

## SEPTEMBER 2023 LIBRARY REPORT

Local children and teens checked out **7,400** books this July and August!

### Puppet Show & Workshop: Pico and the Golden Lagoon | Saturday, July 15th

Pico and the Golden Lagoon is an enchanting puppet adventure story about courage, new friendships, and the wonders of nature. The show was created from re-purposed and recycled materials, using puppetry, live music, and storytelling. After the performance, children were able to try making their own puppet with a hands-on workshop. This program was funded by the Northwest Library Federation.



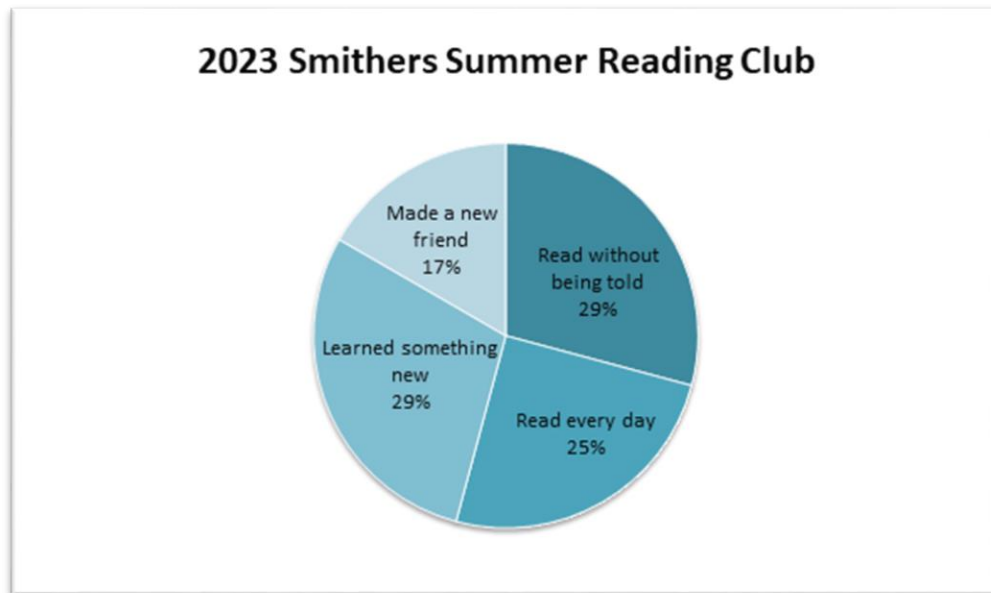
### Summer Munchkin Time | Wednesdays from July 5th to August 2nd

This summer, Munchkin Time returned for parents with children up to age 3 (newborns welcome)! Families learned new rhymes, songs, stories and fingerplays to share with their child while connecting with other parents of young children. This program was funded by community donations through 2022's LiBrewery event at the Smithers Brewery.



### **Summer Reading Club | July 3 to August 11**

This year's theme was *Take a Journey through Time*. This fun-filled, drop-in program ran weekly from July 3rd to August 11th for three different age groups. Total registration was **131 children**, up considerably over last year's 84, with sometimes 45 kids at a time. Thanks to all of the local businesses that donated snacks, prizes and cake for this year's program. Parents shared feedback about their children during Summer Reading Club:



### **BBQ Cookout and Singalong | Friday, July 7, 5-7pm @ Riverside Park**

This year's annual community cookout and singalong this Friday, July 7th was a bit different due to the campfire ban... it was a BBQ instead. Families joined us for hot dogs, treats, songs and games from 5-7pm. Turnout was lower than usual due to a severe thunder and lightning storm. Thanks to BV Wholesale for donating food, the Friends of the Smithers Library and Library VolunTeens for helping out, and the Town of Smithers for providing the venue.





### **Teddy Bear Sleepover | August 15 @ 6pm & August 16 @ 9:30am**

Youngsters brought their stuffies to the library for a very special storytime, then tucked them in and collected them the next morning – but what shenanigans those stuffies had been up to! Thanks to the Library VolunTEENS for keeping an eye on the stuffies and gathering photographic evidence.



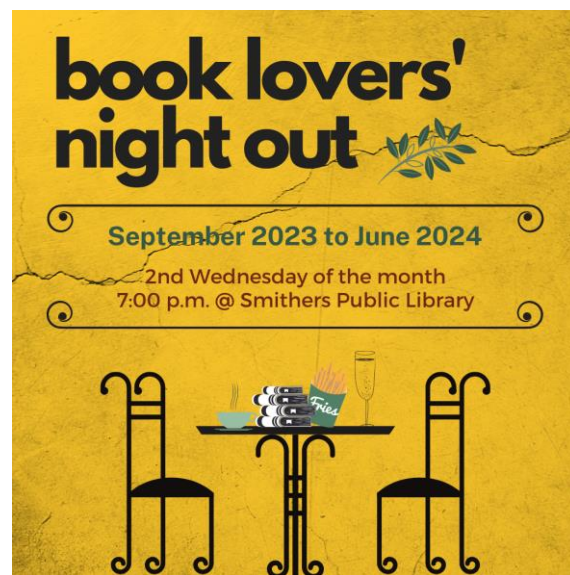
### **Books for Babies:**

80 Kits were delivered to Public Health nursing staff in August for distribution to Bulkley Valley families during "Well Baby Visits". Each kit comprises a child-sized book bag, children's music CD, board book and information about library programs and services. Thanks to the Friends of the Smithers Library, the Northwest Library Federation, Heartstrings, RBC and the Provincial Employees Community Services Fund for their support.





**Babytime, Toddlertime & Storytime** have resumed for the fall. So has **Book Lovers' Night Out**, funded by Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation.



The **Smithers Boardgame Group** and a **Book Club** met at the Library.

The library Director attended media training.

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