

LIBRARY MANAGER'S REPORT – SUBMITTED BY PAMELA MORRIS

JUNE 2021

Circulation stats:

Physical items:

March	4,506
April	3,835
May	3,392

E-items (books, audiobooks, magazines):

March	1,367
April	1,398
May	1,384

What we've been up to at the library:

- The library hosted two small but successful online programs in the last month – “Let’s Talk About the Opioid Epidemic, A Conversation with S.N.O.W.” on May 17. Six participants joined us by Zoom to learn more about how the opioid epidemic is affecting people in our community from a local peer support group of folks with lived experience with drug use. To celebrate Pride Month, the library also hosted the “ABCs of LGBTQ2S+” with members of the Dawson Creek Pride Society on June 10. We had seven people join us for this informative and fun Zoom event.
- Plans are gearing up for the 2021 children’s Summer Reading Club. The club kicks off July 6 with a BBQ lunch! We will be offering two lunch times (noon and 1 p.m.) and children must be registered. The lunch will be held outside on the lawn to make sure we are complying with Covid-19 restrictions. The reading club registration table will be back inside in the children’s library this summer. Weekly crafts will be available to take home and we are planning several special event days which will be held outside with registration mandatory. We hope to return to nearly normal activities while complying with Covid-19 restrictions.
- The library received its annual provincial grants on June 11. The Dawson Creek Public Library received the same amount as last year totaling \$80,723.

The breakdown:

Per capita operating grant	\$50,927
Resource sharing grant	\$1,828
BC OneCard grant	\$11,000
Equity and Literacy grant	\$16,968

To view grants issued to all public libraries go to https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/residents/sports-and-recreation/arts-culture/public-libraries/funding/2021_public_libraries_provincial_grants_allocations.pdf

- At the time of writing this report, the city has received **one** application to the library board. They will accept applications until the end of June. I will pass applications on to the board for consideration once the deadline has passed.

- I am working on updating the library's safe re-opening plan as the province moves through its re-start steps. I hope to open seating in the library when we reach step 3 (July 1). I don't expect to have indoor in-person events or programming until we reach Step 4 in September. I will be considering guidance from the Ministry of Health, Northern Health, Workplace BC and the city's safety department.
- I attended some sessions at the virtual Dolly Parton Imagination Library Homecoming Conference June 16 and 17. The conference sessions I was most interested in focused on fundraising ideas and opportunities. More information to come.

Dolly Parton fundraising:

- The Peace River Regional District Rural Budgets Administration Committee has approved our request for a multi-year grant to support the DPIL. We have received \$3,600 for 2021 and will continue to receive the grant yearly! This is wonderful news.

Submitted by Pamela Morris, Library Manager