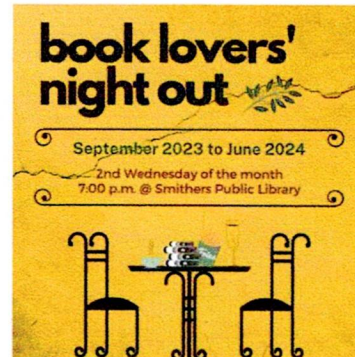


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Ongoing Programs

Date Changes: **Book Lovers' Night Out** will move to the second Tuesday of the month at the library. Thanks to Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corp. for their ongoing support. **Babytime and Toddlertime** will move from Mondays to Tuesdays.

Children's Programs @ the Library



Storytime will still be held on Wednesdays and **LEGO Time** on Thursdays. A **Book Club** and the **Smithers Board Games Group** meet at the library monthly.

Professional Development

Library staff viewed a video shared by the Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre about Indigenous homelessness.

Smithers Situation Table representatives attended December and January staff meetings, role-playing common challenging interactions at the library and initiating a staff support group.

Wendy's tenure as Co-Chair of the BCCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) ended December 31, 2023, with the committee's reorganization and change of mandate. She will continue to work with the new committee and the broader BCCLA membership in revising BCCLA's Intellectual Freedom Statement for Board approval.

Building

Electrical outlets along the outer edge of the adult reading area have been replaced with new ones closer to seating. This safety and accessibility initiative, funded by the provincial Enhancement Grant, removed the trip hazard created by patrons' laptop cords strung across the aisle to reach plug-ins.

Publicity

BC Hydro interviewed Wendy for their January newsletter, sent to 300,000 households.

<https://www.bchydro.com/news/conservation/2024/10-things-about-bc-libraries.html>

Library Usage

Circulation continues to climb back to pre-pandemic levels. DVD borrowing has never recovered, due to so many people discovering the convenience of streaming movies from home during COVID-19. eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines experienced a massive surge in popularity when libraries closed during lockdown and their level of usage has held steady ever since.

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



32,397

VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY

194

PROGRAMS/
FACILITY USAGE



5,265
PROGRAM
ATTENDEES



6,084

REFERENCE
QUESTIONS
ANSWERED



TECH
TRAINING
SESSIONS



104,306

ITEMS WERE CHECKED OUT



23,059

PUBLIC COMPUTER
& WIFI SESSIONS



1.7K

FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS



26,825

eBOOKS, eAUDIOBOOKS
& eMAGS CHECKED OUT



438

NEW CARDS THIS YEAR



16,404

WEBSITE VISITS



35

EXAMS WRITTEN AT
THE LIBRARY



1,673

OPEN HOURS
(GENERAL)



2,048

PRINT BOOKS ADDED TO OUR
COLLECTION

3,345

ITEMS USED WITHIN
THE LIBRARY

