

The Library's mission also includes supporting the educational, civic, and cultural activities of community groups and to provide opportunity and enrichment for children, young people, men and women to educate themselves.

We worked hard to meet this mandate in 2014 and we'll strive to continue it throughout 2015 as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Zelwietro, Chief Librarian

Library Stats for 2014

Circulation	71,150
# of Internet Users	10,757
Patron Visits to Library	55,365
# of Adult in Programs	1,011
# of Children in Programs	1,029
Total Membership	8,226

Library Supporters in 2014

City Of Prince Rupert, Public Library Services
Branch, BC Ministry of Education, Skeena-Queen
Charlotte Regional District, Heritage Canada,
North Coast Literacy Now, Northern Health,
Prince Rupert Friends of the Library,
BC Courthouse Society, Genealogy Club of Prince
Rupert, Hecate Strait Employment Development/
Settlement Services

Sandra Duffus, Lisa Doolan, Andree Fawcett,
Jan Currie, Lynn Edwards, Peter Hageraats,
Adrienne Johnston, Jean Martin, Carol Manning,
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Thank you very much!

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Library Board Chair Report 2014



I moved to Prince Rupert in 1993 and was immediately impressed with the quality of the Library's book collection and the helpfulness of its staff. I visit the library mainly for its books. However, while lending books, print and electronic, as well as DVDs is a major service, the Library does far more for the community.

The Library is engaged in Prince Rupert. In 2014 it collaborated with numerous community partners including the Canadian Legion, Decoda Literacy Solutions, the Friendship House, North Coast Literacy Network, Prince Rupert Health Unit, and Sea Cadets.

Supporting literacy is an important mission for the Library. Programs such as Tales for Twos and Story Hour cater to preschoolers. The Summer Reading Club is aimed at older children. In 2014 the Library also supported the Prince Rupert Health Unit's Books for Babies program.

The Library continues to be a popular destination for many citizens to access the Internet. The Library's public Internet computer stations were used nearly 11,000 times in 2014. In addition, Wi-Fi is freely available to people with their own devices.

The Library's 8,266 members testify to the Library's value to Prince Rupert. On average about 34 people visit the Library each hour it's open.

The Library is grateful to the City of Prince Rupert for the Community Enhancement Grant that funds in large part the Library's operations. The Chief Librarian is diligent in supplementary fundraising. In 2014 approximately \$24,000 was raised from other sources. Another \$10,000 was donated to the Library. The Library has also developed merchandise it sells to raise additional funds.

Prince Rupert can be proud of its enterprising Library.

Tim MacDonald ~ Chairperson

Librarian's Report 2014



2014 was a challenging year for Prince Rupert and the library. After several years of economic struggle and infrastructure decay, our community could almost taste the needed rejuvenation that the promise of LNG development would bring. The library continued to work with the resources it

had to maintain the collections and services while strengthening relationships with partners to understand the roles of a library in an increasingly digital world.

The Public Library is an important community hub for the residents of Prince Rupert and surrounding area. People of all ages gather here to access information for varied purposes such as employment, continuing education, and recreation. Public internet access, printing and fax services, childrens' programming, author readings, and our increasingly vital public meeting area were all well-used.

The latest statistics (2013) using the Early Development Instrument through the University of British Columbia's Human Early Learning Partnership shows that 47% of Prince Rupert's kindergarten children in 2013 were deemed 'vulnerable' in at least one aspect of their development, and are therefore at an increased risk of difficulties in their school years and beyond (down from 51.5% in 2008/2009) (earlylearning.ubc.ca). This is the third highest percentage in the province. It is alarming that nearly half of our children are entering school without the basic skills they need to succeed!

The community use of our public space remained high in 2014 with various groups using our facilities. **We focused on serving the public.**

- We partnered with a local Ferry company to provide books for children who travel on the ferry ride to/from schools in Prince Rupert from nearby First Nations villages.

- We have also increased our library tours to include early primary grades from nearby villages.
- We worked with Northern Health via a Imagine Grant to improve our Health and Wellness collection.
- Our annual Family Literacy Day celebration in January and the larger Literacy Fair at the Rupert Mall were very successful and brought in many children whose families have economic barriers.
- **Our Summer Reading Club** with the support from Public Library Services Branch, BC Ministry of Education as well as Heritage Canada was successful.
- We also supported the **Books for Babies** program by assembling Book/CD/brochures Packages with Provincial funds which are then distributed at the Prince Rupert Health Unit.
- We updated our faxing and photocopying services to include scanning services through a grant from Ridley Terminals Ltd. Employee's Community Fund.
- Learning English Coffee Club meetings with Settlement Services to demonstrate Library collections and digital resources for newcomers to Canada.
- We hosted (our largest audience – over 100 people) a CBC community forum on LNG opportunities/risks at the library
- Different public meetings held in the Library to support local First Nations activities: Haida Nation community meetings, Kitkatla Canoe project, First Nations authors such as Roy Henry Vickers, Cedar Road Aboriginal Head Start tours.

Finally, the library gives to the community in other ways every year. In 2014 we had the Food-for-fines program again over the holiday period, whereby we would forgive patrons' fines if they brought in some food items. This allowed us to donate almost \$1,000 of food items to the Salvation Army over Christmas and New Year's.