

## NOVEMBER 2024 LIBRARY REPORT

2024 marks **70 years of public library services in Smithers!** Read more about it from the Bulkley Valley Museum:

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**October Circulations 9,250**

### **Programs & Events**

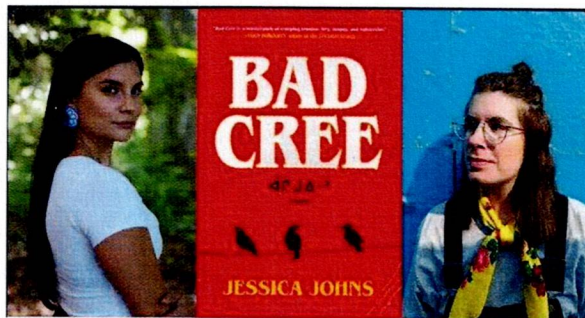
Public Library InterLINK provides the **BC Libraries Present virtual program series**. This season's line up is focused on Indigenous fiction and features the following online events:

**katherena vermette: real ones**

Tuesday, October 15 — 6:30 to 8:00 pm Pacific

**Jessica Johns: Bad Cree**

Tuesday, November 12 — 6:30 to 8:00 pm



**Haunted Library** | Fri., October 25, 6 – 8 p.m.

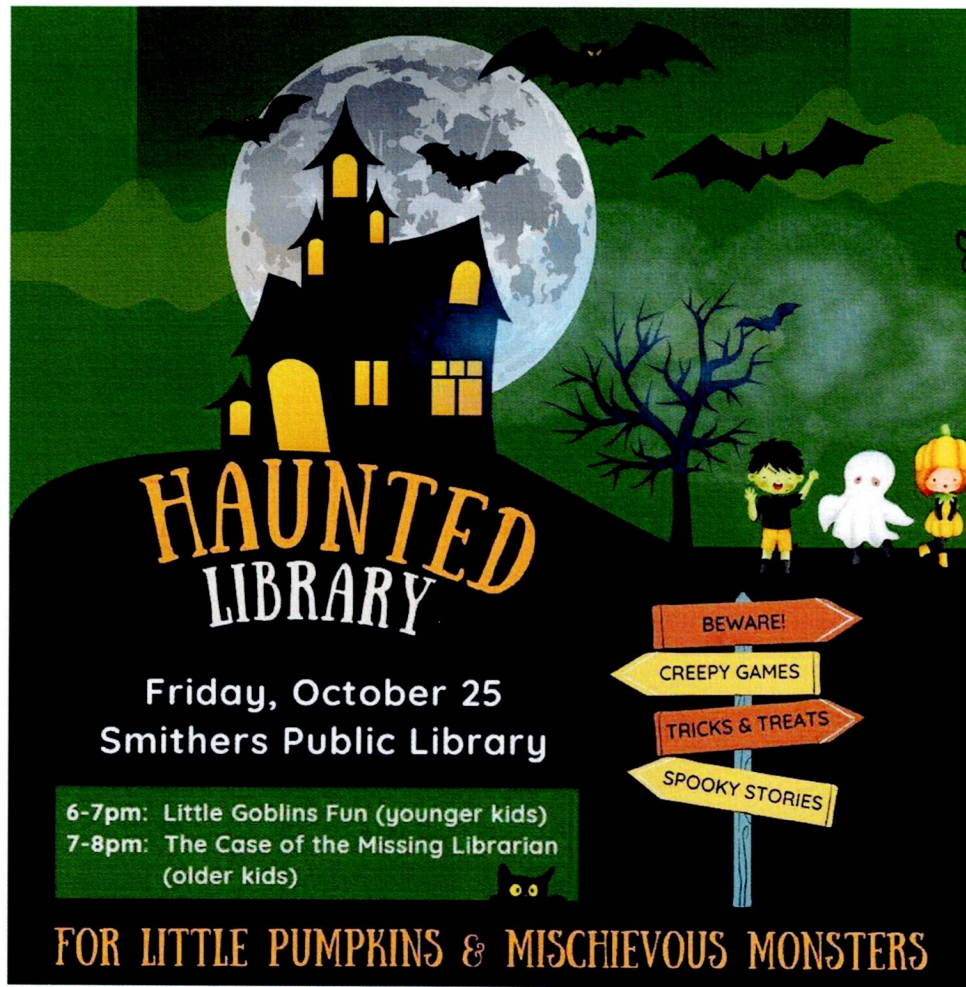
Little Goblins 6:00 – 7:00

Younger kids joined us for games, a photo booth and a (slightly) spooky Storytime.

The Case of the Missing Librarian 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Where's Lynnda the Librarian? She has gone missing. Older kids and teens heard her spine-tingling story while being guided through the haunted aisles.





Thanks to the **Library VolunTEENS** for helping run this fun-filled annual event!

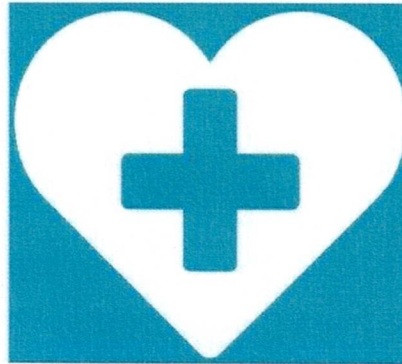
**Overdose Response Training** | Wed, Oct 30, 7:00 p.m.

How can I tell if someone is experiencing an overdose? What can I do to help? This free presentation gave attendees a brief overview of the various types of street drugs in our community, their effects, and how to safely identify and respond to an overdose. It included an interactive workshop on how to safely administer Naloxone—a medication used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Naloxone kits were available for participants to take home after the workshop. This workshop was presented in partnership with **Positive Living North**.



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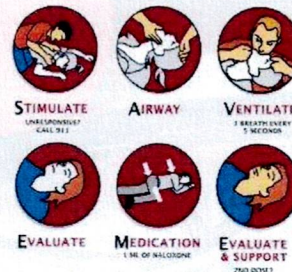
# OVERDOSE RESPONSE TRAINING



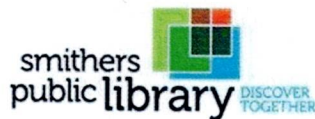
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7:00 p.m. at Smithers Public Library

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Presented in partnership with Positive Living North.



For more information, call us at 250-847-3043



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### Ongoing Programs

**Babytime, Toddlertime, Preschool Storytime, and LEGO Thursdays** continue.

The **Book Lovers' Night Out** selection for the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting is *Wild Failure* by Zoe Whittall.

### Facility Usage

**Smithers Climate Action Group** | Wednesday, November 13th, 7:00 p.m. (continuing every 2nd Wednesday)

This established community group will now hold their monthly meetings at the library on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, starting on November 13th. They often have guest speakers, and their meetings are always open to new attendees/members.

**Climate Café | Monday, November 25th, 7:00 p.m.** (last Monday of every month)

The initial Climate Café event hosted by the library has become an ongoing group meeting (always open to drop-ins) on the last Monday of every month at the library. **This group is independently run** by Meg Richey, but Melissa attends when she can and may collaborate with Meg on some creative activities, such as climate-focused poetry writing.

Other groups regularly using the library's space after-hours include a long-running **Book Club** and the **Smithers Boardgame Group**.

**Professional Development**

Wendy viewed webinars on serving patrons with schizophrenia; hate speech; and balancing sensitivity, neutrality and intellectual freedom in collections development. Wendy and Board Chair Christine attended online workshops on Financial Best Practices and Library Director Succession Planning.

**Media Coverage**

Friends of the Smithers Library Book Sale

<https://www.mybulkleylakesnow.com/66170/looking-for-a-good-book-try-the-smithers-library-this-weekend/>

Lynnda McDougall retires

<https://www.mybulkleylakesnow.com/66145/smithers-library-says-goodbye-to-librarian-lynnda-mcdougall/>

