

OCTOBER 2023 LIBRARY REPORT

September Stats

8143 Circulations

2223 Wi-Fi & Public Computer Sessions

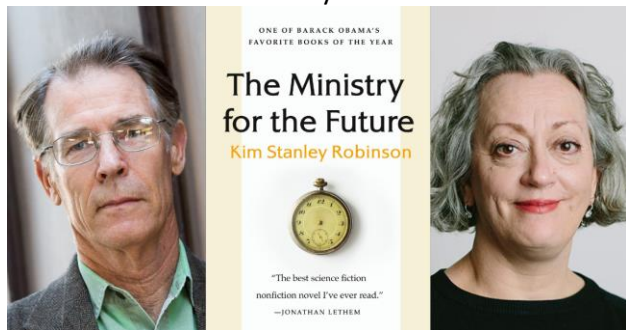
121 Program Attendees

Special Events

Kim Stanley Robinson: Imagining a Better Climate Future

October 3 at 6:30 PM

A new virtual series called BC Libraries Present, currently focusing on climate thinkers/writers, featured **"Kim Stanley Robinson: Imagining a Better Climate Future"**. Amidst the urgency and anxiety of the climate crisis, speculative fiction can help us find hope by showing what an alternative, better future could look like. In *The Ministry for the Future*, Kim Stanley Robinson imagines a world ravaged by climate disaster, where humans find ways to change politics, technology, and the economy to win the fight against climate change. *Imagining a Better Climate Future* is a hopeful conversation about solutions to our most existential dilemma, and how imagining new futures can help us get there. Moderated by Dorothy Woodend, culture editor for *The Tyee*. The talk was broadcast live via Crowdcast and offered free to community members.



Drum Run Adventure Tour: Smithers Drum Circle

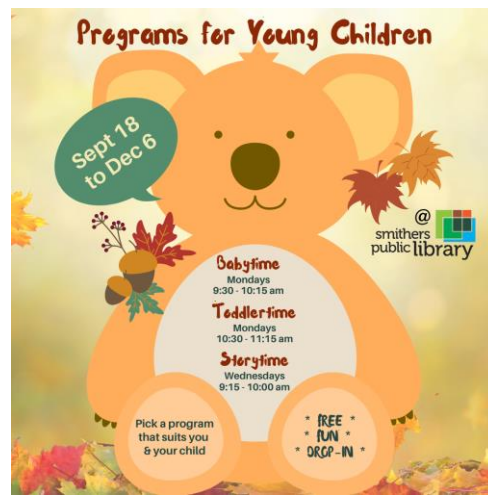
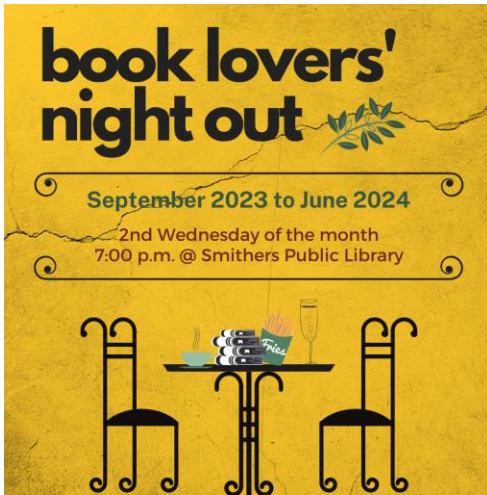
Tuesday, October 10th | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Smithers Public Library

The team behind the Drum Run Adventure Tour hosted a drum circle at the library on Tuesday, October 10th. This tour is a two-part odyssey taking place across British Columbia to raise money and awareness for BC Children's Hospital (BCCH). The drum circles will be hosted in over 25 towns and cities, where community members are invited to join Lyle Povah, Executive Director of the Rhythm of Life Society, for indoor drum circles. The run is a 1,500-kilometre journey that Lyle has embarked on, covering four legs: Vancouver Island, the Highway of Tears, the Okanagan and the Lower Mainland.

Ongoing Programs

Book Lovers' Night Out (September 2023 to June 2024)

This October BLNO discussed **Nishga** by **Jordan Abel** which was especially timely in light of the repatriation of a Nisga'a totem pole one week earlier. There were 11 attendees including 2 new participants. An additional 5 people read the book but couldn't attend this month's meeting. BLNO is generously funded by Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corp.



Kids' Storytime Programs (September - December 2023)

Thanks to **Erin Cockriell** for entertaining little ones and their caregivers this month while Sandra is away. Introduce your child to the magic of stories and songs while connecting with other parents of young children. All programs are free, drop-in and open to parents and caregivers of young children.

BABYTIME (infants to 18 months): Mondays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. (Sept 18 to Dec 4)

TODDLERTIME (18 to 36 months): Mondays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. (Sept 18 to Dec 4)

STORYTIME (age 3 to 6): Wednesdays, 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. (Sept 20 to Dec 6)

A **Book Club**, **Board Games Group** and young **LEGO** enthusiasts continue to use the library.

Professional Development

The Director and staff attended **webinars** on hostile interactions, de-escalation and substance abuse. Wendy was interviewed for a library worker training webinar about helping homeless teens. In return, the staff received 30-day free access to pre-recorded training webinars from **HomelessTraining.com**.

Wendy & Deb Thomas (BCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee Co-chairs) presented three information sessions to the North Vancouver City Library staff and Board.

Building

A **security system** was installed at the end of September per the Town's orders.