

LIBRARY MANAGER'S REPORT – SUBMITTED BY PAMELA MORRIS

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Circulation stats:

What we've been up to at the library:

- Children's programming continues in November – Covid-19 restrictions for Northern Health require that parents of children attending any library events must be fully vaccinated. We are scanning vaccination cards at the beginning of each session.
- Our library has begun printing the national proof of vaccination papers for patrons who request them.
- The Friends of the Library will be helping us decorate the library's Christmas tree on November 22.
- All of our senior staff are attending four-hour virtual training session "Responding with Respect on the Frontline" on November 22. This session is offered by the City of Dawson Creek to staff who work with the public in a service capacity. I will be attending a four-hour training session "Safe and Sound; Building and Sustaining a Psychologically Safe and Healthy Workplace" on November 26. This session is for managers/supervisors.
- The library bookclub continues to meet each month via Zoom. We are reading "All the Light We Cannot See".
- In an effort to offer something fun for families on New Year's Eve (since we are not doing Noon Years Eve due to Covid-19), we are creating 100 New Year's Eve family packs that will be available for pick up during the month of December. The pack will include a confetti popper, noise makers, party hat crafts, a deck of Uno cards, a package of microwave popcorn, a recipe for punch, and some other fun activity sheets.
- We have created a new bookclub collection for our patrons who belong to bookclubs. The library bought 10 copies of 6 currently popular books. These books will be held behind the counter and will only be available to local bookclubs for the first year. After that they will be lendable to other libraries as a set. Depending on the popularity of this program, we will continue to purchase a new set each year. The funding for this program will come from the Equity grant.

Dolly Parton fundraising:

- I have submitted several grant applications this month to potential donors. These include: The Pat Morris Communities Matter Library Support Grant, Telus, ATCO and Ovintiv. I have heard back from the Pat Morris grant and we have unfortunately been turned down. Adam Rolick, Community Relations Advisor for Ovintiv in Dawson Creek, reached out to me on November 10 to encourage me to apply for funding again (we received \$4,000 last year from Ovintiv). I submitted an application that afternoon.
- Amy Kaempf donated \$1,000 to the Imagination Library on November 10. Amy raised the money by completing a 48-hour run!
- Staff have propagated some plants from our collection at the library and are selling them for \$5 each to donate to the Imagination Library.
- The library will host a silent auction in December with proceeds to the Imagination Library.
- Urban Systems – we are waiting for their donation, I will follow up with them if we do not receive it by the end of November.

- Friends made a note discussed donating \$2000 in 2022. Jan.

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