

**Prince Rupert Public Library
Library Board Meeting**

May 12, 2021

Present: Nick Adey (NA), Chris Armstrong (CA), Carolina de Ryk (CdR), Chelsea Keays(CK), Stephanie Lysyk (SL), Brendan Turner (BT), Dale White (DW), Andrea Wilmot (AW), Joe Zelwietro (JZ-Chief Librarian)

Regrets: n/a

Meeting commenced at 7:01 pm.

- Motion to remove April Circulation report from Consent Agenda to Discussion Agenda and accept the remaining items on the Consent Agenda as they are by NA, seconded by BT. Passed
- Discussion about the circulation report. Trustees wish the monthly circulation be altered to show an additional year of data to see whether long term trends are evident as 2020 data does not represent a 'normal' year. This will be started in June 2021. 2019 will be on the stats report as well.
- JZ gave May update.
 - The Library received a significant donation in April (actually deposited in May) that will be used to improve either collections or programming or both.
 - Vermin (mice) infestation in Library basement dealt with in April.
 - First evening openings since COVID shutdown of March 2020 occurred on May 5, 2021. We opened to the public until 7pm in order to provide more access to public.
 - 100th Anniversary of Prince Rupert Public Library committee formed from Library staff, Library Board and Friends of the PR Library. Meetings will commence shortly.
 - We began working on a "Cognitive Kits" project with Northern Health. We will be circulating various boxes of cognitive aids meant to re-invigorate brain activity. Funding for the project is the first step and the service will not be publicly available until later this year or early January 2022.
- Discussion of possible new design on our Wap Liitsx/House of Reading library cards. JZ will review any contractual obligations presently effective and discuss the matter with local Tsimshian elders and report back to the Board.
- Discussion about how to increase the Library Board's diversity to more accurately reflect our community.
- Discussion about the difficulties we are having with digital newspaper image vendor and how we will work through this.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm. Next Meeting at 7pm (June 9, 2021).