

# Recreation and Culture



*Recreation and Culture is responsible for facility maintenance, community events and sports field bookings.*

## Third Quarter Report, 2019



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## Recreation and Culture Celebration and Activity Grants

Through the months of July, August and September, the Celebration and Activity Grant stream of the Neighbourhood Grant Program supported 31 events with a total of \$8,125.04 of grant funding. The events were primarily neighbourhood block party events totaling just over 3,550 guests cumulatively.



**The Fairy Village Festival** was an event to restore a fairy village that had been destroyed by vandalism. The original fairy village was organically created by children in the neighbourhood over the years and held special meaning for the community. With support from the Celebration and Activity Grant, as well as United Way and other local community organizations, approximately 300 children and adults painted and donated various materials to fill the fairy village with whimsy and colour.



The **Chilliwack Pride BBQ** was a first time event that showcased the inclusivity of the community and created a welcoming and safe space for all attendees. The approximately 700 people in attendance enjoyed a variety of food, desserts, games and entertainment, as well as the opportunity to connect with local organizations and learn about their services. There was a sensory-calmed area for guests to retreat to if needed. One attendee said, “You know it was a wonderful event when your cheeks are actually sore from so much smiling.”



The **Princess Avenue Street Party** was a fantastic event for over 200 attendees from four residential blocks in Chilliwack Proper. The Fire Department showed up to engage with the community while local community members supported the event with donations including photography, music, lawn games, and more. The event was such a success that there are already plans to host a second event that will incorporate more of the local community.



Recreation and Culture Celebration and Activity Grants

Beaufort Rd. & Curry Pl. has been an annual block party featuring free food, games for kids, and all-around fun and neighbourly enthusiasm. This year’s Oktoberfest theme yielded a variety of German food and music provided by those attending. Like some of the other block parties, this event was organized by the local Block Watch group as an initiative to increase safety in their community.

One take away from this year’s celebration was that it connected the existing volunteers with a new neighbour who is now excited to be part of next year’s gathering.



**Community Events:**

Some of the larger community events that occurred this quarter included:

- Party in the Park
- Stó:lō Children’s Festival
- Barn Burner
- Sunflower Festival
- Chilliwack Fair
- REVEL Marathon
- Lock’s Pharmacy 70<sup>th</sup>
- Anniversary Party
- Flight Fest
- Terry Fox Run

Recreation and Culture Community Events

**Canada Day 2019** built on the success of last year as Sequel Events returned to coordinate the event. The beer garden run by the Chilliwack Curling Club was dynamic with a new, centralized location and furnishings from GP Furniture. In the daytime, Townsend Park was filled with market vendors, bouncy castles, community groups providing activities such as face painting, bubble soccer, wood craft projects and beloved characters from Ever After Princesses and Higher Function. All day long, food vendors were busy feeding attendees while the stage entertainment featured a collection of great local talent. The night gradually filled up with people for the grand fireworks finale.

**Sardis Sports Complex Opening** – With the new rink finished, Twin Rinks was officially renamed to the Sardis Sports Complex and the grand opening kicked off with an exciting exhibition game between the Chilliwack Chiefs and the Langley Rivermen. Over 250 members of the public took in the new building while enjoying hot dogs served by the Chilliwack Firefighters Charitable Society, donating canned foods, engaging with arena community groups, and witnessing Mayor Popove drop the ceremonial puck before the Chiefs topped the Rivermen 2-1.



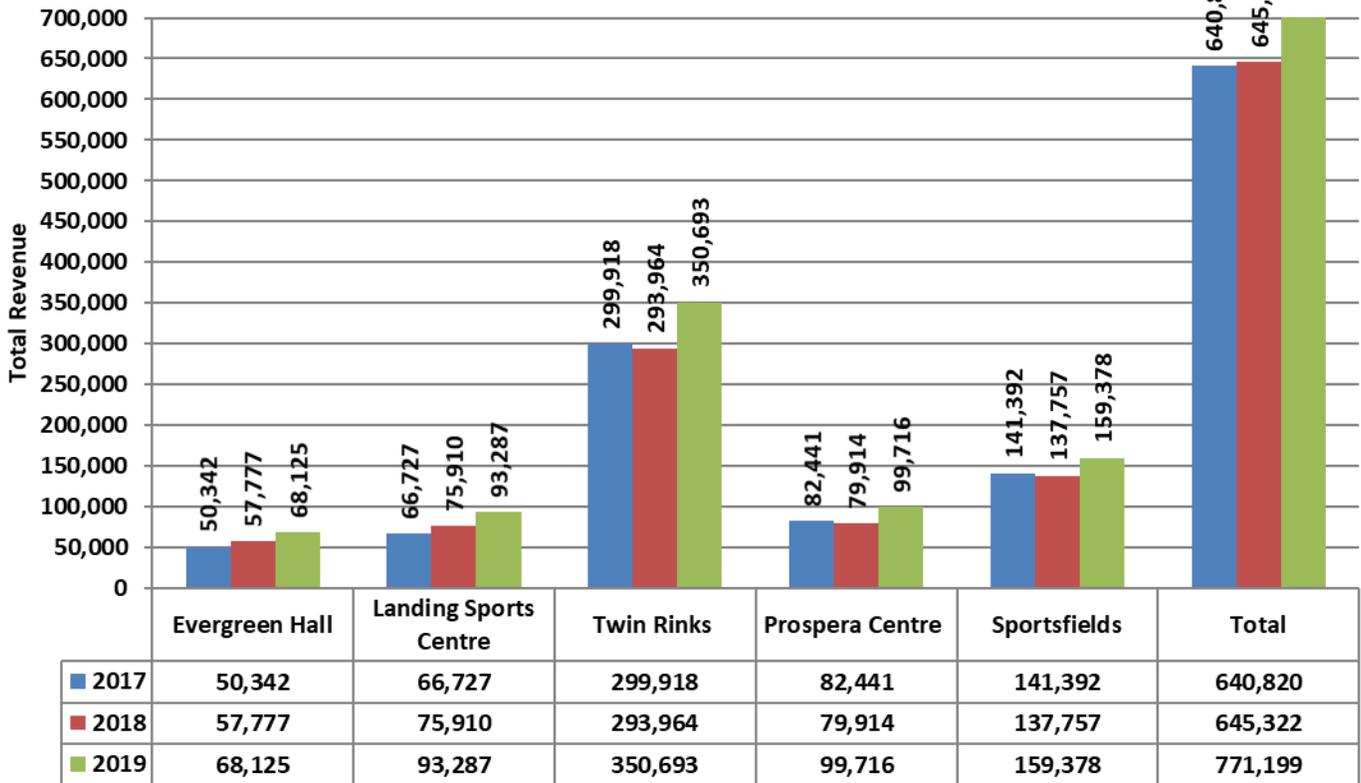
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Celebration and Activity Grant		Community	Funding	Guests	
				Projected	Actual
July	Gardening BBQ and Social Event	Fairfield Island	\$ 250.00	175	100
	Downing Rd Block Party	Greendale	\$ 140.00	40	25
	Circle Drive Block Party	Sardis	\$ 240.00	75-100	120
	Mayfair Blockwatch Block Party	Chilliwack Proper	\$ 380.00	200	94
	Paula Park Block Party	Paula Park	\$ 140.00	20-30	30
	Peach Rd Block Party	River's Edge	\$ 130.00	50	30
	Townsend Terrace Block Party	Chilliwack Proper	\$ 125.00	50	60
August	Yarrow Young Family BBQ	Yarrow	\$ 150.00	40	40
	Ann Davis Community BBQ	Downtown	\$ 175.00	300	250
	Summer Fun Day 2019	Fairfield Island	\$ 400.00	300	325
	Fairy Village Festival	Vedder	\$ 680.00	300	300
	Ice Cream Social	Sardis	\$ 140.00	60-90	75
	Macken Ave Block Party	Chilliwack Proper	\$ 215.00	40-60	35
	Angus Dr Block Party	Chilliwack Proper	\$ 140.00	50	60
	Andrews Ave Block Party	Chilliwack Proper	\$ 190.00	50	50
	Chilliwack Pride BBQ	Chilliwack Proper	\$ 400.00	300	700
	Great Garrison Get Together	Garrison	\$ 380.00	100-150	125
	Northview Block Party	Chilliwack Proper	\$ 140.00	40	25
	Princess Avenue Street Party	Chilliwack Proper	\$ 480.00	200-250	215
Sept	Chinook St Block Party	Vedder	\$ 140.00	40	64
	The Grove Annual Block Party	Vedder	\$ 200.00	100	60
	Amber Dr - End of Summer Block Party	Sardis	\$ 250.00	100	75
	Beaufort Rd & Curry Pl Oktoberfest	Sardis	\$ 190.00	57	36
	Watson Park Neighbourhood Club BBQ	Vedder	\$ 165.00	60	36
	Ramona Neighbourhood BBQ & Dessert	Chilliwack Proper	\$ 100.00	30-40	35
	Save our Slough Bike Tour	Fairfield Island, Camp and Hope Sloughs	\$ 140.00	100	50
	Peach Rd Strata Block Party	River's Edge	\$ 150.00	30-40	43
	Central Turns 90 - A Downtown Event	Downtown	\$ 1,085.00	300-500	400
	Crystal Dr Block Party	Fairfield Island	\$ 195.00	75	48
	River's Edge Back to School BBQ	River's Edge	\$ 480.00	250	50
	Maple Ave C12-1 Block Watch	Chilliwack Proper	\$ 135.04	50	13
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 8,125.04</b>	<b>2727</b>	<b>3569</b>

Recreation and Culture Facility Revenue Report

Recreation & Culture Department  
2019 Year to Date Facility Revenue





## Rosedale Traditional Community School Society (RTCSS)

RTCSS had an exciting summer welcoming children from ages 3-12 years old to take part in the many programs planned. The society hosted seven weeks of 'Celebrate Summer'. Participants ages 6-11 years old were welcomed Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm to participate. Camp leaders worked hard to provide a high quality program showcasing weekly themes. Activities included crafts, games, physical activities and field trips to exciting destinations such as Science World, the Vancouver Zoo, Project Climb, Bridal Falls Waterslides, Historic Yale Town and Britannia Historic Ship Yard. Celebrate Summer continues to grow, averaging 40 children per day with seven camp leaders. For children who were looking for limited activity, RTCSS staff also led two-hour daily activity camps each week. The facility continues to be a safe neighbourhood hub for all ages to gather. Doors were also open two evenings per week for the very popular Adult Badminton Program.



## Yarrow Community School Society

Daycare camps were offered again this summer, five days a week for seven weeks. The group gets out on the local trails and creeks most days. There are some rentals through the summer with large family groups enjoying the space during the hot weather. Fall brings the return of Tykes Soccer on the back field for eight Saturday mornings. A ten-week after-school basketball program coached by a local volunteer is currently underway with 30 children ranging from grades 2-5. New this fall is a drop-in

Art Exploration program for children ages 12-17. Each week they explore new mediums and styles working alongside an enthusiastic local artist.

Daisy the trishaw and the Cycling Without Age program had some really great trips out and about town and along the Vedder Rotary Trail. Lots of smiles and waves as people got to see them out sharing rides and stories.





# Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School Society



CCECSS ran half day activity programs throughout the summer including, but not limited to Art Exploration, Science & Technology, Mini Chefs, Kids in the Kitchen, karate, babysitter training, soccer, piano, and Home Alone.

CCECSS wrote a grant so an additional room within the school could be built to enable the Society to provide more community programs. On July 22, an Early Years Downtown Family Place drop-in centre opened as a joint partnership between Chilliwack Community Services and CCECSS within Central Elementary. The program is open two mornings and four afternoons a week. On average, twenty families a session have been attending.

This year's CCECSS "Summer Fun" all-day camp, which is in its seventh year, ran seven weeks of the summer, five days a week. Staff kept the children engaged throughout the week all summer long with games, sports, crafts, nature walks, community garden maintenance, water fun and field trips. All activities revolved around a new theme each week of the summer, which included such themes as Passport to Summer, Animal Planet, Imagination Station, Superhero Academy, 60 Seconds to Success, Circus Circus and Surf's Up.



## Chilliwack Heritage Park

At Chilliwack Heritage Park, the months of July through September are consistently busy, primarily with animal events. These events attract a wide range of visitors to our community. In addition to several dog and horse shows, the annual Vintage Motorcycle Show, the Mud Drags and the Chilliwack Fair were also highlights. Heritage Park also hosted the Ride to Conquer Cancer for a second year in a row, bringing thousands to our community.



## Chilliwack Museum



### Events

- Culture Days: Free admission to the Chilliwack Museum was offered on September 27-28 as part of the nation-wide Culture Days celebration.

### Funding

- Community Gaming Grant: The Museum received \$24,400 through the Community Gaming Grant for the continued support of our Education & Engagement Department. These funds traditionally cover a portion of the Education & Engagement Coordinator’s salary.
- Young Canada Works – Building Careers in Heritage Internship: The Museum will receive up to \$12,000 (the final amount to be determined based on work plan) to hire a Research and Digitization Assistant for the Archives. This intern position will last from November 4, 2019 to March 31, 2020.
- Applied for the British Columbia Arts Council Assistance for Public Museums for \$20,000 for 2020.

### Curatorial & Exhibitions

- Entered in to discussions to facilitate return of 1972.035.001 [Red Cross Quilt] loan from University of Calgary Founders Gallery, where it had been on display as part of Keepsakes of Conflict: Trench Art and Other Canadian War-related Craft and Red Cross Quilts of the Great War exhibition between June 7, 2019 and September 2, 2019.
- Organized return of 1999.023.0064.1-2 [Hops Gathering Basket] loan from The Reach Gallery Museum Abbotsford. The Hops Gathering Basket was displayed as part of the Little México exhibition on display between May 23, 2019 and September 15, 2019.
- Began discussion with Vancouver Art Gallery regarding potential outgoing loan of 1987.031.001a-b [Coast Salish Weaving & Hanging Rod] and 2016.070.002 [Coast Salish Weaving] for upcoming Modern in the Making exhibition between April 10, 2020 and September 13, 2020.



Canada Day photo booth



Day with the Doctor, curated by the Archives & Curatorial Summer Student, Jordan Sheffield.

## Chilliwack Museum

### Exhibitions:

- Began work on upcoming exhibition, tentatively titled Cartography: Chilliwack’s Charted History. The exhibition is slated to launch May 21, 2020.
- Launched new Archives mini-exhibition, A Day with the Doctor. On display until August 2020.

### Collections Management & Conservation:

- Curatorial received multiple donations from numerous organizations, including Algra Bros. Development, the City of Chilliwack and Molson Coors Fraser Valley Brewery.
- Ongoing collections management, processing and maintenance, including general surface cleaning of 1980.048.001 [Reed Organ]; 1993.011.001 [Organ]; 78F98A/B [Organ, on loan from Canadian Military Engineers Museum]; 2013.038.016 [Pulpit]; and 2013.126.022 [View Camera].
- Began Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) Artifact Analysis and Examination application for stabilization and storage assessment of 2001.013.001a-b [Topographical 3D Map].

### Other:

- Collaboration with Matthew Hawkins (Around Chilliwack) to launch inaugural Monday Museum Moment on the Paramount Theatre, available on Around Chilliwack website and social media.

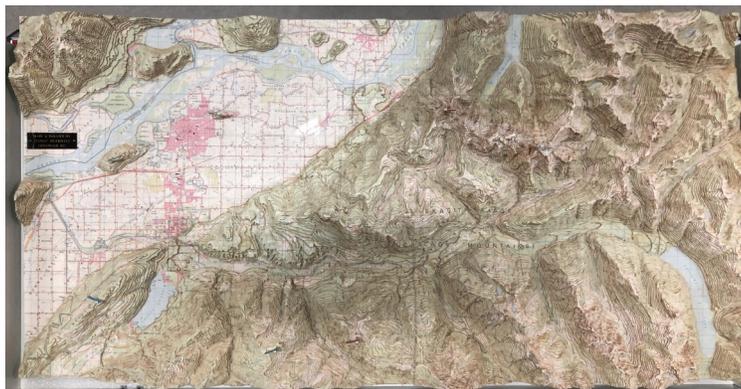
### Education & Engagement

- In addition to regular programming, the Education & Engagement team attended Canada Day festivities as a vendor.

### Archives

- Statistics for July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 :

	July	Aug	Sept	Total
Visitors	41	36	44	121
Research phone calls	19	20	23	62
Research emails	15	16	12	43
Photo orders	2	3	5	10



*Topographical 3D Map under assessment by the Canadian Conservation Institute.*

Total Museum Visitors - 1,188; Archives visitors - 121;  
 Archives phone / email inquiries - 105;  
 Gift Shop Sales - \$4,468.26.



## Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve (GBHNR)



The GBHNR Society was busy with summer camps and community programs in July and August. In July and August there were two week-long wildlife art camps, two week-long nature and art combination camps, one week-long nature camp, and six community programs. A week-long camp was also run for the Fraser Valley Brain Injury Society. The GBHNRs had tables at the July 1 events at Townsend Park and at the Stó:lō Children's Festival.

Free public events this quarter included guided walks to see the herons nesting. Over 6,000 people came through the Interpretive Centre at the GBHNR this quarter.

Two summer employees worked with the Executive Director this summer, primarily helping with conservation efforts such as invasive species removal and aquatic surveys. Of particular note, fish population surveys and benthic invertebrate surveys were conducted throughout the reserve and a technical report was produced. A spawning male Salish Sucker was captured in these efforts. Salish Suckers are a red listed species found in only 11 waterbodies in Canada.



One educator is now working regular part-time hours as an Education Coordinator, managing all education programs at the reserve and two casual educators were hired in September to deliver homeschool and school programs, and to help with the creation of new programs. The fall homeschool program started on September 20 and is fully booked. One community program and four school programs were delivered in September.



## Promontory Heights Community School Society

Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association has enjoyed another wonderful summer of programs and activities. The popular day camp program, Sun n' Fun, surpassed its highest ever enrollment from last summer.

PHECSA's Tween Night for youth in grades 4-6 continues to offer a safe place for children to socialize with their peers in a safe and fun environment. PHECSA has had over 40 youth attending weekly.

The Sun n' Fun day camps offered an exciting variety of themed weeks that included a special field trip once per week to locations in the Fraser Valley from Bridal Falls to Burnaby Village.

Sun n' Fun had a record year with more than 950 participants. The children took part in many different themed activities based around Nature Learning and many other engaging themes.

PHECSA was proud to start a partnership with Chilliwack Community Services to provide a Youth Drop-In Centre, free for youth aged 13-18 every Monday.

To start the school year, PHECSA hosted a community BBQ to welcome back the teachers and families for a new school year.



## Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre & Cheam Leisure Centre



### Cheam Leisure Centre

This summer, the Cheam Leisure Centre had its first annual shut down after almost 10 years of continuous operation. During the closure, the gymnasium floor and squash courts were sanded and refinished, pools were drained to work on the tiles and expansion joints, sand filters cleaned with new laterals and sand installed and many of the lights were changed out to LED. Much of the facility saw a painted facelift with more work to continue.



### Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre

This quarter, the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre saw 24 youth obtain their Bronze Medallion to begin their path to becoming lifeguards, 20 youth complete their Bronze Cross, and 20 new lifeguards obtain the National Lifeguard certification to service the community's pools. The community of Chilliwack also received 36 newly certified babysitters and 21 Standard First Aid trained citizens this summer.



This summer, online registration through the new PerfectMind software made lesson registration easier for the public, with over 400 (approximately half) of the lesson participants being registered online. With the Cheam Leisure Centre closure, all lessons and summer camps were held at either the Chilliwack Landing or Rotary Outdoor Pool for the month of August.

### Rotary Outdoor Pool

It was a very successful summer at the Rotary Outdoor Pool with full registrations in the Learn to Swim program and over 1,700 Chilliwack residents taking advantage of the weather by swimming outdoors. Rotary Pool residents were also able to take advantage of the online registration for lessons this summer for a streamlined system for all locations.



## Chilliwack Cultural Centre

### The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society presentations:

The Society's 2019-20 presentation series of 40 shows was announced at the beginning of August. The Society held its *Volunteer Appreciation* on September 7. Joshua Beamish/MOVETHECOMPANY, an international contemporary ballet company, came to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre over the Labour Day long weekend to engage in a creation residency for their new production of *@giselle*. Public viewings were available on August 30 and September 1-2.

### Rental and Partner Organizations:

July had the Chilliwack Players Guild's *British Pub Nights – Pirate Radio* playing in Rotary Hall from July 4-12. Johnny Showtime Ltd. presented *The Abby Show* in the HUB International Theatre on July 7 and *The Michael Jackson HISTORY Show* on July 24. Secondary Characters presented *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* from July 18-28.

September started with Renee James Productions presented *La Vie en Rose* on September 13. BC Living Arts presented *Music of the Night: The Concert Tour* on September 14. Shantero Productions presented *Ron James: Full Throttle* on September 19. Rock. It. Boy Entertainment presented *LED Zepagain* on September 23. The Chamber of Commerce held an *All Candidates Forum* on September 25. Chilliwack Citizens for Change presented *Hope in a Time of Change: Climate Initiative* also on September 25.



### Fundraisers:

The seventh *Fraser Valley Culture & Craft Beer Festival* fundraiser took place on September 21, raising funds to support The Centre's arts and crafts programming.

### O'Connor Group Art Gallery:

The Chilliwack Visual Artists Association exhibits in the O'Connor Group Art Gallery included: *The Way We See It* from July 4 to August 3, *Expressions* from August 8-24. *A Touch of Earth XII* from August 28 to October 5.

### Art Classes:

Arts classes for adults were offered in Wirework, Flamework, Jewellery making, Pottery Glazing, and Acrylic Pouring. Open Studios for *Clay* and *Glasswork* continued over the summer months and the *Life Drawing Open Studios* resumed in September after taking a summer break.

*Summer Art Camps for Kids* ran for six weeks from July 8 to August 16.





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## Chilliwack Library

The Chilliwack Library, in partnership with the City of Chilliwack, began the first of eight weeks of outdoor entertainment with their annual Summer Reading Club Kick Off Party on July 3. Families were invited to join staff in Salish Park where a variety of activities had been set up for their enjoyment. Among other things, children had the opportunity to have their faces painted, create colorful sand art, enjoy complimentary refreshments and bounce in a giant inflatable castle. After all the excitement outside, families were invited to head into the library to see the Great Gordini work his magic. He and his assistant Otto the Skunky Monkey performed magic tricks and conjured up lots of fun for an excited audience of over 150 people.



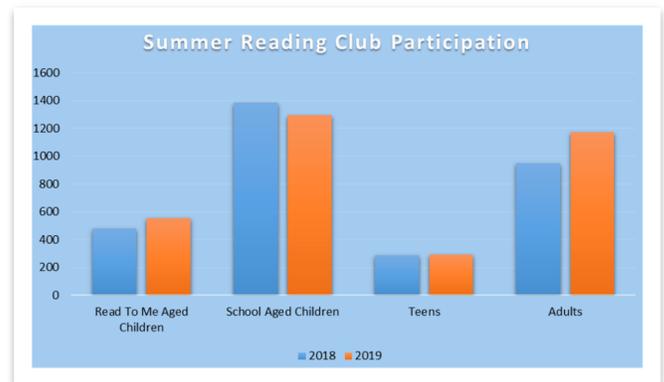
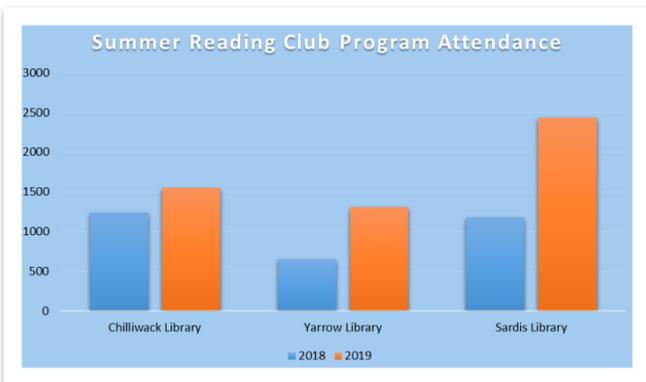
The ongoing “Summer in Salish” partnership series consisted of the Chilliwack Library organizing and delivering a series of story times hosted outside, accompanied by a special guest each week. Every story time featured songs and rhymes, a colorful cast of puppets, some of everyone’s favourite picture books, and was attended by as many as 85 children with their caregivers.

After each story time the library welcomed a local community group or performer who would exhibit their unique knowledge or talents to enthusiastic families. Some highlights included:

- A visit from the folks at Radical Raptors who, along with Tumble the Kestrel, Betty White the Snowy Owl, and Harriet the Great Horned Owl, talked to an eager audience about the birds and what their organization does;
- A performance by the Circus Lab who demonstrated a variety of circus arts including aerial silks, juggling, and hooping; and
- A workshop on how to breakdance by the Breakdance Project, a group whose mission is to inspire positive change through the use of hip hop.



For September, the Chilliwack Library rolled out the “Man in the Moon” story time series. While there are many “Mommy and Me” options available in Chilliwack, library staff noticed a real absence of events geared towards fathers in the community. To help fill the void, this monthly program, led by a male librarian, encourages male caregivers and their children to enjoy a half hour of stories, songs and literacy based activities together.



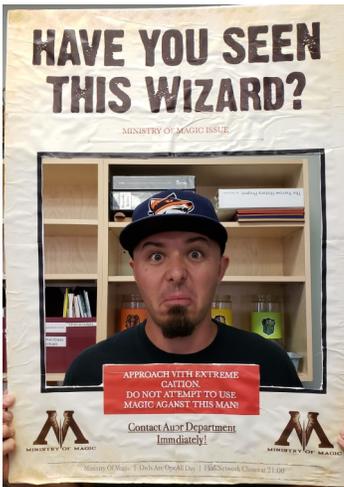
## Sardis Library

In addition to running the usual Summer Reading Club programming, several new events were added, including seven different art-based programs (a couple of these were so popular that the Library had to offer them twice). Over 350 people attended the annual medal ceremony to celebrate the reading accomplishments of their children. Mayor Popove and FVRL Library Board representative, Councillor Knott came to offer their congratulations.

In August, the popular “Back To School At Hogwarts” program returned. Patrons were sorted into Hogwarts houses, greened screened into scenes from Harry Potter, sent on scavenger hunts, given clues to open breakout boxes, learned to cast spells with our high tech wands, and given the chance to make several different Harry Potter related crafts. The library was filled to the rafters with merriment and mayhem as more than 700 people attended this popular event. It was rewarding for staff to see all the smiling faces, including many excited teenagers. The young adult and teen demographic can be challenging to reach with library programs, but Harry Potter themed events continue to demonstrate a universal appeal to all ages.



## Yarrow Library



Yarrow Library decided to explore this year’s Summer Reading Club theme, Imagine the Possibilities, a little bit further by adding sub-themes. Staff included a Harry Potter theme where customers could imagine that the Yarrow Library was transformed into Hogwarts. The library was decorated with Harry Potter house banners generously donated by The Bookman in Chilliwack, and other paraphernalia such as a broom, golden snitches, owls, wands, invisibility cloaks, a Marauder’s map and posters with quotes by favourite Harry Potter characters.

Each week, customers were invited to work through the scavenger hunts to enter and win Harry Potter type prizes and had the option to have their picture taken with some fun Harry Potter props. Staff saw customers come to the Yarrow Library from Abbotsford, Rosedale and Cultus Lake in order to take part in the fun.

The imagination did not stop with Harry Potter programs; customers were able to explore their imaginations with many in-house programs along with the system-wide programs. The library had several story times, two Play Doh meetup programs, Keva Planks, Magformers and Ozobots. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather “Storytime in the Park” was moved to the Yarrow Hall. Envision Financial generously donated popcorn and water for this event, FVRL’s popular LiLi van with Janeen Parent visited us, and master puppeteer Elspeth provided entertainment for everyone.

Yarrow Library experienced one of the best Summer Reading Club program years in terms of programming, class visits, registration, 5-week completions and medals. Yarrow’s overall participation increased 38% in 2019. Staff gave out approximately 100 completion medals this year, a marked increase to previous years. Programs expanded and attendance numbers doubled, demonstrating that the Yarrow Library continues to play an important role in the community.

