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Third Quarter Report, 2016

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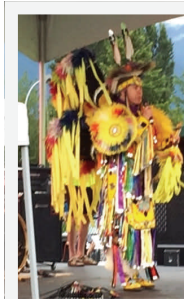
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To say Canada Day 2016 was a success would be an understatement. In an effort to continue to improve on last years evening family concert event the organizing committee, led by Trevor McDonald, offered not only the evening concerts, which attracted up to 8,000 people, but added a daytime event as well.

Heritage games (such as hola hoop and hopscotch), an artisan market, food trucks and a kids event stage had over 3,000 people jumping, dancing , singing and enjoying the savories heading before the evening event.

A special thank you to the organizing committee, the volunteers, and sponsors for their contribution in what proved to be an outstanding event.



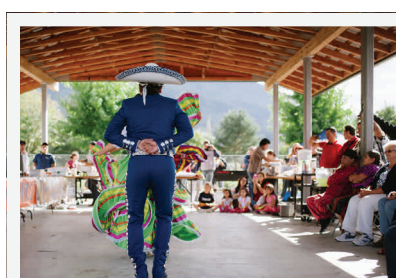
Celebration and Activity Grants



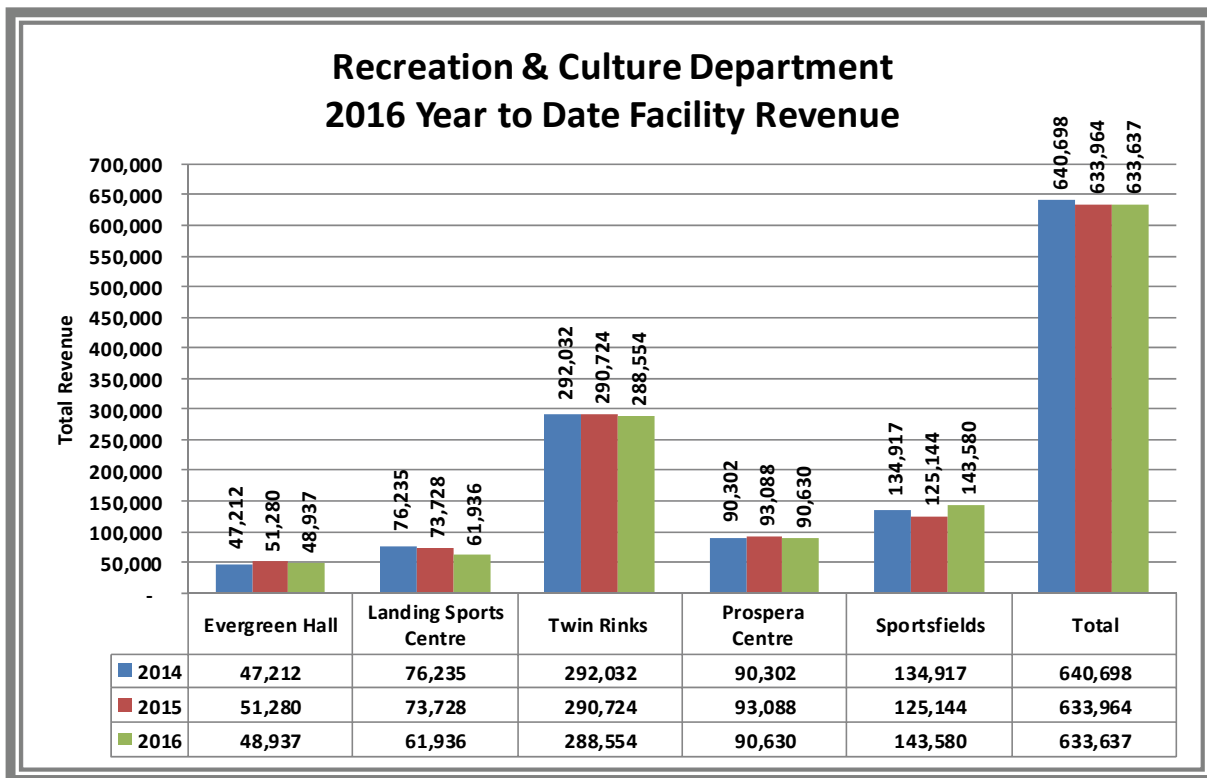
The third quarter marked the beginning of a very busy Celebration and Activity season. In the program's inaugural summer season fourteen block parties were hosted throughout the community and collectively had hundreds of people participating. The program helped fund parties as small as ten homes to as large as



seventy with all accomplishing the same objectives of increasing inclusivity, security and familiarity amongst your neighbours. One of the more unique parties that was hosted was the "Migrant Farmers Celebration". This event was hosted in Yarrow and honoured the migrant workers who work the fields gleaning the crops that Chilliwack is known for producing.



Recreation and Culture Facility Revenue Report



Chilliwack Cultural Centre

The Society's *Summer Art Camps for Kids* ran from July 11 to August 19, 2016.

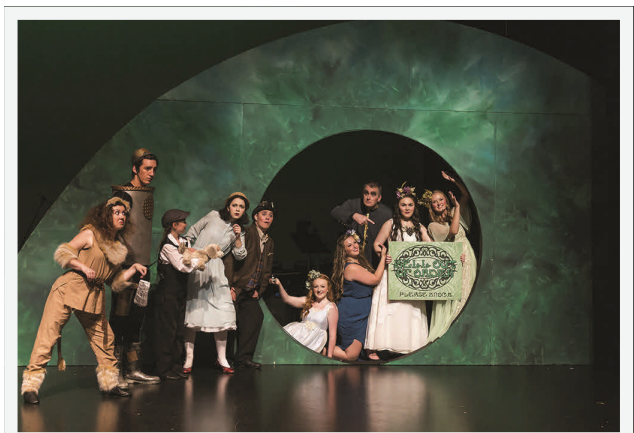
Adult Arts classes were offered in **Pottery, Improv, Wirework, Flamework** and **Enamelling** as well as open studios for clay and glass work in July and August.

The 2016-17 presentation series of 43 shows was announced in July.

The fourth *Fraser Valley Culture & Craft Beer Festival* was held in September with great success.

Renters

The Wizard of Oz by Secondary Characters was in the HUB International Theatre from July 28 to August 7, 2016. September saw rental organizations present the shows *A Very Frozen Musical*, *Red Green's "I'm Not Old, I'm Ripe" Tour*, *Splash 'N Boots* and *Juice Newton*.



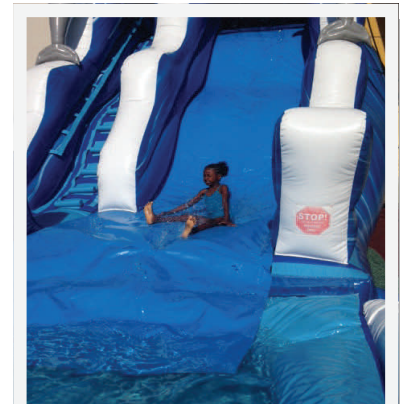
Yarrow Community School Society

July and August saw action both indoors and out. There were camps running four straight weeks in July for kids preschool age through to early teens. The preschool themed camps kept the children busy Monday through Friday mornings while across the hall some of the older kids were enjoying three different camps; gymnastics, basketball and archery. The basketball and archery camps were instructed by two local teens, which proved to be a great part of the camps success. As with every summer season rentals tapered off although there were a couple of wedding receptions that were hosted taking advantage of the multi-purpose and courtyard space. September came up quickly and the Fall Tykes Soccer league has 45 participants playing every Saturday morning. This is the 8th season for this popular, volunteer supported program.

With the support from the City of Chilliwack's Community Celebration and Activity grant Yarrow Community School Society held a very fun and successful Migrant Mexican Farm Workers Fiesta. There were between 80 to 100 invited farm workers who all enjoyed some entertainment, good food, games, free haircuts with everyone meeting some new friends.

There is a regular and ongoing church group renting the facility whose rental income provides funding for programming.

The popular ongoing Pickleball, Pilates, Boot Camps, Family Place and Men's Hockey programs all resumed during the third quarter keeping the facility busy during the evenings.



Hot summer day playing on the inflatable water slide



At the Fiesta is of the guys playing Lotoria



Greendale Elementary Community School

For July & August the summer programs went very well. Even with the traditional dip in summer attendance due to summer holidays those who did attend, were very thankful for what was offered. Little Kickers Soccer & Yoga with Dee were two of the programs that successfully ran throughout the third quarter.

Fall Programming began in the 3rd week of September. To kick off the new year, Greendale Elementary Community School had a Community Block Party which included a potluck meal. It was well attended and a great way for those in the community to get together and enjoy each other's company.

The Society's regular programming successfully moved along throughout the third quarter with some of the programs being: karate, Little Kickers, yoga, ASSAI Sports/Arts, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Greendale Skip Club.

New and exciting programs being presented were video game design and freestyle wrestling.

To help supplement the program costs Greendale Community Elementary School has 13 different rental groups access the facility through out the third quarter.

Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School Society

CCECSS ran half day activity programs throughout the summer including, but not limited to: soccer, ninja gym, sparkles gymnastics, positively girls, golf, babysitter training, xploresports multi sport camp and home alone. CCECSS completed its fourth year of hosting the "Summer Fun" all day camps which ran for seven weeks, five days a week from 9am to 5pm. The camps were run by two well qualified university student leaders who kept the children engaged with games, sports, crafts, nature walks, community garden maintenance, water fun and fieldtrips. All activities revolved around a new theme each week and included themes such as wild west, amazing race, circus circus, dinosaur adventure, and imagination station. The children attended local attractions such as the Harrison Children's Day, the Chilliwack Fair, Sto:lo Children's Festival, Cultus Lake and Cottonwood Cinemas and displayed great environmental stewardship by arriving either by walking or taking the city bus. It was exciting as several of the children had not been to these local attractions located in their own town before. The program seemed to appeal to children with recognized special needs categories as they would not necessarily fit into other all day programs. The Summer Fun all day camps saw 85 participants, the half day programs had 66 participants.



Promontory Heights Elementary Community School

Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association enjoyed a wonderful summer of programs and activities. The popular day camp program "Sun n Fun" was at near capacity for the entire eight weeks of summer programming. The camps offered an exciting variety of themed weeks included a special field trip once per week. Kids enjoyed attending the Historic Yale, Bridal Falls Water Park, Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery, Science World, Eagle Acres Dairy Farm and Campbell's Gold Honey Farm, Project Climbing Center, Tea Pot Hill, and Chilliwack Corn Maze. Sun n Fun themes sought to include learning and fun in each daily agenda. Kids learned about the secret life of sharks, what it would be like to live on the moon, and interesting wildlife conservation facts. Week# 7 was especially fun with a theme called "Intergalactic Explorations". Kids had the opportunity to attend the H.R. MacMillan space Center and explore all the exhibits and programs offered there!

PHECSA's drop-ins continued to be a great success! The drop-in program "Tween Night" held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for youth in grades 5 to 7 continued over the Summer. Promontory parents are very supportive of this great program as it offers kids the chance to socialize with their peers in a safe and fun environment. The popular summer preschool, sports, fine arts, and activity camps were also well attended this summer. PHECSA wishes to thank the City of Chilliwack for the continued support of our programs.

Cheam Leisure Centre and Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre

Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre

What an exciting summer for the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre! Both the pool and the spray park were very busy with kids and families on those hot summer days! The Leisure Centre has seen much growth and development in regards to Recreation Excellence's commitment to the facilities recreation programs and services for the community.

Historically, the fitness classes, both dry and wet, decreased through the third quarter but there proved to be a steady increase in class participation numbers and the amount of new fitness classes being offered throughout the week. A catalyst behind this is largely in part to the dedication fitness instructors who continue to making healthy lifestyle choices.

Throughout the summer the surrounding park and spray park became a mecca for people looking for Pokeman! Attendance at CLLC was 77,547



Cheam Leisure Centre

The past Summer the Cheam Leisure Centre was the home of the Rec. Ex Summer Camps (Monday to Friday for 10-weeks). Rosemary Kelly, the Youth Services Supervisor and her amazing team of camp leaders made sure that each and every day was a fun filled one of exciting activities and games for kids ranging in age from 5-15. In partnership with a number of community organizations such as; SportBall, PacificSport and Mt. Waddington's Outdoors, each day was continually full with 35-45 participants. The Cheam Leisure Centre is excited about working with Chilliwack's local business Mt. Waddington's Outdoors in all future camps due to the great reviews from the kids and parents and who look forward to this program growing and developing in the coming years!

The group fitness classes (Zumba, Circuit Blast and Sit and Be Fit) and AquaFit continued to grow through the third quarter. The facility saw seeing a large number of return clients each and every month to the point that it had to add additional classes.

Starting after the labour day weekend the Cheam Gymnasium received some much needed repairs to the floor and curtain.

Over the past year, Recreation Excellence and the City have been working at completing a number of building and mechanical repairs at both Cheam and CLLC as well as implementing a preventative maintenance program that will ensure that the facilities work optimally for years to come. Cheam attendance for this Quarter was 77,865 (approximately 961 a day).



Rotary Pool

Rotary Outdoor Pool

Reflecting back on what a gem the Rotary Outdoor Pool is in this community, it's great to see so many young families continue to use this pool for their swimming lessons and fun swims!

The Rotary Outdoor Pool operation was coordinated by Samantha Chand and her Aquatic Team. The facility received a much needed paint job this year (pool basin and pool deck cubbies), making it look better than it has in years! The change did not go unnoticed as there were several comments from the public who appreciated how refreshing it was to see this restored somewhat to its former glory. The pre-season maintenance was completed by Esa Ali and his Maintenance Team – Ken Ware and Paul Harrington. The pool hosted the swim practices of the Chilliwack Stingrays, their annual Swim Meet, 5x 2-week Red Cross Swim Lessons as well as public swims evenings and weekends, all of which were a big hit!



Chilliwack and District Seniors' Resources Society

The Chilliwack and District Seniors' Resources Society attendance statistics, for the third quarter, proved to be lower as many activities do not run during the summer and some activities were cancelled while the Cheam Room floor received some maintenance work.

Yoga was moved from Mt Cheam Lions Hall to the Slesse Room in July and August as it was a more cooler facility.

Three classes were added in September which increase facility use: A second Gentle Yoga class in the loft at the Landing Sports Centre, a second Zumba Gold in the Cheam Room, and a new Dance Class in the loft at the Landing Sports Centre were a few whose addition turned out to be well needed. CDSRS moved all the monthly community education sessions to the Slesse Room and the Society provided a variety of recreational and social activities 5 days a week for all to enjoy.



During the third quarter Chilliwack and District Seniors' Resources Society began the review of how to coordinate activities with an emphasis on membership and programs designed for those who are 55+. Starting September 1st, CDSRS implemented a new tracking system to establish the number of visits to the facility based on attendance, and not just registrants.

The Society discontinued client service for housekeeping or seniors repair, but encouraged those who provide the service to seniors to post notices on the facility bulletin boards to ensure local seniors that attend the CDSRS activities still had access to the information.



Chilliwack Museum & Archives

Extended Hours

The Museum has extended its hours to serve Chilliwack better, as we are now open Thursday evenings until 8:30pm, and Saturdays 10:00am to 2:00pm, increasing community access to our collections and programs.

New Exhibit Launching in Fall

Our new exhibit, *"Photography: From Obscura to App,"* opened on September 22nd. The public is invited to gain insight into the rich history of photography! The exhibition shows how the developments in photographic processes and techniques have formed how we photograph, what we photograph, and how photography has shaped our perception of the world we live in.

Historical Society Memberships provided to Chilliwack Newcomers

To connect with newcomers to Chilliwack, and make the Museum and Archives a true point of connection the facility started a one-year memberships which is free to all newcomers to the city. The Chilliwack Museum and Archives saw 35 new members in only a few short weeks since launching this initiative.

Connecting with Educators

Through the last quarter and prior the facility has been connecting with educators from across School District #33, developing resources – including some practical, hands-on local history kits - to support effective place-based learning, enhancing and localizing BC's new curriculum. The facilities Education and Engagement Coordinator led and continues to lead this work, collaborating with teachers from across schools and grade-levels.

Total Museum Visitors – 959 (excludes off-site exhibit locations); Website Visitors – 3945 ; Archives visitors – 73; Archives phone / email inquiries – 164.



Mayor Sharon Gaetz was in attendance for the opening of *Photography: From Obscura to App*



Our newest exhibit, *Photography: From Obscura to App* opened September 22, 2016.

Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve

The Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve's (GBHNR) summer months were devoted to multiple Wildlife Art and Nature Camps and programs. Free community programs included a family pond dipping program and a twilight walk which were well attended. The GBHNR said goodbye to Janet Hutchinson in August and Camille Coray was appointed to the position of Executive Director in mid September. The GBHNR fall homeschool program is fully booked and school bookings are rolling in along with the promise of a busy fourth quarter.

Interpretive signs were completed and installed at the top of the viewing tower and the Discovery Annex Classrooms underwent many renovations. New siding, new windows, new cabinets and painting have given the classrooms a whole new look, and it will be exciting to have new bathrooms in the future. The GBHNR continues to count on the many volunteers (over 90) who now work at the GBHNR keeping the Interpretive Centre Open, welcoming visitors, conducting bird surveys, gardening and supporting the Executive Director in administering the society's programs and services. Over 6000 visitors came through the Interpretive Centre at the GBHNR in the last quarter.



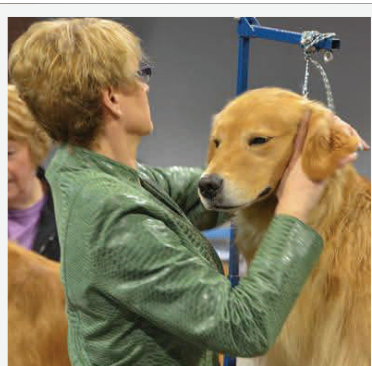
Annex Building before renovations



Annex Building after renovations

Chilliwack Heritage Park

At Chilliwack Heritage Park, the months of July through September proved to be very busy! Things kicked off with the Modular & Tiny House Expo which was a new show at Heritage Park. Then, the horses arrived. The Reining show attracted participants from throughout western Canada and the US. Once the horses left, the facility was made ready to welcome the annual Chilliwack Fair. This was followed by the Mud Drags, the Vintage Motorcycle Cycle Show and the Big Rig Show n' Shine. The quarter ended with more horses and lots of dogs. All in all, thousands flocked to the Park to be a part of the wide variety of events that summer had to offer! Attendance for this quarter was 57,300.



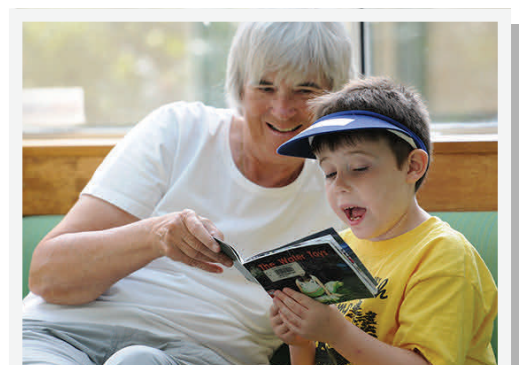
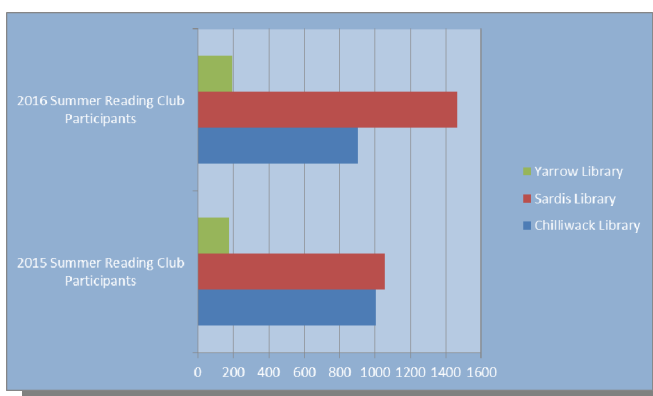
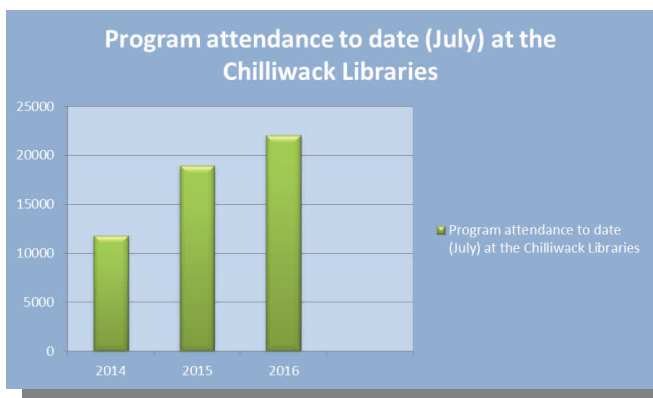


Chilliwack Library

The annual Summer Reading Club was in full swing in July at the Chilliwack Library. Fraser Valley Regional Library was proud to present popular system –wide programs such as the Vancouver Aquarium, allowing children the opportunity to view and touch sea creatures they otherwise may not have the chance to. The theme this year, “Book a Trip”, offered a great platform to inform the public of local “staycation” ideas. Library staff created a very popular display including handouts from local attractions, and it proved difficult to keep up with the demand!

“Music and More”, the popular partnership program between the Chilliwack Libraries, Chilliwack Arts Council, and City of Chilliwack, underwent a transition this summer. “More than Music”, a reimagining of the annual event, had both the Chilliwack and Sardis locations each putting on one bigger, better event each rather than smaller weekly events. The Chilliwack event held an event for seniors in August that included entertainment from both the Chilliwack Arts Council and the Chilliwack Harmony Chorus. While enjoying this outdoor experience, local seniors were served a light lunch by volunteers from the Friends of the Chilliwack Libraries Society.

With the back to school routine taking over in September, the Chilliwack, Sardis and Yarrow libraries began to seek out volunteers for the Reading Buddies program. Reading Buddies is a library program that pairs high school students and adult volunteers with kids in Grades 1 to 4 who need extra help. Sign up began in September; buddies continue to be matched up until spring 2017. To boost public awareness of the program, Brodie & Helen, a “Little Buddy” and “Big Buddy” respectively, met with a reporter from the Chilliwack Progress to share their experience. The article, found at <http://www.theprogress.com/community/392089971.html>, prompted an influx of volunteers and reluctant readers alike to eagerly apply for the program. The program was accompanied by fantastic photos taken by Jenna Hauck,



Reading buddies— -Photo credit Jenna Hauck



Chwk Library Music and More



Medal Ceremony with Mayor Gaetz



Sardis Library Music and More

Sardis Library

Reaching out to the public and attending community events continues to be a high priority for the Sardis Library. Once again, Sardis Library staff attended the popular Sto:lo Children's Festival in July and the Tzeachten Band's Open House event in mid August. Staff promoted the Summer Reading Club as well as other library services and programs.

Customer safety is always a priority at the Sardis Library. Due to large turnouts at all of the children's events, the library implemented a system of providing free tickets for events. This system has proven successful in keeping the number of children manageable. The Community Librarian invited Lisa Axelson, a Chilliwack Fire Department inspector and educator, to speak to program attendees and explain the Fire Code requirements and how they safeguard against injury in the event of an emergency.

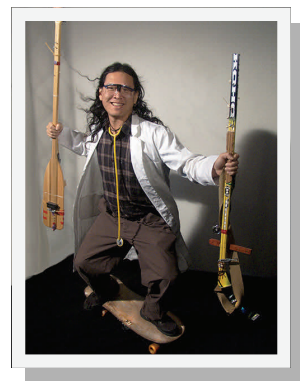
Sardis Library also hosted a very successful teen program this summer titled: "Kayak Attack". In July, the Local Paddling Club hosted a "Meet and Greet" in the Library on their way to compete in the BC Summer Games. They shared their knowledge of the sport and provided information

Yarrow Library

The theme of BC's 2016 Summer Reading Club was "Book a Trip". To engage children with this theme, the Yarrow, Sardis and Chilliwack Libraries launched a contest titled: "Where is Fromage?" Pictures of the popular storytime puppet, Fromage the mouse, were taken in 8 different recognizable locations during his "staycation" throughout the area. Children were invited to guess his location every week by viewing the poster inside the library and filling out a weekly draw slip. One of these posters included a fun shot of Fromage at the Mighty Moose Ice Cream stand in Yarrow. The Mighty Moose generously donated several free small ice cream coupons to give away as prizes.

Yarrow Library's annual summertime event, Storytime in the Park, was once again a great success in July. This program, in partnership with Envision Financial and Chilliwack Learning Society, included a storytime, games, face painting, literacy activities, book prizes, and popcorn as well. A wonderful time was had by the staff and attendees alike.

And the Musical Scientist wrapped up the Summer Reading Club performances in August. His unique show of creating instruments out of recycled items offered demonstrations that were appealing to a wide demographic. His encouragement of recycling sent a strong message to the youth of this tight knit community and was a great way to end this popular literacy initiative.



Musical Scientist



Summer Reading Club Display