

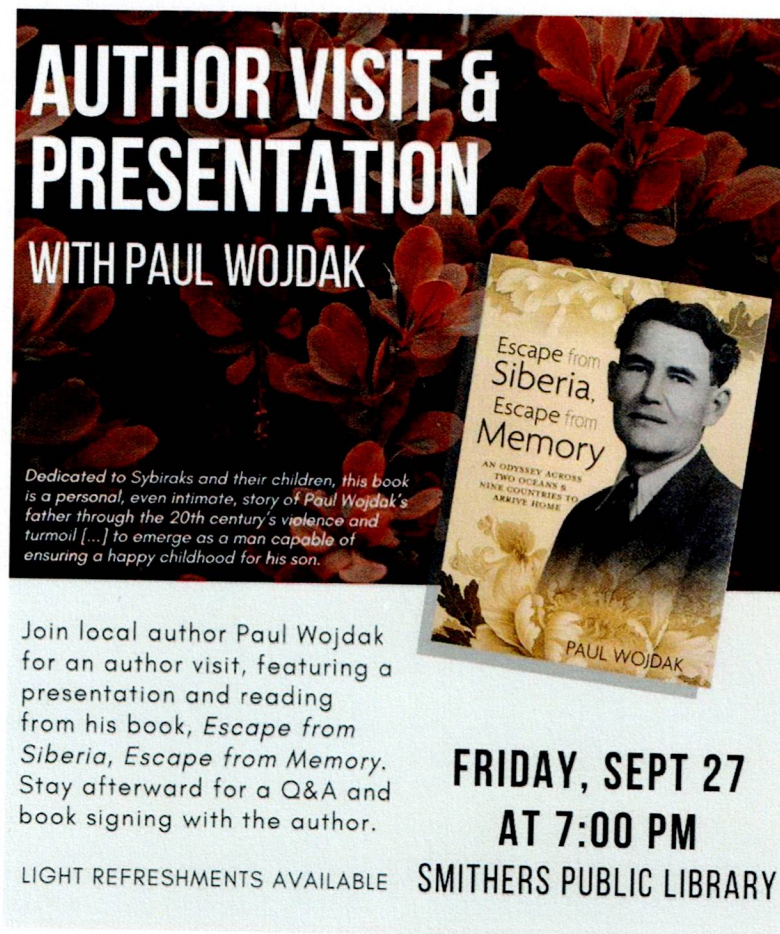
OCTOBER 2024 LIBRARY REPORT

September Circulations

8,645

Programs, Events & Outreach

40 people joined local author Paul Wojdak for a presentation and reading from his book, **Escape from Siberia, Escape from Memory**, followed by a Q&A and book signing. Light refreshments were provided. The author was interviewed on CBC radio's Daybreak North show the day before the event.



AUTHOR VISIT & PRESENTATION
WITH PAUL WOJDAK

Dedicated to Sybiraks and their children, this book is a personal, even intimate, story of Paul Wojdak's father through the 20th century's violence and turmoil [...] to emerge as a man capable of ensuring a happy childhood for his son.

Join local author Paul Wojdak for an author visit, featuring a presentation and reading from his book, *Escape from Siberia, Escape from Memory*. Stay afterward for a Q&A and book signing with the author.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, SEPT 27
AT 7:00 PM
SMITHERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

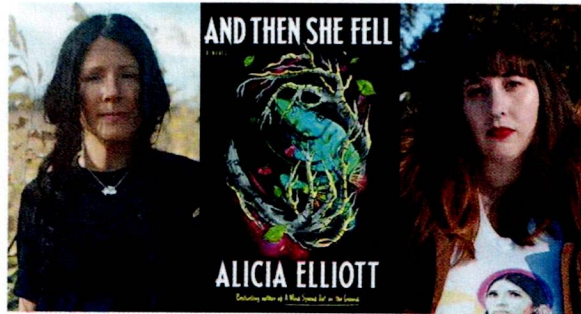
The poster features a background of red leaves and a central image of the book cover for 'Escape from Siberia, Escape from Memory' by Paul Wojdak. The book cover includes a portrait of Paul Wojdak and the subtitle 'AN ODYSSEY ACROSS TWO OCEANS & NINE COUNTRIES TO ARRIVE HOME'.

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smithers.bc.libraries.coop

Public Library InterLINK announces the return of the **BC Libraries Present virtual program series**. This season's line up is focused on Indigenous fiction and featured **Alicia Elliott: *And Then She Fell*** on Thursday, September 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.



The **Smithers Public Library** and the **Smithers District Chamber of Commerce** are hosting two All-Candidates engagements ahead of the upcoming provincial election. All candidates officially registered with Elections BC have been invited to participate. These events provide our community with a valuable opportunity to engage directly with the candidates, learn about their platforms, and hear answers to key questions that matter most. Thank you to the **BC Northern Real Estate Board** for contributing towards some of the costs and to **Chamber Manager Sheena Miller** for organising these events.

49 people attended the **Candi-Dating** event at the library on October 5, chatting with the candidates in a relaxed and congenial atmosphere.

CASUAL INTERACTIVE FUN

Meet your local candidates!
CANDI-DATING

Nathan Cullen
BC NDP

Sharon L. Hartwell
Conservative Party

Rod Taylor
Christian Heritage Party of B.C.

Gamiakyeitxw Wihaim Marsden
BC Green Party

Speed-date your provincial election candidates for the Bulkley Valley-Stikine electoral district. Each small group will have a **5-minute** conversation with each candidate. Bring your questions or sit back and hear about their platforms!

Saturday, October 5
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
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Smithers District CHAMBER of COMMERCE
smithers public library
BC NORTHERN REAL ESTATE BOARD

ALL CANDIDATES FORUM

8 Oct, 2024
Della Herman Theatre

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Doors open for "Coffee with the Candidates" in the round room. Connect and ask your questions.

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Forum in the Della Herman Theatre. Hear where your candidates stand on important issues.

SCAN ME
Live stream: Smithers Chamber Facebook

Ongoing Programs

Book Lovers Night Out: Fourth Wednesday of the month at the library

Babytime (infants to 18 months): Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

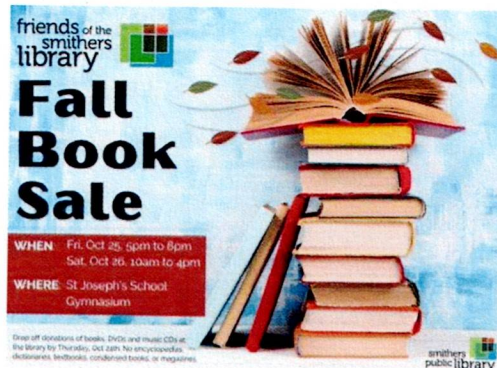
Toddler time (18 to 36 months): Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Storytime (age 3 to 6): Wednesdays, 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

LEGO Thursdays 2:00-4:00

VolunTEENS September 24 and October 11

Friends of the Smithers Library Fall Book Sale | October 25 & 26 | St. Joseph's School
Browse thousands of gently used books, DVDs and CDs and stock up on your winter reading and viewing. Community members are invited to drop off donations at the library, BV Insurance Services or Western Financial by Thursday, October 24th.



Staff & Training

Lynnda McDougall is retiring this month. Lynnda has worked at the library for 20 years and been the face of the front desk for many community members. The public is invited to drop in and bid her farewell on **Wednesday, October 23 between 3:30 and 5:00**.

Three new staff members will join our team in October: **Tif Bradford-McNaughton** and **Mary Henderson** on the front desk and **Elliott Haynes** as Tech Support. Mary will also cover Tech Tutor appointments with patrons when Elliott is unavailable.

Five staff and one trustee attended the **Northwest Library Federation conference** in Kitimat September 20-21. Session topics included change management, community-led library advocacy, legal resources, culturally responsive frameworks, trustee onboarding, eBook/eAudiobook licensing, Library of Things collections, and an intellectual freedom presentation by Wendy. Staff participated in a regional roundtable discussion.

Wendy viewed webinars on freedom of expression and opioid crisis-related library events.

Building

Construction of the **wheelchair-accessible ramp** outside the staff workroom is complete.

October is BC Library Month



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada
and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS British Columbia's libraries transform lives and strengthen communities, helping people improve literacy skills and reach their full potential, and

WHEREAS British Columbia's libraries foster lifelong learning, ensure equitable access to information, ideas and works of the imagination, and fulfill a vital role in helping everyone access the information and services they need to learn, work and thrive, and

WHEREAS British Columbia's libraries are unique community spaces where people can gather to explore ideas, be creative, find community connections, seek information, think critically, learn and share knowledge, and

WHEREAS British Columbia's libraries support community and student success through diverse library collections, services, programs, staff and digital resources, and are continuously evolving to meet the needs of learners of all backgrounds, and

WHEREAS libraries enhance the quality of life for everyone, and library staff, board members and volunteers in British Columbia contribute to vibrant, resilient and inclusive communities;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 2024 shall be known as

"Library Month"

and October 21, 2024, shall be known as

"School Library Day"

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-third day of August, two thousand twenty-four and in the second year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor