



# 2021 Community Report

**TRAIL** & **DISTRICT**  
**PUBLIC**  
**LIBRARY**  
ENRICHING COMMUNITY

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR



Throughout our communities, 2021 will be remembered as a year of ups, downs, and the unexpected. COVID-19 continues to present different challenges for us all. Our Library wouldn't have accomplished nearly as much without our resilient staff, the support of the Library Board and municipal government. I think our patrons will agree, more than ever, that our Library is one of the most valuable institutions in our community. I'm so proud to be a part of it!

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

At the Trail & District Public Library, we strive to make our services more accessible and diverse. We made checkout easier with MeeScan self-checkouts and introduced a new catalogue to increase the digital discoverability of our collection. We even expanded our loanable and in-house use technologies with exciting new 3D Printers, Oculus Rifts, and iPads.





Since its makeover, JBR circulation has increased by 11.4%

# GROWING OUR COLLECTION

This year, we have added 3,268 new items across our different collections. We also re-arranged our Junior Beginning Readers (JBR) section according to the F&P levelling system. We hope this change makes it easier for parents and support workers to find suitable materials for new readers.



# Community

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In 2021, the response from our community members was incredible. We appreciate the individuals and businesses who made donations to us and to the Friends of the Library. We would also like to thank our patrons, and our program participants.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our community partners are integral to our success. The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy and the Trail Museum & Archives have helped us organize and implement some of our new programs. The Friends of the Library made a generous donation to help replace our 3D Printers, and they continue to be one of our biggest advocates. With many supporters and an amazing community, we are unable to name all of our partners, but know that the Library would not be what it is without you.

## CBAL PARTNER IN LEARNING AWARD



The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy is one of our very close partner organizations. We work together during Mother Goose, the Community Learning Place, the Read Indigenous Book Club, and many other programs. To recognize us for all of the work we do together, CBAL granted us their "Partner in Learning" award.

# Programming

## GENERAL PROGRAMING ~ Patricia

From comics and digital art, to tech intros and MakerLabs, we connected with patrons of all ages. Participants in the series "Gifts from the Heart" learned maker skills, such as crochet, macramé, card making, felting, drawing, and watercolour. We shared in their successes and heard heartfelt stories of gifting their creations to loved ones. Participants of "In the Kitchen" connected virtually with community guests. We all cooked together in our own kitchens, sharing tips, tricks, and delicious recipes. Bonding through food is a special experience, and we had many rave reviews!



## SUMMER READING CLUB ~ Stevie

BC Summer Reading Club was a success. The theme for 2021 was "Crack the Case!" Smoke from fire season limited our ability to run the program in the sunshine and fresh air, but the children still had lots of fun inside. We worked on reading skills, alongside developing their super sleuth abilities. One highlight was an obstacle course, with riddles integrated for the older kids. Everyone also loved crafting and gold panning with the museum.



# Statistics

## General

○ Electronic Circulation	10,761
○ Public Computer Session	2,874
○ Library Membership	4,452
○ New Membership	412
○ Unique Website Visitors	13,190
○ Facebook Followers	776
○ Newsletter Recipients	476
○ Total Visitors	48,170

## Programming

○ Total Children's Programs	253
○ Total Adult Programs	56
○ Outreach Visits	39
○ Total Participants	3,855

## QUOTES FROM OUR GUESTBOOK

"I just love it here, so peaceful!" ~Mona W.

"One of the best + lovely libraries I've  
ever been in" ~Valerie

"Beautiful and Welcoming." ~Lisa

"Absolutely Stellar" ~Mara