month the Friends have funded the purchase of children's books and replacement parts for our lendable Technology Kits.