

## DECEMBER 2024 LIBRARY REPORT

**November Circulations = 8,620**

Libraries are temporarily unable to send or receive **interlibrary loans** due to the Canada Post **mail strike**.

### Programs & Events

Poetry Reading: ***When Mercy Becomes a River*** | Fri, Nov 22, 7:00 p.m.

**23 people** joined **Valerie Laub (Theo)** for a reading from her third book of poetry, *When Mercy Becomes a River*. **Jean Christian** provided harp accompaniment. The presentation was followed by a book signing and refreshments. Valerie is an art therapist, poet, playwright, actor and clown. Her latest poetry collection once again reflects the spirit of the Bulkley Valley, where she has lived since 2003.



**Author Visit** | - and -  
BOOK SIGNING

**Valerie Laub (Theo)**  
*When Mercy Becomes a River*

**FRIDAY, NOV 22**  
**7:00 PM**  
Smithers Public Library

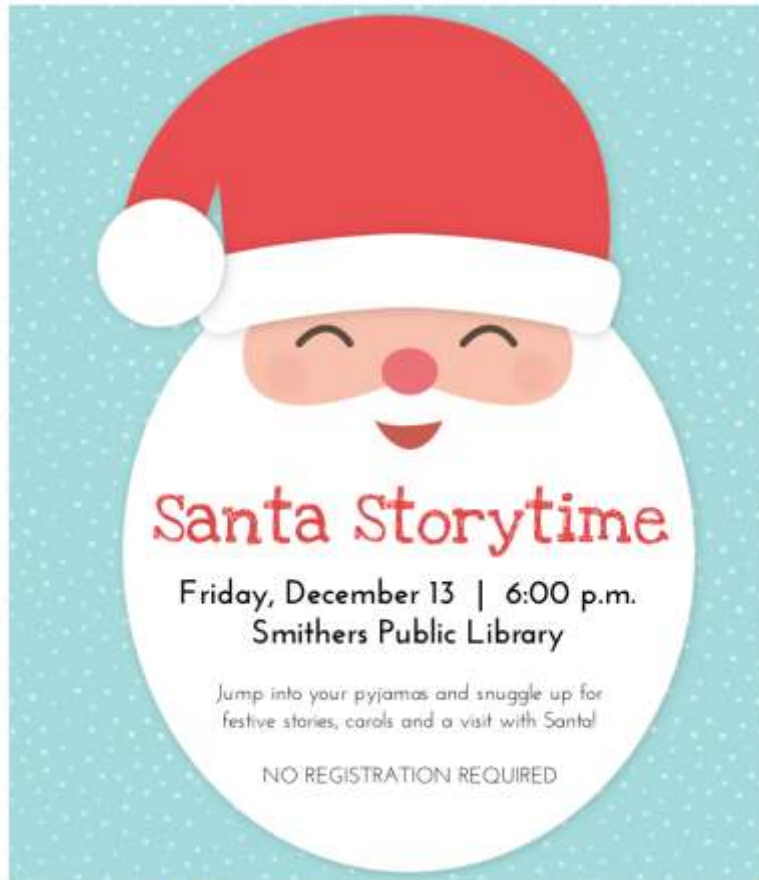
*Refreshments will be provided*

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**Santa Storytime** | Fri, Dec 13, 6:00 p.m.

Ho ho ho! Join us on Friday, December 13th for a holiday-themed storytime with Santa. Jump into your pyjamas, bring your favourite blanket and snuggle up for festive stories, songs and goodies. (Special thanks to **Calvin Elliott!**)



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### **Ongoing Programs**

Q.: How many **Library VolunTEENS** does it take to make a tree out of books?

A.: Seven (and snacks!)

### **Book Lovers' Night Out**

BLNO met on Wednesday, November 27th for a discussion of *Wild Failure* by Zoe Whittall. There will be no meeting in December due to the mail strike and the holiday season.

### **Babytime, Toddlertime & Storytime Programs (Sept to Dec 2024)**

This session wrapped up on December 4th and will resume in mid-January.

### **Facility Usage**

**Smithers Book Group** | Mon, Dec 2, 7:00 p.m.

A long-term book club that meets on the 1st Monday of the month at the library.

**Smithers Climate Action Group** | Wed, Dec 11, 7:00 p.m.

SCAG meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and features guest speakers and special presentations. Always open to new attendees/members.

**Smithers Board Game Group** | Sun, Dec 15, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Gamers meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Smithers Public Library. Come solo and make some new friends, or bring your crew!

**Climate Café** | Mon, Dec 30, 7:00 p.m.

The Climate Café meets on the last Monday of the month and is organized by Meg Richey. The gatherings feature activities and discussions on current climate-related issues and responses.

**Smithers Pride** held their Annual General Meeting at the library November 29. **25 people** attended.

### **Professional Development**

Wendy attended the online David R. Lankes Lecture on **Libraries, AI & the Public**, a **Mental Illness Short Course: High risk and low risk situations and Managing Your Own Emotions During Conflict** webinar.

Erin C. and Wendy viewed the webinar **AI and ChatGPT: Top Tips for Daily Life & Library Work**.