

# ANNUAL REPORT 2017



*Reading Princesses  
Emma and Tessa age 5*

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**Message from the Chair**

I am impressed with the variety of programming offered this year, especially the collaboration between the Kitimat Public Library and Kitimat Museum & Archives who showcased local art and literature talents of Kitimatans and Haisla in celebration of Canada's 150 Birthday at a joint gala in June and exhibit throughout the summer. Also our children's events delighted many with Ozobot coding, juggling and plate spinning circus fun, a newly scripted Jumanji puppet play and many afternoons filled with magic, stories, Lego and a gamut of creative and fun crafts. MotherGoose Storytime remained a strong Monday morning draw for pre-schoolers and caregivers, sometimes making it a challenge to walk around the crowded floor where little ones crawled, jumped and danced. It was also wonderful to showcase our local authors who presented their newest works throughout the year – Kathleen Cherry, Leisl Kaberry, Eden Robinson and Walter Thorne. Kudos to Eden who was shortlisted yet again for the prestigious Giller Prize and who won this year's Writers' Trust Fellowship.

The shelves were well stocked with great reads, the computer equipment kept current, the furnishings and building well maintained. Our licensing grew with more users making that leap from print to digital. None of this could be accomplished without the dedication and determination of staff. As well this would not have been possible without the generous support of the District of Kitimat and Ministry of Education.

In closing, I wish to recognize a trustee who recently stepped down after 19 years of committed library service. Marianne Sweet transferred out of Kitimat in July with her family and we will surely miss her valuable input and comradery. Additional thanks are extended to long term Board members who also recently stepped down, Linda Campbell and Donna McMenamon, after completing eight year terms to January 2017. Other trustees' terms ended this year, including Tina Wilson and myself. I would like to thank all of these people for their time and energy spent in protecting the public library's interests.

Sandra Jomphe

**Message from the Library Director**

I would like to thank our staff for their commitment to deliver high standards of client services. The teamwork again this year was exemplary making it easy to focus on meeting the strategic goals set by the Board. It is always a pleasure to be able to count on motivated and thoughtful co-workers. We have received many compliments from the community and this drives us to continue to please. Too, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous input of our Board of Directors. We are fortunate to have such time-generous people. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Virginia Charron



Kitimat Library Board retirees Linda Campbell, Marianne Sweet and Donna McMenamon with Mayor Phil Germuth.



Summer Reading Club members at the final party in August



Kathleen Cherry and Walter Thorne launch their new works at the library



Eden Robinson & Howard Smith at Eden's Son of a Trickster book launch



Marieve Lanthier and Rhea at the joint Library & Museum Canada 150 Gala

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31**

**REVENUE**

Fines	\$ 2,195
Photocopying and internet service	2,059
Donations	2,770
Lost materials	285
Miscellaneous	4,319
Phone/fax	534
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Municipal grants	
General	465,734
Rental	111,600
Student wages top-up	1,826
Provincial grants	
Library operating and resource sharing	55,484
Federal grants	
Summer Career Placements	9,532
Canada 150 grant	1,772
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	658,110

**EXPENDITURE**

Advertising	1,285
Amortization	54,366
Computer expense	8,528
Equipment repairs and maintenance	1,003
Insurance, professional fees and dues	8,189
Janitorial	5,470
Periodicals, subscriptions and microforms	955
Postage and miscellaneous	6,288
Rent	111,600
Salaries and benefits	429,852
Staff and Board development	2,479
Stationery and supplies	9,302
Telephone, internet and utilities	5,095
Travel	7,533
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<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>6,165</b>

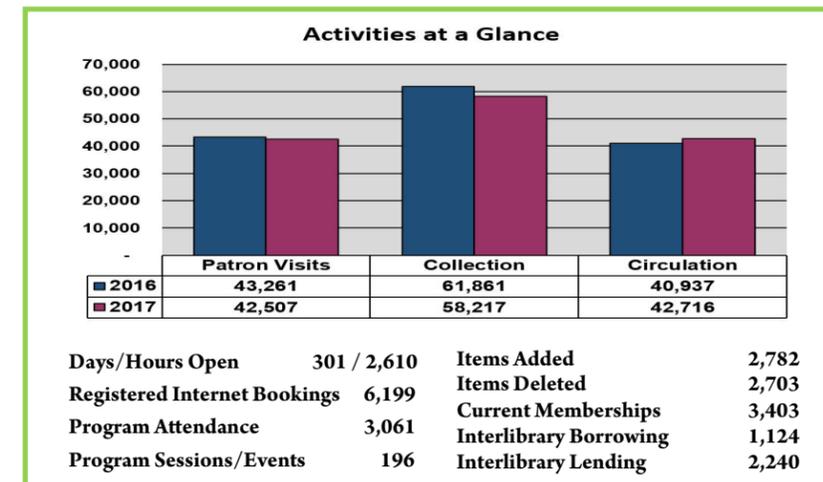
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The library pays for annual licenses to offer residents both in library and at home online services. Our Library2Go online collection, shared with the province, attracted 899 users for a total circulation of 5,301 in 2017. This figure is progressively increasing each year as users become more familiar with digital material. Patrons are permitted to borrow up to five titles at a time, all free. Tutorials are offered six days a week at the library to ensure that our members can maneuver around the portal and download to their tablet, smart phones, laptop or e-reader.

The RB Digital Magazines database has become increasingly popular for those wishing download capabilities for e-magazines to their personal computer devices. Titles of over 300 include the popular National Geographic, Vanity Fair, Food Network Magazine, Highlights For Children and Teen Vogue. The OneClick Digital and InstantFlix are other great ways to borrow e-books, e-audiobooks and independent films. For gamers, OnePlay offered both recreational and educational titles. In 2017, 7,138 titles were accessed in total.

For those with perceptual disabilities, including severe or total impairment of sight or hearing, the inability to hold or manipulate a book or with comprehension challenges, NNELS (The National Network for Equitable Library Service) offers access to the same books and information as everyone else, through libraries. NNELS began with 5,000 books, and has since grown to 30,000 items.



Sophia coding with Ozobots



William at the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre robotics workshop



Magic Show  
Keaton & Leif David

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