

Library Stats for 2018

Circulation	68,597
# of Internet Users	8,362
Patron Visits to Library	54,407
# of Adult in Programs	1,271
# of Children in Programs	1,697
New membership	381
Total Membership	8,514

Library Supporters in 2018

Lou Allison
Jan Currie
Lynne Edwards
Deanna Hembroff
James Hope
Sandra Jones
Carol Manning
Elizabeth McDonald
Karin Mickelson
Larry Moore
David Norman
Bill Smith
Candace Vanderbeek
Ellen Witherly

Thank you very much!

It is through your kind generosity, that we are able to purchase new items or replace damaged items within our collection. You are appreciated.

Library Board 2018

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Library Staff 2018

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Joe Zelwietro - *Chief Librarian*
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Beth Dimond, Leah Cuthbert*, Lisa Latimer,
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Annual Report 2018

Library Board Chair Report 2018



There is so much to explore and discover at the Library, and I will continue to drop in to explore the various nooks and corners of the Library further to learn more about the new additions to the

collections of audio books, large print books, CDs and DVDs, hardcover and paperback novels, and a wealth of various magazines. The Chief Librarian, the Deputy Librarian, and the staff continue to do so much to promote the love of reading. They address the digital divide, to provide access to the Internet, and to support patrons who would like to learn to use computers, print off documents, find things online, search the online catalogue, use online databases and read ebooks.

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 groups and organizations to run meetings, workshops, etc. I am amazed at the variety of organizations and community clubs running workshops and programs during the day and in the evenings at the Library, such as an Adult Literacy Program, the Children's Programs, and the Genealogy, Knitters, Photography and Book Clubs, to name a few.

This past year has seen a lot of planning among the Library Board members, who have been developing a strategic plan that will provide future direction for the Board, Chief Librarian and Library Staff, as well as identify new partnerships and build on existing community partnerships.

I have been privileged to participate again this past year as the Chair of the Library Board and work with so many others who have continued to work so hard to continue to offer vital access to all the patrons of the Library, including 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 2018



2018 was the year of future building for the Prince Rupert Library. This library is an important community hub for the residents of Prince Rupert and surrounding areas. Our goal in 2018 was to secure labour stability and the future plans of the Library. We did and continue to work on these goals through two different ways.

The Library Board started looking into what is best for the library, ensuring adherence to the Library Act while meeting the information needs of the community. As part of meeting the above goals the Library Board and local unionized staff undertook collective bargaining and came to a 4 year agreement. We must also look at our relationship with City of Prince Rupert and therefore the taxpayers of Prince Rupert. Everybody contributes and the City of Prince Rupert manages the tax process to fairly distribute the funds to provide all the services a healthy community needs. It's natural to think about what we are and what the community needs from a library, so it was decided that in the winter of 2018 the Board, Librarian and Staff would commence building

a multi-year Strategic Plan.

The Friends of the Prince Rupert Library, another integral part of good library service, started a period of renewal in 2018 with new members, learning what best helps the library, how to support the services and collections the library provides.

Our programming services for both children and adults have continued their long term growth since 2014 and this fits with our mandate of maintaining the library as a community hub. The increased demand of exam invigilation that started in 2017 continued in 2018. This service will be looked at in greater detail during 2019 to see if we should alter our present services and fees.

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

Overall, 2018 was about strengthening the library and improving relationships to provide this community with a stable and welcoming venue to improve yourself through personal learning and development.

Come discover what the Prince Rupert Public Library can do for you.

Joe Zelwietro, Chief Librarian



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