

APRIL 2022 LIBRARY REPORT

STATS (March)

- 9,005 items circulated, including:
- 2,008 eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines
- 3,529 books for Children and Youth
- 275 items were brought in for our patrons from other libraries

Programs and Events



**WRITING  
WORKSHOP SERIES**  
*Fiction with Jane Stevenson*

Join award-winning author Jane Stevenson for a workshop focused on how to strengthen your fiction writing with authenticating details and sensory language.

**Tuesday, April 19th @ 7:00 PM**  
Smithers Public Library

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This workshop is free and open to all.  
RSVPs are appreciated, but drop-ins welcome!

To RSVP, contact Melissa at:  
[msawatsky@smitherslibrary.ca](mailto:msawatsky@smitherslibrary.ca)

All COVID-19 health orders in effect on the event date will be observed.

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smithers public library  BV Community ARTS COUNCIL 

The first session of a five-part **Writing Workshop Series** kicks off on April 19 with **Jane Stevenson** sharing fiction tips and techniques in the library. The series is a partnership with the **Bulkley Valley Community Arts Council**.

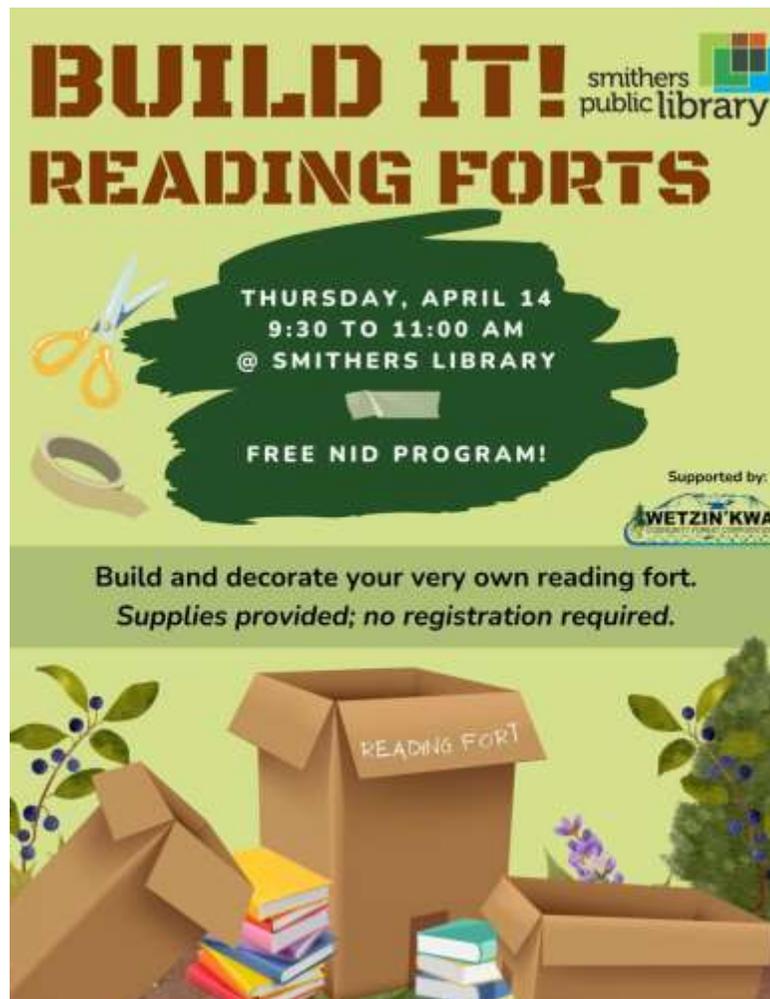
**Book Lovers' Night out (BLNO):**

10 people participated in March's BLNO program. Thanks to Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation for their ongoing support.

The library's **April Fool's video** was a lot of fun to create and, judging by the emails we've received, our goal of giving everyone a good laugh has been realized. The video (on the library's YouTube channel) has had over **1,800 views!** Thanks to participants MLA Nathan Cullen, MP Taylor Bachrach, Mayor Gladys Atrill, M. Dufresne's grade 6/7 French Immersion class from École Muheim Elementary, the library staff, and Wade Wilson.

**Children's Programs**

With funding from Wetzin'Kwa, the **Library VolunTeens** put on our first in-person children's event since before COVID: **BUILD IT! Reading Forts**. 23 kids, 5 VolunTeens and 3 adults came to build cardboard creations on the library's patio and front lawn during a school non-instructional day in April.



**LEGO Time** has resumed! This is an opportunity for children and their caregivers to build together on Thursdays from 2:00-4:00. Please note that this program is not supervised by library staff.

Sandra's **March children's program videos** accumulated **1005 views**, or 2010 views if we assume one adult and one child per recorded view.

### **Health and Safety**

The library lifted vaccination mandates for staff and events on April 8 in alignment with changes to the Public Health Order.

A member of Northern Health's Mental Health & Substance Use Outreach Team attended a staff meeting to provide training on how to recognise the signs of an opioid overdose and administer Naloxone. (Note: Library staff are not obligated to administer Naloxone; it remains a personal choice for those staff who have received the training.)

### **Staff:**

Along with Deb Thomas of the BCLA IFC, Wendy co-presented a professional development session for North Vancouver District Public Librarians on neutrality as a principle of intellectual freedom in libraries.