

THE LILLOOET PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

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Why Libraries?

“A public library is the most democratic thing in the world. What can be found there has undone dictators and tyrants: demagogues can persecute writers and tell them what to write as much as they like, but they cannot vanish what has been written in the past, though they try often enough... People who love literature have at least part of their minds immune from indoctrination. If you read, you can learn to think for yourself.”

— Doris Lessing

2016 in Review

2016 was a very successful year for the Lillooet Public Library. Here are some of the highlights that made the last year one to remember:

-The Library Update was created to help keep our patrons informed of new library programming and services.

-Sherry Rhodenizer, the Adult Literacy Coordinator, worked with Aurelie Dikamona to help her pass her benchmark language exams. Aurelie is now enrolled in a care assistant program at Capilano University.

-The Lillooet Public Library joined Interlibrary Connect, allowing our patrons to place holds on items from other participating libraries. This service has become very popular with our patrons, with hundreds of DVDs borrowed through Interlibrary Connect in 2016.



More highlights from 2016

-Betty Weaver retired from her position as Chief Librarian and Toby Mueller, former Literacy Outreach Coordinator (LOC), took her place. Marianne Gagnon took on the role of LOC. We also welcomed, Angela Jean-Louis, our newest librarian. These transitions went smoothly and everyone is happy in their new positions (especially Betty).

-The Lillooet & Area Calendar of Events was created to help Lillooet residents and tourists find out what is happening in Lillooet. Visit www.lillooetcalendar.com to check it out.

-31,909 books were borrowed from the Lillooet Library and 136 new patrons were registered.

-We purchased 3 new computers to replace the public computers and 6 new computer chairs. In total, the public computers were used 4385 times in 2016.

-Patrons now have two ways of sharing books they love with other patrons. They can submit short reviews to be published in the Library Update or write the reason they loved a book on a sticker which will be placed on the book's cover.

-Youth Night was a huge success in 2016. Every Monday, anywhere from 9 to 34 kids showed up for some fun, unstructured time. Thanks to this program, there is now a large portion of Lillooet's youth who feels comfortable in the library and who values its role in the community.

Patron Review

"The Yiddish Policemen's Union", an audiobook by Michael Chabon

This is a detective novel with an intricate plot. It is set in an alternate reality in which European Jews in world war two were given a lease in Alaska, and have built a thriving Yiddish speaking community in Sitka. The lease is not being renewed and the Jews are, once again, about to be evicted.

The cast of characters includes a Jewish-Tlinget detective, Ultra Othodox gangsters and a mysterious genius addict who is thought to be the Messiah. The action takes place against an alternate version of world events which can seem a little too close to home.

The Narration is good too, done in the English of a person who might speak Yiddish. I've listened to this twice and am almost ready for a third listen. - By Jane Duber

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