

# Recreation and Culture



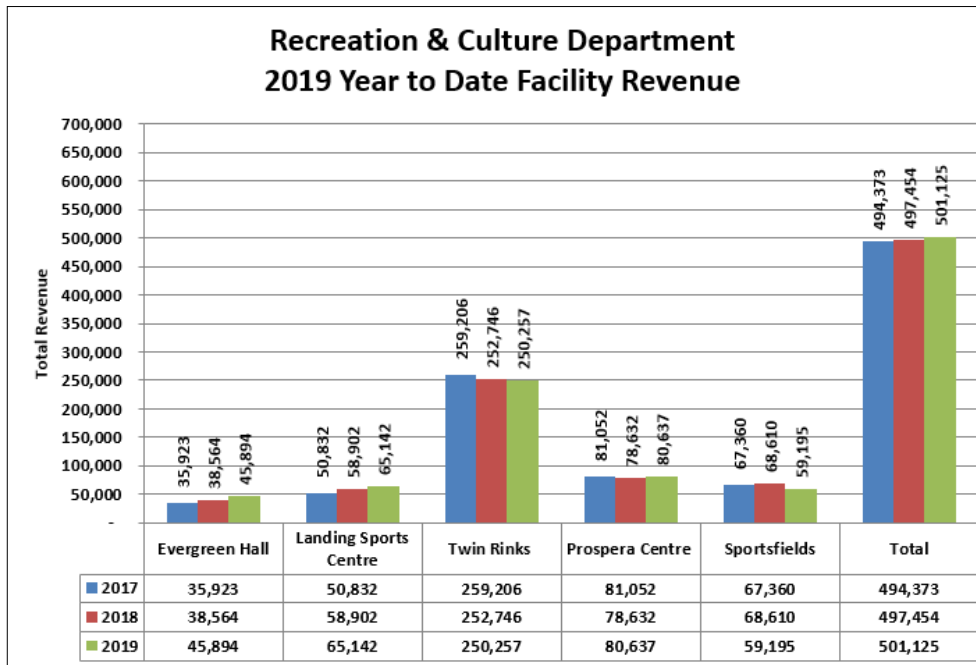
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## Second Quarter Report, 2019



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Celebration and Activity Grants

Through the months of April, May and June, the Celebration and Activity Grant stream of the Neighbourhood Grant Program supported six events with a total of \$1,120 in grant funding. The events were primarily neighbourhood block parties, hosting a cumulative total of just over 350 neighbours.

Celebration and Activity Grant		Community	Funding	Guests	
				Projected	Actual
April	Easter Egg Hunt	River's Edge	\$ 280.00	100	100
	Save our Slough Paddling Tour	Hope Slough	\$ 215.00	100	75
May	Hacienda Neighbourhood Block Party	Vedder	\$ 165.00	50	40
June	Valleyview Community Summer Party	Promontory	\$ 150.00	50	40
	Greenwood Trails 1st Annual Block Party	Promontory	\$ 140.00	30	38
	F3 Manor Dr Block Party	Fairfield Island	\$ 170.00	50	65
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,120.00</b>		<b>353</b>



The Easter Egg Hunt in River's Edge built on the success of neighbourhood events held in the area in 2018. For a relatively large and new neighbourhood, these events have been greatly appreciated opportunities to connect with neighbours and build community spirit.



## Recreation and Culture

### Celebration and Activity Grants



Greenwood Trails Block Party was a first time event for the Promontory neighbourhood. The event's goals were to create a sense of belonging in the neighbourhood and thereby a safer place to live. Although it was a small event, it was also a great success in reaching the set goals. Neighbours all pitched in by opening up backyards for kids to play, donating tables, tents, BBQs, set up and clean up, and more. Well after the block party officially ended, neighbours were still enjoying each other's company over conversation and a game of basketball.



The Valleyview Community Summer Party was another first time event in Promontory. This less than a year old neighbourhood sought to create lasting connections between neighbours and foster healthy relationships between their children. The event was highly successful with these goals.



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

- Chilliwack Tulip Festival: Tulips of the Valley
- Yarrow Days
- Gwynne Vaughan Park and Plant Sale



## Promontory Heights Community School Society

Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association enjoyed a busy spring session of afterschool programs. Spring programs offered included Zumba, baking/cooking classes, video game design, pickleball, dance lessons, art classes, sports camps, and many more.

PHECSA's drop-in program "Tween Night" was held on Friday evenings for youth in grades 5-7. Parents are very supportive of this program that offers children 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 program offers a variety of themed crafts and story time, as well as free play time, while providing participants with a chance to connect with others in the community. The seniors social program Primetimers continues to be a good draw. Private piano and guitar lessons are operating at full capacity. PHECSA has been offering Karate lessons this year and has seen the numbers grow substantially.

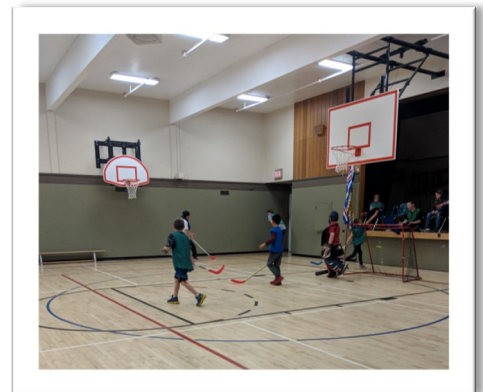
PHECSA also recently held a community festival with activities and crafts with the help of the local PAC that was very well attended.



## Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School Society

This spring, CCECSS continued to offer popular programs such as Music and Movement, Kinderdance and indoor soccer for preschool ages as well as Springers, Dynamic Dance, Expressive Art, soccer, Dance Expressions, Twisters, karate, Lego Robotics, basketball, Stage Star Drama, piano lessons, Home Alone and babysitting for ages six to twelve years old. In addition to those programs, the drop-in tween club program ran weekly on Thursday evenings, open to all students in surrounding schools from grades three to five.

CCECSS, in partnership with Central Elementary Community School, hosted a year-end family gathering open to everyone titled "Rejoice in our Culture and Community" on Tuesday, June 11 in honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day. The event had several health and community service providers with information booths, interactive displays, and activity stations which included cultural components focusing on the four wellness streams. Drumming and dancing were ongoing throughout the event. Dinner was provided for everyone in attendance.



### Second Quarter Attendance

275+ at National Indigenous Peoples Day Family Gathering in June

91 community recreation participants from April to June

179 for tween drop-in from April to June



## Rosedale Traditional Community School Society

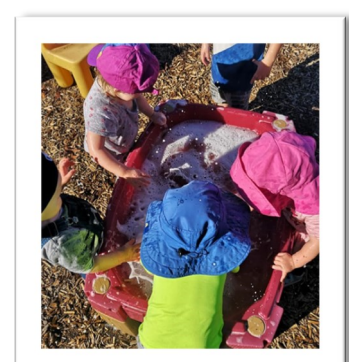
Spring season welcomed community members to participate in several programs. For adults, the society offered drop-in line dance, pickleball, volleyball and badminton, in addition to Art Club and cooking classes. Youth participated in gymnastics, Tiny Cooks, In the Studio, guitar and piano lessons. Guitar wrapped up the year with an evening recital for friends and family to enjoy. Doors were open Friday evenings for youth in grades 4-6 from 6-8pm to participate in Friday Fun Zone, and youth in grades 7-9 from 8-10pm to participate in Youth Nite. Friday nights are busy, welcoming up to 70 youth each week. Country Kids Childcare Centre, managed by the society, is very busy. Chickadees Infant Toddler Care, Sparrows preschool age and Ravens school age programs are all at capacity. The society is proud to be providing high quality care for over 70 families. Celebrate Summer staff have been hired and are anticipating a very busy summer.



Adult Art Club



Snowshoe field trip - Sasquatch Mountain



Infant/toddler fun

## Yarrow Community School Society



Second quarter saw many spring time activities after school, including the Art in Nature program where 14 children enjoyed a four-week after school class learning how to weave baskets from Willow and Ivy, and then made their own Easter baskets. Four more Sew Fun classes teaching basic machine sewing, embroidery and cross stitch were held. The gym was busy after school with Kids Ringette, where 18 kids learned the beginner skills of this fun game, and as soon as that was finished the gymnastics classes took over. Twelve kids enjoyed some advanced instruction in badminton over a six-week program. Saturday mornings, 20 kids with their parents or guardians played T/Blast Ball on the school ball field. In April

the Cycling Without Age program had its official community launch, including a pancake breakfast and a short ride on Daisy – the bicycle built for two. In May, Daisy was up at Browne Creek for Mother’s Day rides. A small, dedicated and talented crew of students and a couple of adults worked right until the end of June to finish the Banner Project: 10 painted fabric banners now hang in the school entry, welcoming visitors in languages representing some of our school’s family cultures.





## Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve (GBHNR)

The GBHNR Society education programs were very popular in April, May and June. In April, 15 schools booked 74 programs, two preschools booked three programs, and two community groups booked two programs. In May, 18 schools booked 65 programs, six preschools booked 11 programs, and two community groups booked programs. In June, 13 schools booked 48 programs, and two community groups booked programs. Weekend wildlife art workshops ran successfully throughout June. A ten-week homeschool program ran from the end of April through the beginning of June. In previous years, the homeschool programs have only been held in the fall and winter.

Free public events this quarter included monthly guided walks to see the herons nesting and the Vedder River Clean Up Society river cleanup event, which was paired with Earth Day events on April 13. Almost 11,000 people came through the Interpretive Centre at the GBHNR this quarter.

The volunteer team monitoring the heron colony reports 95 active nests and observations indicate that the colony remains stable. Volunteers do weekly bird surveys and visitors and volunteers on-site report a high diversity of birds at the reserve. The GBHNR is now being used as a site for hummingbird researchers out of Royal Roads University to study the effects of neonicotinoids on Rufous Hummingbirds. Hummingbird banding happened on-site in both May and June.



*Hummingbird Banding*

Other research projects happening on-site include extensive benthic invertebrate sampling and fish population surveys that are being led by two summer employees hired with the help of a Canada Summer Jobs grant. Dr. Mike Pearson is lending his extensive knowledge to these projects, as well. Invasive plant removal continues to be a priority, and a benthic barrier technique is being piloted at the GBHNR for control of Yellow Flag Iris. A tech transfer event happened in early May with Dr. Catherine Tarasoff so that proven methods of Yellow Flag Iris control could be implemented at the reserve. Removal of other invasive plants is also being facilitated with help from summer employees and a group of devoted volunteers. A pollinator garden has also been created and is being maintained near the Environmental and Art Education Centre (formerly the Discovery Annex).



*Yellow Flag Tech Transfer Day*

### Chilliwack and District Seniors’ Resources Society (CDSRS)

In the second quarter of 2019, CDSRS saw a continued increase in membership with 314 new and renewed memberships. There was an increase in activities attended by 575. This quarter saw an increase in requests for information on community resources, which accounted for 1,085 of the 5,123 requests, including 64 new to town, 93 for housing and 98 for City of Chilliwack information.

CDSRS continues to expand programs and activities to meet the needs of the diverse senior population. In May, a new Gentle Yoga class was added to the schedule at Evergreen Hall. This brought in 12 new participants which accounted for 145 visits. The 2019 Income Tax program started in February and as of the end of June, over 1,100 returns were prepared at Evergreen Hall by volunteers for a total of 1,480 visits, as each return requires both a drop-off and pick-up visit. The CDSRS Volunteer Appreciation luncheon was a success, honoring 52 volunteers.

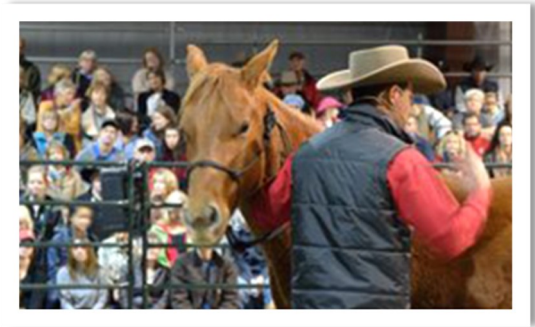
In the second quarter of 2019, 2,362 members enjoyed one or more of 37 bus trips, with participants stopping in Evergreen Hall for pick-up and drop-off. In this quarter, a Community Education series was successfully added, with 257 attendees.

5,123 telephone, walk-in and email enquiries  
Total of 423 participants that participated in 3,801 activities in City of Chilliwack facilities  
Total of 380 visits for the Income Tax Program at Evergreen Hall



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HERITAGE PARK**  
*Events Happen Here*

### Chilliwack Heritage Park



April was a very busy month at Chilliwack Heritage Park. The month started off with a Remote Control Show and an expanded Farm Machinery Auction. This was quickly followed by Heritage Park’s largest dog show which showcased both top competition and the latest dog breeds. The month rounded out with the Vintage Barn Market. In May, the facility welcomed the ever popular Food Truck Festival which showcased a variety of food, followed by the American Bike Association’s BMX competition. After the bikes left, the horses took over the arenas and remained at Heritage Park through to the end of June showcasing a variety of activities, from barrel racing to mini horses, reining and equestrian vaulting.



## Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre & Cheam Leisure Centre



### Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre

The much anticipated spring season brought the sunshine and a busy quarter for the centre. The Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre hosted a WaterArt course to train new Aqua Fitness instructors, and over 1,500 elementary and middle school students attended spring swim sessions. Rescue Canada utilized the facility to help train in-water rescues and a Tier 1 Championship Swim Meet which brought in approximately 1,500 participants and spectators over the third weekend in June.

PerfectMind, a new software registration program, was implemented at the beginning of May and allows patrons to view facility scheduling and activities online, as well as register for lessons and courses.

This spring, eight future lifeguards and 15 First Aid attendants were trained in our facility.



### Cheam Leisure Centre

The Cheam Leisure Centre gymnasium received the beginnings of a facelift with new LED lighting to replace the old, existing fixtures and new panels on the walls. The remainder of the upgrade will be done during a scheduled closure this August. The gym was utilized by many user groups this spring, including the BC Wildfire Service for their annual fitness testing. The centre also installed a second set of wallet lockers in the lobby for patron use.



### Rotary Outdoor Pool

Rotary Pool opened up for another summer season during the May long weekend. The local summer swim club made quick use of the pool during the weekdays while the pool opened for the public on weekends.





## Chilliwack Museum

### Administration

Cari Ann Moore joined the team as Administrative Assistant on May 27, 2019.

### Events

The Annual General Meeting of the Chilliwack Museum & Historical Society was held on April 27, 2019.

**Hops & Heritage:** The Chilliwack Museum & Archives held its first annual “friend-raiser” on June 15. The event featured a craft beer tasting from Old Yale Brewery, a special showing of the “Brewer’s Gold” exhibition, a silent auction, food and games. Ticket Sold (General): 11; Tickets Sold (Member): 23; Complimentary Tickets: 36; Total: 70 Guests



### Funding

YCW Students-Partial Funding: The Museum received \$5,308.08 as partial funding towards the Archival & Curatorial Assistant and Education & Engagement Assistant summer student positions.

Chilliwack Foundation Grant: Received \$5,200.00 from the Chilliwack Foundation to purchase tables, a laptop and other programming/event supplies for the Education & Engagement Department.

### Curatorial & Exhibitions

Five Faces, Five Corners: The Social Experience of Chilliwack’s Downtown opened on May 16 and is on display until April 2020. This exhibition explores the evolving social landscape of Chilliwack’s Five Corners area. Located on Stó:lō First Nation’s S’ólh Téméxw (Our World), the exhibition traces the downtown’s humble origins at Chilliwack Landing to the bustling centre of Five Corners today. Paid Admission to Opening: 42 Guests; Volunteers/Members with Free Admission: 20 Guests; Total: 62 Guests



### Education & Engagement

In addition to regular programming, the Education & Engagement team attended Cultus Lake Days as a vendor.

### Archives

Statistics for April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019:

	April	May	June	Total
Vistors	31	25	22	86
Research phone calls	21	17		38
Research emails	9	8		17
Photo orders	4	6	4	14

Total Museum visitors: 295
School programs: 20
Students attending programs: 380
Archives visitors: 86
Archives phone / email inquiries: 55



## Chilliwack Cultural Centre

### Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society Presentations

The Society's 2018-19 presentation season wrapped up with East Coast Kitchen Party on April 11, Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders XV on April 19, and Shawn Farquhar's Cabaret of Wonders XVI on May 17.

### Rental and Partner Organizations

CoreDance had their Gala & Awards Ceremony at the start of April. Concerts included The Tanner Olsen Band on April 12, Rumours – the Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute show on April 24 and the Evensong Chamber Singers in an MCC Benefit Concert on April 28. Theatre shows included Rock.It.Boy Entertainment presenting Menopause the Musical on April 17 and the Players Guild presenting The Diary of Anne Frank from April 25 to May 5.

May started with CSOPA's Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime on May 3 and 4 and the Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra presentation We've Got Your Bach on May 5. The Fraser Valley Philharmonic Society presented As Time Goes By on May 12, and the Chilliwack Hospice Society had their third annual Fashionista Fashion Show on May 13. CSOPA's Spring Festival ran from May 20-24 with The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon: Acting with Scene, The Big Bad Musical, Willy Wonka Jr, The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley Jr, The Tempest, and Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time. Lighthouse Theatre presented Peter Pan from May 23-29.

June had multiple dance studios performing their year-end shows. Creative Outlet Dance Studio had 2019 Little Steps on June 1, and 2019 Footsteps on June 2. Evolutionz Dance Studio performed EVOLVE – A

Year-End Showcase on June 9. Project Dance Studio's Finale 2019 was on June 13, their shows Animal Kingdom and Move were on June 14 and 15. The month wrapped up with Spiderlodge Music Festival on June 22.



2019 Art of Wine Festival



Player's Guild Diary of Anne Frank

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### Fundraisers

Chilliwack's Art of Wine Festival sold out on May 11, 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 People and Places from March 6 to April 13, Art 33 from April 17 to May 25, The Open Door from May 29 to June 1, and Fraser Valley Biennale from June 6 to 29.

### Art Classes

Arts classes for adults were offered in pottery, painting, drawing, photography, performance, printing, crochet, wirework, flamework, jewellery making and glass fusion. Open studios for clay, glass work and life drawing were active. Art classes for kids were offered in performance and clay.



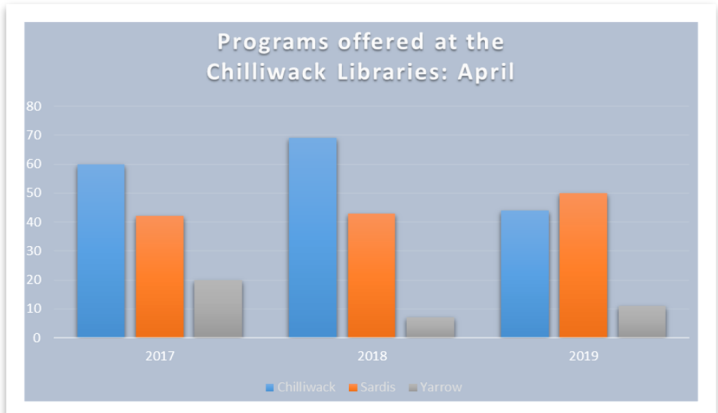
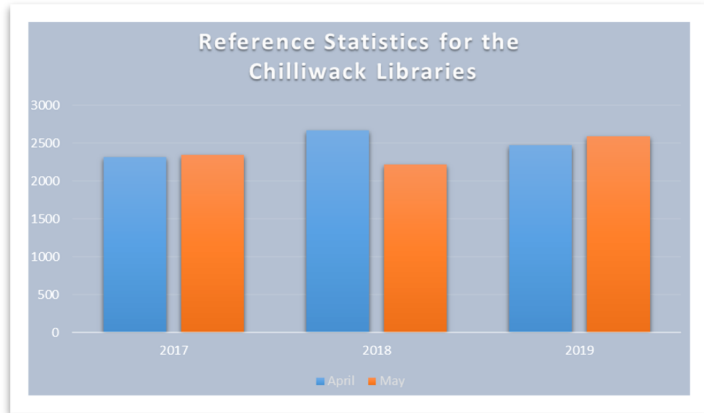
## Chilliwack Library

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The Chilliwack Library began the second quarter by offering an informational session in honor of Earth Day in April. Salina Derish, owner of Pick Eco Refills and ocean ambassador for Plastic Oceans Canada, presented ideas and options for working towards living a zero waste life. Salina included a showing of the Plastic Ocean Canada presentation of oceans around the world clogged with debris. The opportunity for discussion continued after on what people can do to aid the cleanup and avoid contributing to the problem.

A group of 18 grade one students from Bernard Elementary visited the library on May 22. As part of the program, “Cubetto in Space” was introduced as a storytelling tool and a means of introducing these students to the FVRL’s playground. Through reading the “Cubetto in Space” booklet and using the directions found in the story, children learned about using directions (right and left, as well as points on the compass).



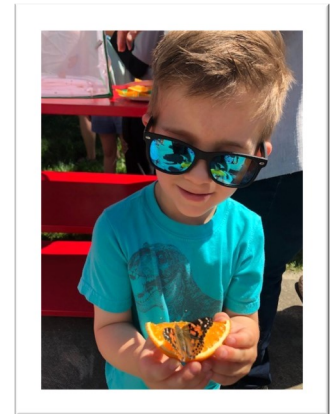
## Sardis Library



The second quarter at the Sardis Library contained program offerings for the whole family. In the spirit of May the Fourth, the Sardis Library ran a Star Wars themed Escape Room. Teams of 4 to 6 made their way through three interlocking rooms by solving puzzles and deciphering clues. This program featured four STEAM elements: science, technology, arts and math. Attendance exceeded 200 participants. Teams included multi-generational families, co-workers, friends and special interest groups. While adult men can often be a difficult demographic to appeal to, this program boasted a healthy representation. Feedback was very

positive, with customers already asking when the next one will be.

The Sardis Library also brought nature indoors, welcoming some very special visitors. Future entomologists were excited to grab a magnifying glass and watch as three dozen tiny larvae transformed themselves into beautiful butterflies over the span of several weeks. This began with a butterfly birthday party and story time, followed by a craft illustrating the lifecycle of butterflies. Staff and customers said goodbye during the release party in Watson Glen Park beside the Library.



## Yarrow Library

During the second quarter, the library hosted eight classes from John Calvin and Yarrow Elementary to listen to children's author Barbara Nickel. Dressing in a period costume from the 18th century, Barbara spoke to students about the historical setting of her newly released reissue of *The Mozart Girl*.

On April 9, after spending five months reading six books, over 12 schools in grades four and five from School District #33 came together in Yarrow Community Hall to compete in the annual Chilliwack Reading Link Challenge. After a rousing three rounds of questions, the competition was complete. The Unsworth Phenomenals won the Chilliwack Reading Link Challenge and advanced to the RLC Grand Challenge Championships held on April 24 in Delta.

Family and friends gathered for an artwork unveiling by the late local artist Heinz Klassen on April 25, 2019. The framed piece of three watercolor paintings, known as a triptych, was painted of the Chilliwack-Vedder River in 2017 before Heinz Klassen passed away. Heinz Klassen was avid library customer and this tribute of Heinz's artwork is in a perfect location for the community to view and remember him.



The second quarter concluded with Yarrow Library staff attending the annual Yarrow Days fair held the first Saturday in June. The library booth had a spinning wheel where kids were able to win candy and prizes, enter in nine different book prizes, and try two of FVRL's newest playground items, the Ozobot and Cubetto. More than 450 people visited the library display and participated in activities.