

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 began in-person in October. Babies and Books, Toddler Tales, Pre-school Storytime and Afterschool Kidz are being offered. Covid-19 safety plans are in place.
- Libraries across BC are helping the public access their proof of vaccination cards by either helping them download the card to their smart phone or printing paper copies. Our library has helped more than 100 people print or download their card since the cards became available.
- The Friends of the Library held their used books sale September 23-25. There was a good turnout for the sale and we continue to sell the remaining books for \$10 a box or bag. The Friends of the Library will be helping us decorate the library's Christmas tree on November 22.
- A local quilting guild has put up a display of their quilts on the balcony area of the library for the next month.
- I visited the Nawican Bergeron Youth Centre on October 13 to talk to their New Momma's group about children's programming at the library. I will be returning early in the new year to do a babies and books session with them. The library donated a stack of Dolly Parton Imagination Library surplus books to the youth centre to start a small children's book collection and I am working on registering the centre to receive DPIL books directly each month. The library is also purchasing and donating a collection of teen books for the teen hangout area at the centre. This is part of our community outreach.
- Children's librarian Laurie Youb will be doing two 'scary' storytimes at the Art Gallery before Halloween. This is a partnership with the gallery as part of their two-week Eleva-Terror event to celebrate Halloween.
- I will be taking part in some professional development zoom sessions on October 22 through the Association of BC Public Library Directors. The sessions that I have signed up for include 'Strategies for a diverse, inclusive workforce', 'Fundraising for capital projects', and 'Dealing with intellectual freedom challenges'.
- The library bookclub continues to meet each month via Zoom.

Dolly Parton fundraising:

- Urban Systems contacted me two weeks ago to offer a donation of one month's worth of books for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library! They have supported the Fort St. John DPIL affiliate in the past and would like to donate to our library this year. They will be making their donation in November.
- I have been in contact with the Peace River Regional District's grant writers to scan for more grant opportunities. They have supplied me with a list of three potential funds to apply to and we are working on those applications together.
- I am also working on an application to Telus for funding.

Submitted by Pamela Morris, Library Manager