

## JUNE 2024 LIBRARY REPORT

Sandra and Jessica are busy leading children on **class tours** of the library this month.

**Campfire Cookout & Singalong | Friday, June 7th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Riverside Park**  
**70 people of all ages** joined us at Riverside Park for a family-friendly Campfire Cookout & Singalong. This community gathering features campfire songs, games, piñatas and more. Warm thanks to **New Directions Holdings Ltd.** for creating and donating wonderful piñatas each year for the Community Campfire Cookout & Singalong. Thanks also to **BV Wholesale** for donating the food, the **Town of Smithers** for providing the venue, and the **Friends of the Smithers Library** and **Library VolunTEENS** for lending their helping hands.



**Pride Family Storytime | Saturday, June 1, 9:00 a.m. | Smithers Public Library**

On Saturday, June 1st, we celebrated diversity and inclusion in our community with a Pride Family Storytime. Our Children's & Youth Coordinator shared stories, songs, and a fun craft featuring 2SLGBTQ+ characters and themes with **23 children and adults**.



After the Storytime, library staff took our tent to the larger community Pride celebration at Bovill Square, connecting people with Pride-themed books and DVDs and providing a beaded bracelet craft. An estimated **700+ people** participated in the event, which grows each year.



## Professional Development

- Erin Hart, Lynnda and Melissa viewed a webinar on **accessible customer service**.
- Jessica viewed a webinar on **unattended children in the library**.
- Lynnda attended a webinar on **finance** for non-profits.
- Christine and Wendy attended part II of **The Board as Employer**.
- Wendy viewed webinars on **debriefing staff after incidents, supporting the library team through difficult times**, and **Libraries, Public Spaces and Democratic Values**. Wendy and her colleague Deb Thomas **presented a webinar** to the BC Library Association's Public Libraries Interest Group about organised **censorship** attempts.