

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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Message from the Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Director, staff, Friends of the Library and the Board for their on-going commitment and loyalty. Too, we are most grateful for the generous and strong support of the District of Kitimat and the province's Ministry of Education who enable us to deliver a high standard of service and exceptional resources.

The Board continued to work towards meeting its strategic directions of expanding our digital collection, of keeping up to date with technological advancements and of showcasing local and regional writing talent. As well, through our children's story times, computer tutorials, summer reading club, workshops and circulation of a wide selection of library material we were able to assist with our continued goal of enhancing literacy skills for all ages.

Sandra Jomphe

Message from the Library Director

As special projects wrapped up in Kitimat including the multi-billion dollar modernization of the smelter and the prep work for liquid natural gas plants, there was a very noticeable decline in overall service demands by the public. Shops, the mall, the pub, and some companies either curbed hours or ceased operations. The Library shortened its hours by four per week, closing Sundays towards year end. Consequently, attendance rates dropped in 2016 at the library because of people leaving the community but also very likely due to more people being connected through personal computing devices to information and on-line reading material, whether this be in the comfort of their home or from the increasing number of free WIFI access points.

One-on-one computer tutorials continued to attract those looking for assistance in the constantly changing digital world. Our state-of-the-art computers as well as free WIFI both in and outside of the Library along with an increasing collection of digital books and e-magazines moved us steadily along the digital highway. We were especially pleased to receive \$1000 each from LNG Canada and Friends of the Kitimat Public Library to purchase our new Maker Bot 3D printer. Demonstrations were held throughout the year to the public and school classes.

A variety of exciting free programming complemented a wide assortment of excellent reads. A total of 169 events/ drew audiences of 2,679, our collection totalled 61,861, interlibrary loans traffic numbered 2,655 units, registered internet bookings 7,064 and days open tallied 346/366. Of particular interest, this was accomplished with a team of just 5.5 full-time employees.

We look forward to serving you in the new year. Virginia Charron



(l to r) Authors Alix Hawley, Jordan Stratford, Kathleen Cherry and staff Virginia Charron, Marieve Lanthier, Samantha Anderson, Teresa deLisser and Chair Sandra Jomphe



Author Leisl Kaberry helps us celebrate the library's 61st birthday



We said goodbye to Walter McFarlane of the Kitimat Daily online newspaper, who after many years of tremendous Library support retired.



Library Tech, Shawn Durocher, with our new 3D printer

**KITIMAT PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

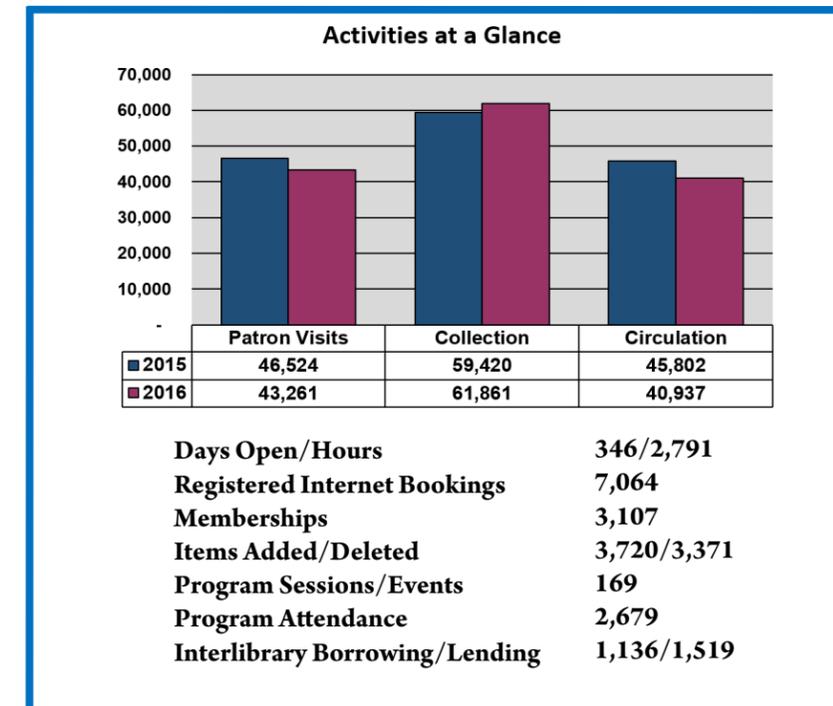
	2016	2015
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Fines	3,187	4,344
Photocopying service	350	459
Donations	5,074	2,485
Lost materials	442	418
Miscellaneous	3,132	2,311
Phone/fax	516	829
Internet	1,496	1,625
	14,197	12,471
Municipal grants		
General	475,821	465,965
Rental	111,600	111,600
Student wages top-up	1,048	705
Provincial grants		
Library operating and resource sharing	55,458	56,088
Federal grants		
Summer Career Placements	6,277	2,028
Other—Summer Reading Club student grant	-	6,087
	650,204	642,473
	664,401	654,944
EXPENDITURE		
Advertising	876	1,479
Amortization	52,972	42,924
Computer expense	8,448	7,806
Equipment purchases	14,602	-
Equipment repairs and maintenance	734	3,535
Insurance, professional fees and dues	8,215	7,120
Janitorial	15,024	12,257
Periodicals, subscriptions and microforms	1,440	1,852
Postage and miscellaneous	6,592	4,611
Rent	111,600	111,600
Salaries and benefits	421,595	408,770
Staff and Board development	4,068	2,709
Stationary and supplies	7,200	6,168
Telephone, internet and utilities	5,239	5,495
Travel	5,241	7,220
	663,846	623,546
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	555	31,398

Children's services – a cornerstone of our Library

The Kitimat Public Library celebrated its 61st birthday in June and to mark the occasion children of all ages and their caregivers came out to watch our newest production "Peter Pan – the Puppet Play!" Afterwards birthday cakes generously donated by McDonald's in Terrace, were served to about 75 and colorful balloons were handed out to our younger guests. For teenagers and adults, local author Leisl Kaberry entertained with passages from her latest novel "Ormhni Moon", the second book in her award winning "Titanian Chronicles".

More children's fun took place through partnerships with AFFNO (Association des Francophones et Francophiles du Nord-Ouest) to bring bilingual programs to Kitimat. In the spring, Anne Glover of String Story Productions showed off her English/French storytelling skills. She tied up children's imaginations not only with silly tales but actual colorful string to the great delight of little ones. In the fall, Makasso, an African English/French storyteller had the audience dancing and drumming to the beat of African music.

Our Mother Goose Story Times, Summer Reading Club and special programming rounded out additional fun and unique opportunities that helped build on literacy skills crucial to becoming a successful reader and school graduate.



William (age 8) and
Desiree Fisher (9-1/2),
Summer Reading Club medal earners



Each child received a colorful board book
and lullaby music CD thanks to LNG
Canada's generous donation.



Mother Goose Fun!



Summer Reading Club 2016

Special thanks to the following for their support in 2016 :

<i>Courthouse Libraries BC/NIDUS</i>	<i>Friends of the Kitimat Public Library</i>
<i>Dairy Queen (Kitimat)</i>	<i>LawMatters Project</i>
<i>District of Kitimat</i>	<i>LNG Canada</i>

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