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Smithers Public Library celebrates diversity with Family Pride Storytime

SMITHERS, B.C. – Smithers Public Library will be hosting its 6th annual Family Pride Storytime on Saturday, June 3rd. The Library will also have a tent set up at the Smithers Pride Society’s United in Pride event on Saturday, May 27th. Come and browse our selection of LGBTQ2S+ books and materials for all ages, hang out and read, or check them out on the spot (we can even issue you a library card on site).

In addition to participating in the Community Pride Celebration since its inception, the Library has hosted a Pride Storytime event every year in May or June since 2018. The event involves readings from a selection of children’s books featuring LGBTQ2S+ characters and/or themes. Our Children’s & Youth Coordinator selects and reads the books, curating the titles based on the age of attendees. A fun craft activity—such as creating rainbow pasta art—follows the readings.

The intention of Family Pride Storytime is to offer a program that represents diverse families and models inclusiveness. “At the Library we offer programs and services that are reflective of the entire community,” says Library Director, Wendy Wright. “It is up to each family to decide which programs are suitable for them to participate in.”

Family Pride Storytime is a voluntary event for people who may identify as LGBTQ2S+, their allies, and interested members of the public. Considering that events of this nature have been disrupted in other communities, please note that all adults attending this family-oriented event need to be accompanied by a child.

For more information, contact Melissa Sawatsky (Deputy Director from April 30-June 13) at msawatsky@smitherslibrary.ca. Find out more about our diverse collections, programs and services at smithers.bc.libraries.coop.