

**Thank You
to our financial contributors!**

District of Elkford
Province of British Columbia
Regional District of East Kootenay
Elkford Lions Club

**Thank You
to our many partners who generously share
resources, ideas and enthusiasm!**

Kootenay Library Federation
BC Libraries Cooperative Staff
Libraries Branch Staff
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy
Elkford Early Childhood Development Committee
Elkford SYS.tem Youth Network

**Thank You
to our wonderful student volunteers!**

We always look forward to seeing you.

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

You make coming to work a joy!



Elkford Public Library
816 Michel Road
Box 280
Elkford, BC, VoB 1H0
Phone: 250-865-2912
Fax: 250-865-2460
info@elkfordlibrary.org
www.elkford.bclibrary.ca

**Elkford Public Library
2018 Annual Report**



Board of Directors

Pat Ross-Nelson, Chair
Michele Schalekamp, Treasurer/Vice-Chair
Heather Potter, Vice-Chair
Kevin Atherton, Treasurer
Mandy McGregor, District Representative
Jane Foy, Trustee
Shawna Klein, Trustee
Susan Mudge, Trustee

Staff

Sandra Takenaka, Library Director
Jeanette Fairbairn, Library Clerk
Paula Nyuli, Library Clerk

Elkford Public Library

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

Our 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.



Looking at fossils with our local fossil expert, Dale



Summer Reading Club fun.

Fostering Connected Communities

Online Resources: The Elkford Public Library continued to promote our online databases and digital resources such as Pronunciator, eBooks, Audiobooks, online magazines, and the Elkford Focus. We also subscribed to Gale Courses, a free, and very popular, open learning opportunity for library patrons who cannot leave the community to take classes.

High-speed Internet: According to the 2018 BC Public Library Connectivity Survey Report and Analysis, we are connected quite well. We rarely have delays in our internet connections and we are not slower than many big centres in our area.

Identify Under-served Communities: Our knowledgeable library staff spend two to three hours a week helping patrons use the public computers. Both library clerks spend many hours helping patrons set up email accounts, access online forms, or find information. They also help those who need to access online certificates so they can work at one of the local mines.

Working Together

Winter in the Wild: Our 2nd annual Toonie Tea was a success with many people stopping in to warm up in front of the fire and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate with some cookies.

Read-a-thon: Our 2nd annual read-a-thon to raise funds for Summer Reading Club was another success, with the student who raised the most pledges winning a tablet that was graciously donated by Karen's Pet Inn.

Library Tours: Not only did we have elementary school tours this year, but we also had visits from the Early Years group and the high school.

Wildcat Days: This year the library was at the first Farmers Market of the season with a book sale. The sale was a huge success although a summer thunderstorm cut short our evening.

SYS.tem: We partnered with SYS.tem Youth Network to host their 3D printer in the library and also to host a homework club.

Elkford Lions: The Elkford Lions graciously donated to Summer Reading Club and to our annual Photo Contest.

Building Capacity

Tales for Tots: In the spring our new staff began a series of six-week story times for the newer members of our community. Children from a few months old to those who were almost ready for kindergarten visited us for stories and songs while their parents/guardians enjoyed a quiet cup of coffee and a chat.

Focus: The Elkford Focus has been going strong since 2007. It is both a source of information and a source of inspiration, with stories and pictures as well as community information.

Saturday Coffee Break: In the fall we started a coffee break directed at seniors, providing coffee and tea, games and socialization for those who needed to get out of the house during the cold months. This program was also popular with the younger members of our community who came to play games or use the new Lego.

District Council: In the fall, board members and the library director went before our newly elected council to tell them that we are not only about books, but also poverty reduction, help for those who are not comfortable with computers, and a safe, non-judgemental space that provides services to the entire spectrum of our community.

Sustaining Our Success

This year we met many of the goals of our Strategic Plan. It was a rewarding year that included reaching new patrons, adding to our collection, both physical and virtual, and seeing an increase in the use of all of our services