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to our wonderful student volunteers!**
You brighten our day when you walk through the door.

**And last, but not least,
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to all of our patrons!**

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**Elkford Public Library
2017 Annual Report**



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Staff

Diane Andrews, Library Director
Rosalie Atherton, Library Assistant
Sandra Takenaka, Library Assistant
Paula Nyuli, Library Clerk

Fundraising and Advocacy

Winter in the Wild: The Elkford Public Library held our first annual Toonie Tea during the Winter in the Wild celebrations, selling coffee, tea and cookies.

Read-a-thon: The first annual Elkford Public Library Read-a-Thon was held on April 27. Although the turnout wasn't large, those who did participate collected pledges to help raise money for the Summer Reading Club.

School Tours: In June, we hosted numerous school tours, from preschool to grade five. In all, there were 7 classes that visited us.

Wildcat Days: As in previous years, the Elkford Public Library spent the day making cotton candy. By the end, staff, and board members had spent 5 hours making candy.



Pat Ross-Nelson and the participants in the Read-a-thon



Becky Andrusiak and one of her preschool classes visit the library.

2018—2022 Strategic Plan

At the end of 2017, the board and staff had several meetings to develop our new Elkford Public Library Strategic Plan.

Vision: To advocate for the community in the development, enhancement, promotion and provision of recreational and educational library service.

Mission: To be an integral part of the community by meeting the needs of patrons and to develop and expand the library's tangible, virtual and technological resources.

Programming

Adult Computer Class: We held another class in the spring with both new students and returnees.

Telling our Life Story: A small group attended this CBAL course for people to use the craft of journaling to look at their lives.

Summer Reading Club: Averaging 25 children per day, SRC took local kids on field trips around town as well as a day at the Fish Hatchery. When not out and about, the children filled their time playing games and building crafts.

Leif David, Magician: The Kootenay Library Federation sponsored Leif David as our SRC entertainment. We held his show at Teck Hall and had over 80 children and adults attending.

Big changes at the library

During the summer, Rosalie Atherton tendered her resignation to go back to school to pursue new interests. A new library clerk, Paula Nyuli, was hired as her replacement at the end of August.

During this time, our longstanding casual, Denise Holtorf, also announced that she was leaving us for Grand Forks, and our new but promising casual, Summer Breeze-Kent, found work that fit her schedule better and left us at the same time.

In the fall, Diane announced to the board that she would be retiring in March/April 2018. The Board hired Sandra Takenaka, who started her new position on January 1st.

In December, Jeanette Fairbairn interviewed for the position of library clerk, starting her new job in January.

Near the end of December, Pat Ross-Nelson stepped up and became the acting chair of the Elkford Public Library Board.

Quick Trivia

- The Elkford Public Library holds over 25,000 volumes.
- We had 37 kids registered in SRC this year
- Our photo contest began in 2008
- Paula is our first new library clerk in over seven years.
- In 2018 Diane retired after being with the library since 1995.