

## SEPTEMBER 2024 LIBRARY REPORT

### Circulation Statistics

Library users borrowed **2487 eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines** in August. That's **80 digital items per day!**

During summer vacation (July and August), community members borrowed **8,260 books for children and teens** to keep them reading while the schools were closed.

### Programs, Events & Outreach

**Author Visit: Forage and Eat with the Seasons | Thursday, August 15th | 7:00 p.m.**

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Are you longing to reconnect with nature and rediscover the flavours our bountiful earth offers? Do you dream of preparing meals filled with fresh, wild ingredients, nourishing not just your body but also your soul? Meet local author Raeanna Layfield, who will help you envision the joy of returning home with a basket full of nature's offerings, ready to cook unforgettable meals bursting with flavour and nutrients.

Raeanna is from Telkwa, BC and graduated from Smithers Secondary School in 2009. She went right into culinary arts school in Victoria BC, where she became a chef and followed her heart into the forest, where the best food can be found.



**Forage & Eat  
with the  
Seasons**  
AT SMITHERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

**RAEANNA LAYFIELD**  
Author visit and book signing

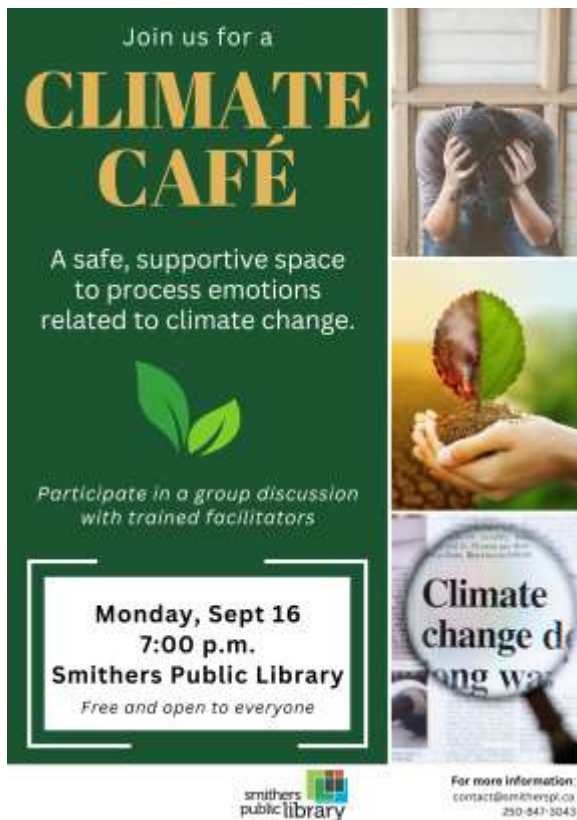
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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 | 7:00 PM**  
**SMITHERS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**smithers public library**    
1817 Alfred Avenue, PO Box 55  
Smithers, British Columbia V0J 2N0 | 250-847-3043  
[smithers.bc.libraries.coop](http://smithers.bc.libraries.coop)

## Climate Café | Monday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.


Join us in creating an informal, respectful, and confidential space to discuss our reactions and experiences with climate change. During our time, we will accompany one another in sharing reflections and feelings to lighten our emotional burdens and open new channels of thinking, engaging, and meaning making. This Climate Café will run for approximately 1.5 hours and is not an ongoing commitment, although more sessions will be offered if there is enough interest.



Join us for a

# CLIMATE CAFÉ

A safe, supportive space to process emotions related to climate change.



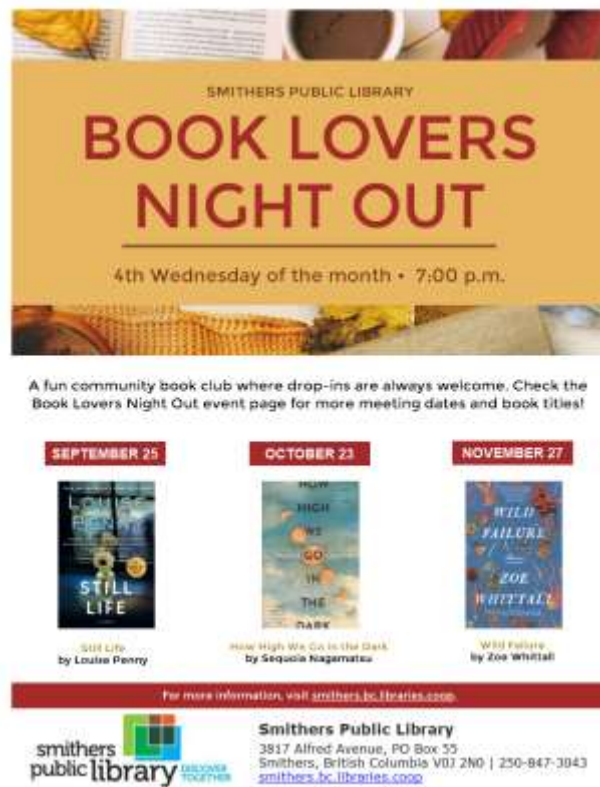
Participate in a group discussion with trained facilitators

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Climate change doing what?

smithers public library

For more information: [contact@smitherspl.ca](mailto:contact@smitherspl.ca) 250-847-3043






SMITHERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

# BOOK LOVERS NIGHT OUT

4th Wednesday of the month • 7:00 p.m.

A fun community book club where drop-ins are always welcome. Check the Book Lovers Night Out event page for more meeting dates and book titles!

SEPTEMBER 25	OCTOBER 23	NOVEMBER 27
 Still Life by Louise Penny	 How High We Can Go in the Dark by Sequoia Nagamatsu	 Wild Failure by Zoe Whittall

For more information, visit [smithers.bc.libraries.ca](http://smithers.bc.libraries.ca)

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## Book Lovers Night Out | September 2024 to June 2025

Book Lovers Night Out is a different kind of book club where drop-ins are always welcome. Join us for a lively monthly gathering built around a love of books, discussion and companionship. We meet from September to June on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Smithers Public Library. The first meeting of the season is Wednesday, September 25th @ 7:00 p.m. (every 4th Wednesday of the month thereafter) at Smithers Public Library. We will be discussing Louise Penny's Inspector Gamache series.

## Library Storytime Programs (Fall 2024)

Introduce your child to the magic of stories and songs while connecting with other parents. All programs are free, drop-in and open to parents and caregivers of young children.

**BABYTIME** (infants to 18 months): Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. (Sept 24 to Dec 3)

**TODDLERTIME** (18 to 36 months): Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. (Sept 24 to Dec 3)

**STORYTIME** (age 3 to 6): Wednesdays, 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. (Sept 25 to Dec 4)



### Books for Babies

The library and the Friends of the Smithers Library delivered **140 Books for Babies kits** to Public Health nurses in September. Each kit includes a child-sized cloth **book bag**, a copy of the **board book** so *Many Babies* by BC author Lorna Crozier, a CD/download code of **children's songs** by local artist Will Stroet and Jessica Holtby, and **information** on children's library programs and membership. Public Health nurses deliver the kits to families of newborns during their well baby check-up. Thanks to the **Friends, Heartstrings**, the Smithers branch of the **Royal Canadian Legion**, and the **Public Employees Community Service Fund** for supporting this year's project.

### Staff & Training

We bid a fond farewell to staff member **Vicki Alton**, who is retiring at the end of September. We are extremely lucky to have had Vicki at the library in a number of roles over many years: as a weekly volunteer, a Board member, and an employee (twice!).

Melissa took an online workshop on developing **facilitation skills**, and Wendy attended a webinar on **government relations and communications** for non-profits.