

DECEMBER 2023 LIBRARY REPORT

November Circulation: 8,980

Highlights

Children's Easy Readers **1,005**

Juvenile Fiction **944**

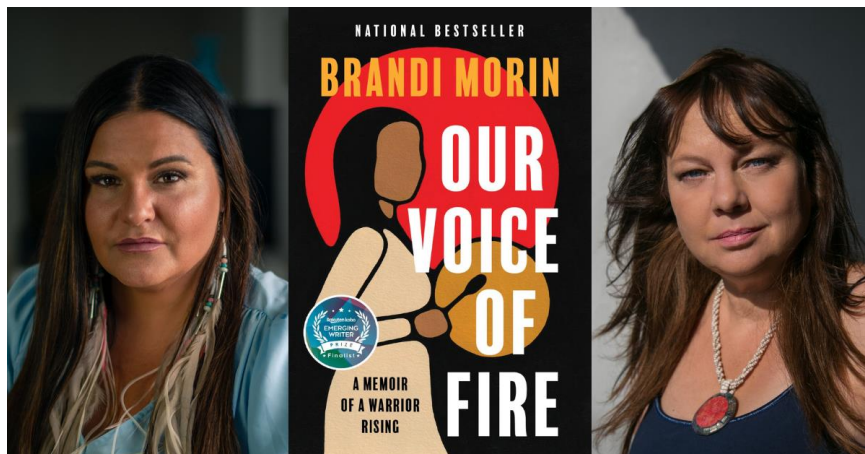
Items borrowed from other libraries **245**

Josée (JJ) Gulayets, an Art Therapy Intern in the post-baccalaureate Diploma program at the Kutenai Art Therapy Institute, presented an **Introduction to Art Therapy** session for seven **VolunTEENS**. A second session will be held in the spring. Thanks to Josée, and to Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corp.



Brandi Morin: On the Frontlines of Indigenous Land Defence (VIRTUAL EVENT from BC Libraries Presents)

Indigenous communities are on the frontlines of the most devastating climate catastrophes across the world. And they are also leading the most powerful movements to stop the expansion of the fossil fuel industry, the culprits of these disasters. Brandi Morin risks her freedom to report on these protest movements and brings us the most critical stories of how people are pushing back against the economic status quo. She will discuss her memoir, *Our Voice of Fire*, about overcoming adversity to find her purpose as a journalist—and share her experiences reporting on Indigenous activism that is pushing towards a brighter climate future.



Santa Claus made an appearance at the library, delighting one and all. Thank you to Councillor Calvin Elliott, the Friends of the Smithers Library and Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corp. for a magical evening.



Ongoing Programs

Book Lovers' Night Out (September 2023 to June 2024) is generously funded by Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corp.

Babytime, Toddlertime and **Storytime** are finished for the season and will resume in January. Note that in 2024, Babytime and Toddlertime will move from Mondays to **Tuesdays**. Storytime will still be on Wednesdays.

A **Book Club** and the **Smithers Board Games Group** meet at the library monthly.

LEGO THURSDAYS are always popular, but November 23 was a banner day. We estimate around **50 kids and adults** passed through between 2-4 p.m. (Have we mentioned lately that we need a bigger library?)



Professional Development

Selected staff viewed webinars on artificial intelligence, homeless library patrons, navigating the provincial library statistics database, workplace sexual assault and harassment claims, challenges to school libraries and curriculum, new BC adult non-fiction titles, and suicidal patrons. Wendy presented a webinar to the Whistler Public Library Board and staff on behalf of the BCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

