

Library Stats for 2017

Circulation	70,087
# of Internet Users	9,162
Patron Visits to Library	55,194
# of Adult in Programs	1,217
# of Children in Programs	1,073
New membership	343
Total Membership	9,305

Library Supporters in 2017

City of Prince Rupert, Public Library Services
Branch of the BC Ministry of Education, North
Coast Regional District, Department of Canadian
Heritage, North Coast Literacy Now, Friends of
the Prince Rupert Library, BC Courthouse
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Thank you very much!

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Annual Report 2017

Library Board Chair Report 2017



I moved to Prince Rupert in 2006 and was really impressed by the knowledgeable, friendly staff and the quality and the scope and breadth of the collections of books, DVDs and magazine collections. I visit the Library for books and

DVDs. Over the past 12 years, I have been discovering more about what the Library offers and how it serves the community. There is so much to explore, and I invite you to explore the various nooks and corners of the Library further to learn more about the collections of audio books, large print books, CDs and DVDs, hardcover and paperback novels, and a wealth of various magazines.

The Library has done a great deal to address the digital divide, to provide access to the web and the Internet, and to support patrons who would like to learn to use computers, print off online documents, find things online, search the online catalogue, use online databases and read e-books. The Public Library has more recently purchased a 3-D printer, and delivered a series of user workshops that provides an orientation to this new technology.

The Library is a community Hub that partners with many local organizations, offering non-profit organizations an affordable meeting space. The Multi-Purpose room offers so much for our community, with meetings and workshops and events from a diverse collection of groups such as author readings and storytelling, the Special Olympics, the Genealogy, Knitters, Photography and Book Clubs, to name a few.

I am so impressed and privileged to participate on the Library Board for an organization that works so hard to continue to offer vital access to those families who face economic barriers and have no other access to learning materials other than what is provided at the Library.

~ **Glenn Groulx**, Chairperson

Librarian's Report 2017

2017 was a year for improvement for the Prince Rupert Public Library. This library is an important community hub for the residents of Prince Rupert and surrounding area. Our goal in 2017 was to improve services, collections, connections and the facility itself. People of all ages gather here to access information for varied purposes such as employment, continuing education, and recreation. Public internet access (work stations and WiFi), printing and fax services, children's programming, author readings and our public meeting area are all well-used. So we focused on making the library more comfortable, easier to find what is needed and working with other community groups to serve the public better.

The Library Board started looking into what is best for the library, ensuring adherence to the Library Act while maintaining good relations with the City of Prince Rupert. And we had several significant changes in trustees, so we needed a BCLTA training session or TOPs (Trustee Orientation Program). Once we start looking at our relationship with our primary funder it's only natural to think about what we are and what the community needs from a library, so it was decided that in the Spring of 2018 the Board, Librarian and staff would commence building a multi-year Strategic Plan.

We have increased our promotional efforts to educate non-library users, requesting money from corporations and businesses, presenting unique collections-supported fundraising opportunities for patrons and maintaining grant writing activity.

Our 'Create-&-Make' after school program resumed more regularly in January 2017 and continued throughout the year. A weekly after-school program for children in grades one and upward. Free play and guided activities including Lego, arts and crafts, and maker activities. We had 330 children and parents participate in 2017.



Some significant outcomes from this program are: it attracts new families to the library, it encourages some parents to create with their children, to exercise their creative muscles and experiment with various materials and it encourages interaction between various age and socioeconomic levels.

We received two significant grants that helped refresh the library in 2017. The Multi-purpose Room Refresh and Signage project was granted to us by the Prince Rupert and Region Community Foundation and the Furniture renewal project was funded by a WCC-LNG grant. These grants allowed us to purchase new directional signage for the library, new flooring and painting in the Multipurpose Room as well as new tables and chairs in the main seating area in the library.

We partnered with our Literacy partners Decoda and the North Coast Literacy Network in our annual Literacy Fair at our local mall. We had hundreds of our residents come by our table and learn that we had much more than books.

We partnered with Elections BC last year by hosting the Provincial Election Advanced Polls here in the library. This was beneficial to both us and Elections BC. Elections BC benefited by having a centrally located and accessible location to hold the vote and we benefited by having some people who don't normally visit the library come and see what we have that interests them.

Overall, 2017 was a year of addressing gaps, facility gaps, program gaps and planning gaps. We aim to continually build a library which provides a comfortable, accessible and effective place wherein patrons can find the information they need when they need it. Come discover what the Prince Rupert Library can do for you.

~ **Joe Zelwietro**, Chief Librarian



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