

Recreation and Culture



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First Quarter Report, 2018

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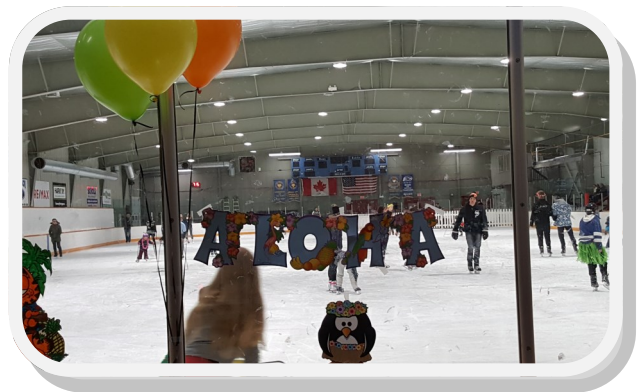
In the first quarter, the Celebration and Activity Grant program supported one event with a total of \$280 of grant funding. The highlight of the event was 35 neighbours braving the cold and wet afternoon weather to meet each other, many for the first time. The extreme weather this winter certainly posed a challenge to potential block party hosts.

Celebration and Activity Grant		Community	Funding	Guests	
				Projected	Actual
January	Hot Chocolate Social	Little Mountain	\$ 280.00	100	35
	Total		\$ 280.00		35

Special Skates:

There were eight special themed skates held at Twin Rinks and Prospera Centre hosted by the City:

- New Year's Day Winter Wonderland Skate
- Fairy Tales Come True Skate
- Family Day Skate
- Valentine's Day Skate
- Hawaiian Tropic Skate
- Thank You Free Skate
- St Patrick's Day Gold Loonie Skates
- Easter Skate



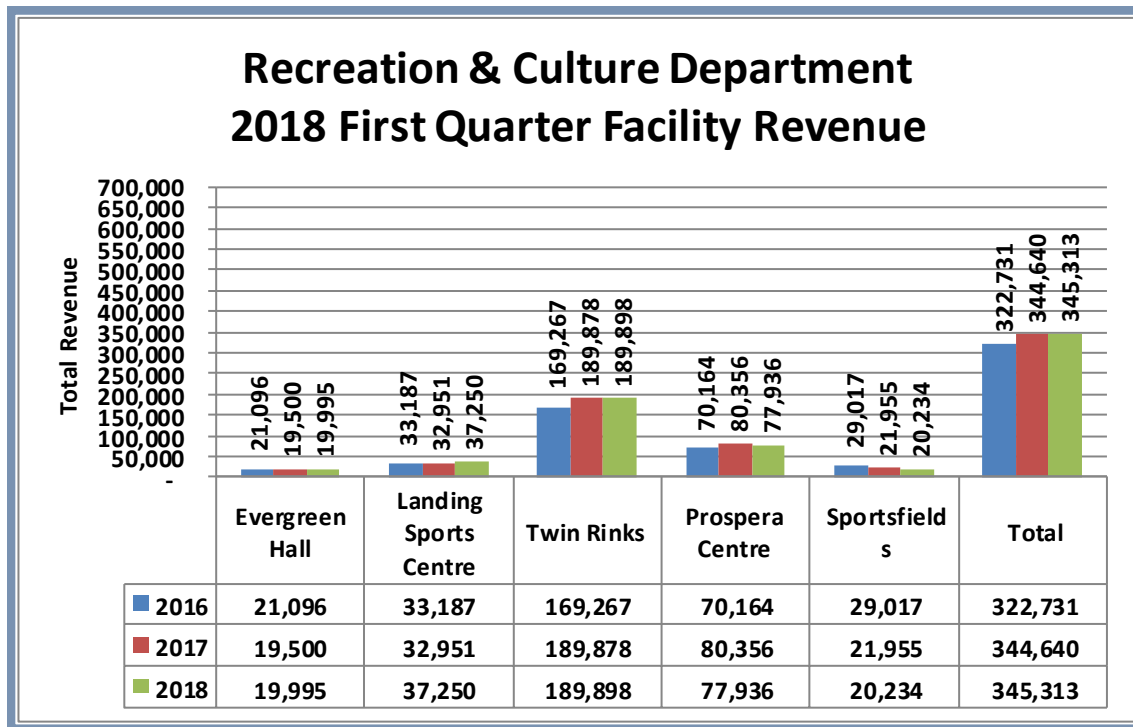
The Family Day Skate was a big highlight, drawing over 350 attendees. The skate offered free admission and provided free hot chocolate. Both ice sheets at Twin Rinks were opened for this event to accommodate the crowds.

The first time Fairy Tales Come True Skate featured rink staff in princess, prince and pirate costumes interacting with excited, wide-eyed kids, many of whom came dressed up in their own costumes. This event saw 251 guests come to Twin Rinks. The ever popular Winter Wonderland Skate on New Year's Day brought 277 attendees to Twin Rinks.

In total, 1,214 guests attended 2018 special skates at Twin Rinks and Prospera Centre.



Recreation and Culture Facility Revenue Report



Promontory Heights Community School Society

Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association (PHECSA) has enjoyed a busy, fun winter session of afterschool programs. Winter programs offered included: Tiny Chefs, Baking up a Storm, Pickle Ball, Discover Dance, Lego Robotics and Video Game Design.

The drop-in program “Tween Night” is held on Friday evenings for youth in grades 5 – 7. Parents are very supportive of this program that offers kids the chance to socialize with their peers in a safe and fun environment. The Busy Bees caregiver/parent & tot program is also often at full capacity. Numbers are capped at 15 families each week due to limited space. This wonderful program offers a variety of themed crafts and story time, plus lots of free play time, while providing participants with a chance to connect with others in the community. The Primetimers program has seen an increase in membership to roughly 20 participants per week. This weekly drop-in group provides seniors with a chance to enjoy conversation and coffee. Our private piano lessons are operating at full capacity, with a wait list. It is very convenient for parents to have their children attend music lessons and other activities at the school as they are all conveniently held here in their own neighbourhood!

PHECSA held its annual Free Easter Eggstravaganza and over 200 people attended the event, which included arts and crafts and a chocolate egg hunt.



Rosedale Traditional Community School Society

The facility is busy with activities seven days a week starting at 7 am until 10 pm from Monday to Friday, and at times on the weekends until 11 pm. This includes both programming and user groups. Successful winter programs included sewing for kids, gymnastics, cooking, yoga, and Zumba classes. On Thursday mornings, a group of seniors meet regularly for a paint club where novice artists work on secular projects and enjoy each other's company. The society is actively working on encouraging seniors to use the facility. A community needs survey was distributed to connect with the community. Results are currently being compiled. The society believes a community survey is an excellent tool to direct programming and is always excited to pursue new activities. Attendance for the first quarter of 2018 was approximately 12,000.



Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School Society

The drop-in Tween Club program runs weekly on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 pm and is open to all students in surrounding schools from grades 4 to 6. Tween Club provides weekly theme-based fun, including sports in the gym, games, movies and crafts, with a consistent average of 14 tweens attending weekly. Even though the drop-in fee is only \$2, due to the socio-economic circumstances of the population attending the program, 75% of the tweens that attend the program are subsidized by the City of Chilliwack funding so that anyone can participate. The winter session of Tween Club included such weekly themes as an Evening of Art, Belly Ball, Dance Night, Neon Night, All Star Sports and Baking Night, to name a few.

CCECSS introduced the new Little Tumblers and Acro Dance programs into the winter session. In addition, CCECSS also offered their ongoing soccer, karate, video game design, robotics, basketball, stage star drama, art exploration, drop-in adult soccer, and yoga sports and recreation classes to participants of all ages ranging from preschool to adult.

Community recreation programs: 105 participants and 150 participants for Tween Club.





Greendale Elementary Community School Society

GECCS held the Annual Family Games Night in the beginning of January. Families bring board games to share around tables and there were also “large group” games. Nearly 60 participants enjoyed the evening.

Once a year, GECCS brings the Red Cross Babysitting Course to Greendale. There were 15 students who became certified in babysitting. At the end of May, GECCS offers a Home Alone Course.

The local Chilliwack 4H Beef & Dairy and Lamb Clubs have been holding their monthly club meetings at Greendale, as well as their nights for speeches and demos. The 4H District Night event is on April 21 and that takes the entire day.

Winter Programming:

ASSAI Programs include Acting Outright Drama Club and Hoops Play; iLearning Courses like LEGO Robotics & LEGO Build-It Classes. Weekly Long-Term Rentals include karate, fitness classes, yoga, Little Kickers and Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers.



Acting Outright Productions



Family Game Night



Lego Build-it Program

Yarrow Community School Society

The parent volunteers and fans come out in full force every Saturday morning for eight weeks to support the very popular Kids' Ball Hockey, 30 boys and girls from ages 6-10 play for an hour and then head off for the day. There are 30 newly certified babysitters in town after having successfully completed the one-day course. A Child Care First Aid course was well-attended and helpful. Weekday and evening programming included pickleball, community choir, Pilates, Boot Camp, wrestling, Family Place, Kids and Their Grown Up Yoga, Clay Play, Core 'n Strength, women's volleyball, lacrosse, men's floor hockey, adult yoga, Family Gym Nights and the weekends are busy with the basketball league, line dancing classes, church and lots of birthday/family parties.



Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve

The last three months have been busy at the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve (GBHNR). The New Year's Day Walk was attended by 75 people and led by two guides. The GBHNR winter homeschool program was fully booked (with a waiting list) and ran from the beginning of February to the middle of March. There were 12 school and community groups booked in January, February, and March, and a four week Caregiver and Tot program that ran weekly throughout February was fully booked. A weekend bird identification workshop was offered in March and was well-attended, and the Family Nature Festival took place on March 23 and 24 with several hundred community members enjoying the free programs, crafts and displays.

The herons began returning to their nests at the beginning of March, and our first guided heron walk of the season was held on March 17. A group of volunteers is monitoring the heron colony using survey protocols from the Heron Working Group, and a group of volunteers is conducting bird surveys and providing data for the continental FeederWatch program.

Nearly 5,000 visitors came through the Interpretive Centre at the GBHNR in the last quarter.



Chilliwack Heritage Park



Chilliwack Heritage Park kicked off the New Year with the fast-paced action of Drone Racing, a new event this year. The facility then hosted the Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce's Business Excellence Awards, which is Chilliwack's premiere red-carpet affair and brilliantly transforms the facility into one that has the capacity to host large-scale, elegant affairs. This was quickly followed up by the annual Chilliwack Home & Leisure Show.

Heritage Park was then transformed into an indoor track to host Arenacross: indoor motorcycle racing. This was followed up by a Kids' Expo and the Mt. Cheam Dog Show, to round out the month of February. March started off with the annual Fraser Valley Women's Show. On its heels was the ever-popular Gun and Antique Show, one of the largest shows of its kind in Canada. The month ended with a farrier competition and the Oceanside Dog Show.

Attendance this quarter was approximately 44,000.

Chilliwack and District Seniors' Resources Society

In the first quarter of 2018, Chilliwack & District Seniors' Resources Society (CDSRS) saw an increase of 43% in Evergreen Hall office enquiries from the first quarter of 2017. Requests for information on community resources accounted for 603 of the 5,823 requests including 72 for housing, 33 new to town, 43 for transportation and 85 for City of Chilliwack facility information.

CDSRS continues to expand activities to meet the interests and needs of the changing senior population. In January 2018, two activities were added: a dance class and a Strength and Balance class. In addition, a Chair Yoga class was added to the schedule at Evergreen Hall. These activities account for 176 new visits to City of Chilliwack facilities.

The 2018 Income Tax Program began on February 26. As of March 31, 368 returns were prepared by volunteers for a total of 736 facility visits, as each return requires both a drop-off and pick-up visit.

The CDSRS AGM was hosted on March 21, 2018 with 40 people in attendance to hear the 2017 report of the CDSRS and from Councillor Ken Popove on behalf of the City of Chilliwack.

In the first quarter of 2018, the Healthier Seniors Task Team and CDSRS collaborated on an event to take place in June 2018. It is anticipated that 400 or more seniors and service providers will attend.

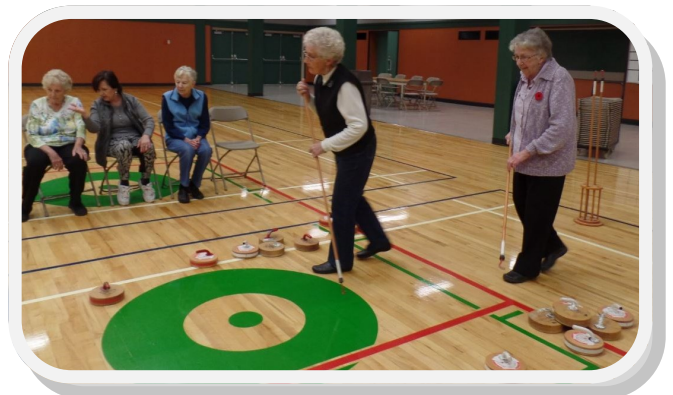
The new décor of the foyer at Evergreen Hall has provided a more comfortable meeting space for seniors and user groups. The CDSRS is encouraging its members to enjoy this space for socializing in an effort to reduce social isolation.

The Slesse Room was booked for the dinner stop of one of the CDSRS Bus Trips. Here, a catered luncheon was provided to 42 seniors.

In the first quarter of 2018, over 300 bus trip participants stopped in Evergreen Hall for pick-up and drop-off.

There were 16 call outs for Snow Angels processed through the CDSRS office with eight volunteers contributing 12 hours and a total of eight hours of coordination through the CDSRS office.

Facility Attendance During This Quarterly Period: 5,823 telephone inquiries, walk-in and emails; 830 program visits; and 2,748 visits to City of Chilliwack facilities to attend activities for a total of 9,401.

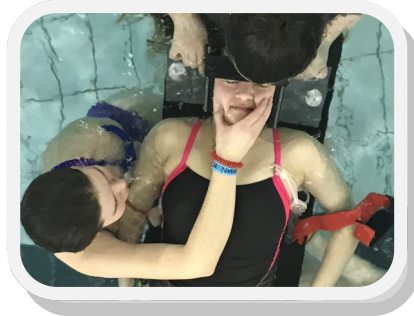




Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre (CLLC) and Cheam Leisure Centre



Canadian Recreation Excellence Corporation had a very exciting and busy winter at CLLC and the Cheam Centre. Preparations for the Rotary Outdoor Pool to open for the May long weekend have just begun. Aquatics has seen growth and development over the past few months, recertifying nine lifeguards and holding a lifeguard in-service for 53 staff, which included First Aid, lifesaving updates and refreshers, as well as harassment and bullying training. There was also significant growth in weight room patrons, as staff have been providing safety orientations for the new weight room equipment to members.



Cheam Leisure Centre

The Cheam Leisure Centre was host to the Annual Ladies' Volleyball Tournament, the Chilliwack Elementary School Volleyball Tournament, the Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament and the third Annual Squash Tournament this winter. Add in the 108 kids that attended our Spring Break camps and approximately 1,400 SD33 swim students, and it made for a very busy quarter. The Learn to Swim program continues to book at approximately 92%, creating the potential for more lifeguards in the future. Our fitness programs have seen significant growth, with over 40 patrons attending the new fitness programs offered at the Cheam Centre.

Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre

The first quarter of 2018 at the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre was very busy with programs and services. On top of the 579 Learn to Swim participants the two-week Spring Break saw 38 youth campers, 48 newly certified babysitters, 32 lifeguards in training, six lifeguard students and 13 Water Safety Instructors taking over the facility!

After a delay due to the snowy weather, the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre's weight room received its first shipment of new cardio equipment which included a selection of treadmills and ellipticals.

CLLC	Cheam
January – 44,839	January – 28,499
February – 44,444	February – 26,999
March – 44,282	March – 26,611
Total – 133,565	Total – 82,109



Chilliwack Museum

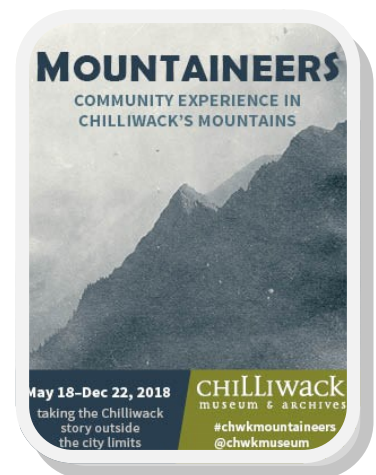
Education Program

Our Classroom in Residence program, a place-based education initiative collaborating with two School District #33 classes, took place in February and March 2018. This program is based upon successful school/museum partnership models developed in Calgary, London and Gibsons, BC. Grade 5 and 6 teachers and their students from Promontory Elementary and Tyson Elementary each came for a five-day immersive experience, transferring their learning to the Museum and Archives environment, and strategically used collections to inspire and support their learning. Differing from a typical fieldtrip, Classroom in Residence encourages students to slow down and investigate subject areas in deeper ways. Students actively participated in journaling exercises to capture their learning through writing, drawing and other documentation methods. The Museum is exploring the potential to develop the program into a sustainable educational program. The Chilliwack Museum is grateful to the Government of BC's Community Resilience through Arts and Culture program, the Government of Canada's Building Careers in Heritage program, Vancity, Oddfellows Lodge and Kiwanis Club of Sardis for their support of Classroom in Residence.

Exhibits

The Museum's next exhibit, Mountaineers: A History of Community Experience in Chilliwack's Mountains, explores and celebrates the unique experiences of people exploring our local mountains. Famous peaks include Lhilheqey (Mt. Cheam), Selísi (Mt. Slesse), and Loyúmthel (Liumchen Mtn). A diverse range of stories, people, and community groups – all connected by the trails, peaks and ranges – will be yours to discover. Mountaineers opens May 18, 2018.

Our latest exhibition, Sq'ewlets: A Stó:lō-Coast Salish Community in the Fraser River Valley continued to attract a wide variety of visitors in the first quarter of 2018. A closing ceremony for this exhibit will take place in conjunction with our Annual General Meeting on April 28.



Staff Changes

Administrative and Volunteer Coordinator, Alison Adamson, retired in March after almost 15 years of service. Yvonne Contreras is the new Administrative and Volunteer Coordinator.



Total Museum Visitors – 1,290
(excludes off-site exhibit locations);
Website Visitors – 12,340; Archives
Visitors –188; Archives Phone / Email
Inquiries – 198.

Chilliwack Cultural Centre

The Society's 2018 shows started the second half of the season off with the Magic Series' sold-out show *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders IX* with Spain's Woody Aragon at the end of January. The Comedy Series saw the return of the very popular *Comic Strippers*, the third Fringe Series show was *The Jupiter Rebellion*, and Arts Club Theatres' *Misery*, as part of the Theatre Series, kicked off the first week of February. The Music Series sixth show was *An Intimate Evening with Shari Ulrich*, and the third show in the Kids Series was *Cinderella*. At the Movies as part of the Classical Music Series with the Bergmann Duo, the tenth *Cabaret of Wonders* with Shawn Farquhar and Winnipeg's Chris Funk performed in the Magic Series, and the eleventh *The Centre Rocks* rounded out the middle of February.

On Valentine's Day, *Anastasia* by Ballet Jorgen was part of the Dance Series with outreach programs by the Ballet Company including *People in Motion - Ballet Jorgen* where ballet and photography combined to reveal the beauty of dance and human motion with Chilliwack photographer Vickie Legere. For local dance students, a *Ballet Jorgen Masterclass/Pointe Shoe Clinic* was held where students joined a professional ballet dancer from Ballet Jorgen and were guided through the steps of *Anastasia*. CircusWest, who is known for their incredibly charming series of kids' circus shows brought the first full public performance of their VERVE Inspired Circus show *Fireflight* to Chilliwack at the end of February in a performance for all ages.

March started off with *An Intimate Evening with Sean McCann* (from Great Big Sea) as part of the Music Series, another Arts Club Theatre show *Onegin* as part of the Theatre Series, and the very popular *I Am Woman! Hear Me Laff!* (a show created in Chilliwack by the Chilliwack Cultural Centre and sent to Vernon, Surrey and Duncan) on International Women's Day as part of the Comedy Series. The Magic Series continued with *Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders XI* and had Ontario's James Allan and Master Fundraiser John Kaplan joining him; the Music Series continued with *The Centre Rock XII*. The very exciting *Best of the Fest Tour - Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival* curated by Sam Waddington was part of the Film Series, and the Kids' Series *Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch* finished up the month of March.

Classes

Arts classes for adults were offered in pottery, wirework, flamework, photography, drawing, painting, as well as open studios for clay, life drawing and glass work. Kids' classes were offered in clay, performance, magic and anime. A special dance master class also took place with *Anastasia's Ballet Jorgen*. Spring Break Art Camps took place from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm from March 19-23 and March 26-29.

Rental Organizations

The Chilliwack School of Performing Arts' production of *Beauty and the Beast* drew an audience of more than 6,000 in January.

Other renters included: Chilliwack Hospice's *Grief Dreams*, and Chilliwack Music Academy's fundraiser - *Fraser Valley Distillery Festival* in January. Creative Outlet's *2018 Debut*, Project Dance's *Preview 2018*, Pencil Fingerz and Friends' *Art Show*, Ghostfinger Production's *PIGS: A Pink Floyd Tribute*, and Rock.It.Boy Entertainment's sold out show *Jim Cuddy - Constellation Tour* in February. Dance in Motion's *Be Our Guest*, *Love After Loss Seminar* hosted by Jade Karling Black, Simply the Best Talent's *Tina Turner - The Queen of Rock N' Roll*, Chilliwack Metropolitan Orchestra's *The Fab Four ever and the CMO*, the Lions Festival's *Dance Honours Performance*, and Rock.It.Boy Entertainment's soldout *Brett Kissel* show in March.





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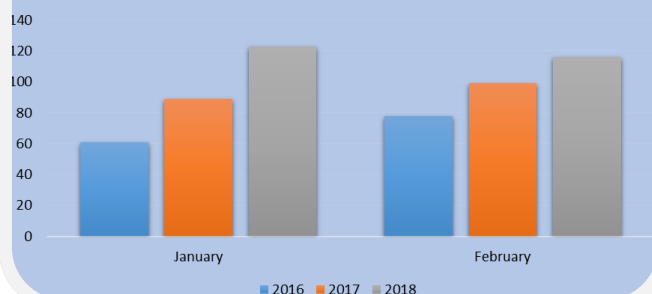
The Ukulele Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Chilliwack Library with an average attendance of 30 people or more. The demand for this program was so great that a Family and Teen Uke meet up was also organized for people who are a little newer and need some additional instruction. These sessions are offered in partnership with the Chilliwack Academy of Music and they fill the air in the library with music and laughter.

Teens and tweens have often been a demographic that can be challenging to attract to library programs. Recently, the Chilliwack Library began a program called the BeTween Book Club: a book club for tweens and young teens along with family members or friends. This has been a fun and successful program to run. The club began last September and has now grown in registered members. A few of the tween members are reluctant readers so an important aspect of this group has been to provide readers advice, along with book lists based on their interests. One of the group members has let staff know how much this group has encouraged her to read: turning her from a reluctant reader to one who read seven books over her two week Christmas break and five in the month of February - all for her own pleasure! Staff had planned not to meet during the month of March due to Spring Break, but the group unanimously voted to hold a meeting because they wanted to read and discuss the book.

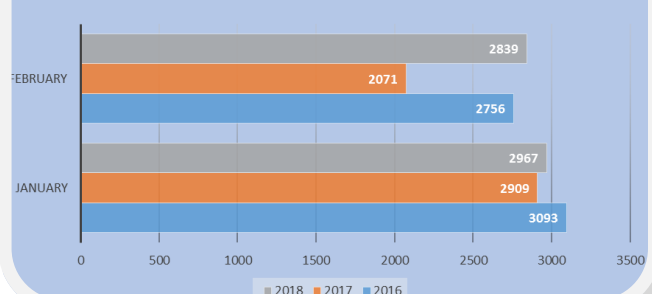
Spring Break offered another unique program for teens – Henna Art. This popular workshop was soon full with eager teens learning to draw and care for their henna body art. This workshop has been offered several times to teens and draws new customers into the library with “outside of the box” ideas.



Total number of Programs Offered at the Chilliwack Libraries



Total Reference Questions Answered for the Chilliwack Libraries





Sardis Library

The Friends of the Chilliwack Libraries Society meets on the first Wednesday of every month. This volunteer organization supports the library through advocacy, fundraising and assistance with various projects and programs. By far the most popular fundraising event is the annual puzzle sale that takes place on the first weekend of February.

For the second time in its eighteen-year history, the Friends of the Chilliwack Libraries Society held their annual Puzzle Sale at the Sardis Library. Ardent puzzlers lined up early in anticipation of this popular event. This year was the most profitable yet, with total sales of \$5,583.77! This is the first time the sale was completely sold out of puzzles and had to close its doors early.

In January, prior to the sale, the public is asked to donate complete, used puzzles and in turn are given a coupon to receive a 50% discount on one puzzle at the sale. By adding the returned coupons, it is estimated that more than 2,100 puzzles came through the Sardis Library doors to be donated.

Proceeds from this popular event go towards supporting the Chilliwack, Sardis and Yarrow Libraries. This can range from new library furniture to shelving, workshops, collections and the Summer Reading Program.



Yarrow Library

The character Hagrid from Harry Potter has become a well-known household and library name around the world. A Great-Horned Owl named Hagrid came to visit the Yarrow Library in early February, along with his owner Gary Worsley of Radical Raptors Falconry.

The program was part of a special school event where 180 mesmerized students from Yarrow Elementary came to learn about local raptors and eagerly get close to pet one of the birds. The program began with a beautiful falcon bird named "Salt" and finished with Hagrid, the great-horned owl. The highlight of the program for library supervisor, Wanda Lindsay, was the opportunity to hold Hagrid on her arm while Gary continued to interact with the students. Five excited teachers and one student who amazed Gary Worsley by answering a difficult question had the opportunity to hold Hagrid.



Yarrow Library is fortunate to have the use of a large hall to host these types of programs and appreciates the Yarrow Ratepayers' willingness to support the library. In addition, the close proximity of the Yarrow Library to the elementary school has a large impact on attendance and the opportunity to bring students to these types of programs.

In partnership with the Chilliwack Fraser Valley Child Development Centre, (CFV CDC), and generosity of the Yarrow Ratepayer's Society, the Mother Goose program has been running at the Yarrow Library since the middle of January. The attendance has been tremendous and registration was full in less than a month. Coralee Tucker, Infant Development Consultant (CFV CDC), delivered the program. The feedback has been very good and the library expects to host the program again in the near future.