



radium hot springs  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Radium Hot Springs Public Library

2021 Annual Report to the Community

*The Radium Hot Springs Public Library would like to acknowledge that we operate on the traditional unceded territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwépemc peoples.*

# Mandate:

The Radium Hot Springs Public Library will strive to offer programs and materials that reflect the needs and interests of the community and its service area, and will provide Library services and programs to inspire life stories and to promote literacy, education and community relationships.



# Our Board Members

## **2021 Board Trustees**

**Sandy Eason:** Chair

**Anne Jardine:** Area G Rep

**Jen Tagg:** Area F/Invermere Rep

**Mike Gray:** Council Rep

**Linda Maurer:** Treasurer

**Abigail Kokolski:** Trustee

# Our Staff

Meet the team!

We have three part-time staff and one casual library clerk at our library. Our staff members take on many different roles in the library, and work hard to provide services to meet community needs.

Patti Meadows

**Library Assistant**

Jacqueline Kozak

**Library Director**

Jan Campbell

**Assistant Library Director**

Cindy Reekie

**Casual Library Clerk**

# Message from the Board Chair

Well 2021 seemed to run smoothly, we all figured out how to survive a pandemic.

Our Radium Library staff were busy working with organizations, schools and encouraging community connections. Our library is a community hub and gathering place and it was great to welcome patrons back inside.

We still held all of our board meetings via zoom. And looked forward to see everyone in person.

It's great to be part of our Radium Library it helps serve our community. By offering a good book, story time, a grab and go craft, reading club and our tech support we are here for you.

Sandra-Lynn Eason - Board Chair

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# Message from the Library Director

2021 was a busy year for the Radium Library; we worked hard to provide consistent services, and found creative ways to support our community and encourage community connections. Having established popular grab and go programming the year prior, we were able to provide consistent children's programming throughout the year. We even sent grab and go activities to classrooms at the Edgewater Elementary School and worked with Elementary teachers to provide book club sets through our interlibrary loan system. With the support of the Kootenay Library Federation, we were also able to reach our patrons through various online programs: including adult book clubs, teen book clubs, a teen newspaper, and several webinars.

We also worked towards our goal of fostering strong working relationships with other organizations in the Columbia Valley region to maximize community benefit - it takes a village and we believe the services we provide are essential to not only the Village of Radium, but to our entire service area. We are not just a place for books - we fill the service gaps that are vital to vulnerable populations. Each library is a unique reflection of its community; and Columbia Valley residents are enriched by increased accessibility and the diverse offerings available at neighbouring libraries throughout the Kootenays.

Throughout the year we adjusted our services in accordance with provincial restrictions and were able to return to close to our regular service hours. We were also able to resume our one-on-one tech support program provided in partnership with the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy. While the first few months were less stable due to restrictions, once restrictions were lifted, we saw our facility return to a thriving community gathering place.

This year we were also fortunate to have the support of the newly established Friends of the Radium Library group; this hard-working group of volunteers even set up a successful book sale fundraiser in November, and several of our Friends also volunteered to provide outreach to the EES school through a one-on-one Buddy Reads program.

We are grateful to our community for their continued support, and look forward to expanding our services as restrictions allow in the New Year!

Jacqueline Kozak - Library Director

# More than a place for books...

## Safe Space, Cooling Centre, Access to Government Resources

This year we updated our website homepage to include accessible links to government resources such as: COVID-19 vaccination information, BC Wildfire Service, 2021 Census information, Anti-Racism, the Homeowner Grant application, and the BC Seniors Guide. Our library also offered free vaccine card printing and lamination services. We also took steps towards honouring our Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, and have updated our online and in-person resources.

The library also served as a safe space for Newcomers to access government resources, develop community connections, and connect with Settlement services. The library facility also served as an unofficial cooling centre for the community during the heatwave, and staff provided free water bottles to the public.

### Community Resources:



Community Links

### BC Government Resources:



BC Wildfire Service



Extreme Heat  
Preparedness Guide



Anti-Racism



COVID-19 Vaccine  
Booking Information



BC Seniors Guide



Homeowner Grant  
Application



NewToBC

The Library Link For Newcomers

# 2021 vs 2020 Statistical Comparison

## 2021 Statistics:

Circulation of Resources: 52% Increase in 2021

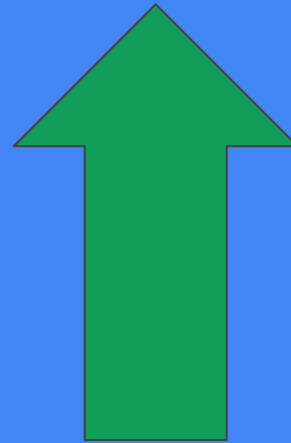
New Member Registrations: 77% Increase in 2021

Computer Usage: 74% Increase in 2021

Programs: 50% Increase in 2021

Program Attendance : 144% Increase in 2021

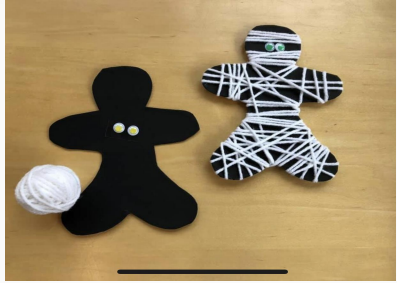
Visitors: 63% Increase in 2021



The Library saw a significant increase in statistical categories in 2021



# COVID Safe Children's Programming



Pictured below is our socially distant Halloween Candy Schute used in both 2020 and 2021



To ensure children in our community still received consistent access to library programming, we offered frequent grab & go activities and set up outdoor Story Walks. These activities were incredibly popular and allowed us to meet the needs of our community within the context of the pandemic.

**In 2021, the Radium Library produced 793 kits to meet community need. An average of 66 kits went out each month!**

# BC Summer Reading Club (SRC)

For Summer Reading Club 2021, our library offered a combination of online and grab & go activities during the seven week program. We had 45 participants access the grab & go SRC service on a weekly basis. Despite the challenges, the 2021 SRC was a huge success!



The BC Summer Reading Club is sponsored by the British Columbia Library Association, with financial support from Libraries Branch, Ministry of Education, and CUPE BC.



# Interlibrary Loan (ILL) - Provincial Resource Sharing System

Resource sharing is a core provincial program that strengthens the British Columbia public library system by increasing the range of materials available to users. Members of any library in BC can request resources from any participating library in BC.

**Over 1,280 items went through the ILL system in 2021 - our staff processed an average of 106 outgoing and incoming loans per month.**



# Virtual Programming

Provided in partnership with the Kootenay Library Federation to connect with patrons virtually when in-person services were not feasible

- Creative Writing Classes for Kids & Teens
- YA Book Club with Author Visits
- Adult Book Club with Author Visits

# Donor List & Endowment Fund

The Library Board established an Endowment Fund in June 2017 with the Columbia Valley Community Foundation. The purpose of the Fund is to provide support for the Library and its programs. We also welcome direct donations to the library.

We would like to acknowledge that this was a very difficult year for many financially. The Radium Hot Springs Public Library is grateful to the following donors who chose to support the Library in 2021, either directly to the Library or to the Endowment Fund.

## **Reader (\$5-99)**

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Alice Breeze

## **Bookworm (\$100-249)**

Peter Huang

## **Booklover(\$250-499)**

Erin Palashniuk  
Jane Thurgood Sagal

# 2021 Stats-at-a-Glance

New registrations: **140**

Active cardholders: **639**

Children & youth cardholders: **55**

In-person visits: **5,500**

Website and catalogue page views: **4,634**

WiFi use: **11,680**

Take-home kits prepared: **793**

Hours open per week: **20 hrs** (Jan – June) **24 hrs** (June– Dec)

Print titles in collection: **8,118**

Circulation of print and other physical materials: **5,469**

Circulation of e-book/eAudiobooks: **1,943**

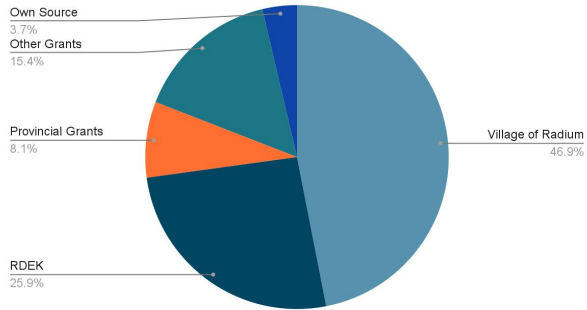
Circulation of children's print materials: **2,463**

Total circulation: **7,412**

Total Interlibrary Loan Lent: **643**

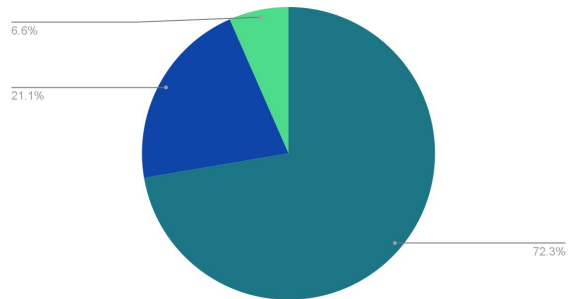
Total Interlibrary Loan Borrowed: **643**

## Revenues



# 2021 Financial Summary

## Expenses



### Revenue:

Village of Radium: \$ 75,205

RDEK: \$ 41,523

Provincial Grants: \$ 12,936

Other grants: \$ 24,721

Own Source Revenue/Fundraising/Donations: \$ 5,896

TOTAL \$ 160,483

\*Own source revenue lower than usual due to difficulties fundraising during pandemic

### Expenses:

Library Facilities/Administration: \$ 41,616

Wages & Benefits: \$ 74,762

Office/Accounting/Programs: \$23,210

TOTAL \$ 139,588

Amortization/Assets Surplus: \$20, 895

\*This is an accounting surplus and does not equate to a cash surplus.