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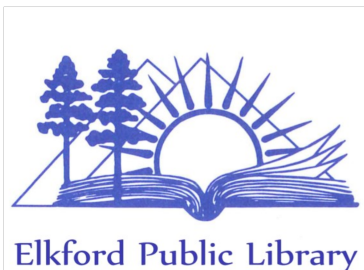
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to our wonderful student volunteers!**

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!



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**Elkford Public Library
2019 Annual Report**



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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.



Preschool tour at the library.



Summer Reading Club fun.

Fostering Connected Communities

Online Resources: The Elkford Public Library continues to promote and expand online resources. EPL subscribed to RB Digital Unlimited, adding more than 10,000 eBooks and audiobooks to our digital collection. Gale Courses have been popular, with library patrons learning, e.g., medical terminology, photography, and a variety of computer skills. Pronunciator usage also increased this year. We continue to provide access, help, and troubleshooting for the Teck Contractor Safety portal for Teck sites and Suncor sites.

Network and Internet Upgrades: Following network, Wi-Fi, and computer upgrades, the public now have access to five new computers and three new printers, as well as improved high-speed internet. The computers also have upgraded security.

Promoting Technological Literacy: EPL introduced Tech Thursdays, a weekly volunteer-run program where patrons can learn about and troubleshoot their computers and devices.

Working Together

Striving for Poverty Reduction: Staff at EPL are working toward poverty reduction by offering services to those most vulnerable in our community. Patrons have access to public computers as well as printing/scanning/faxing, and staff have assisted patrons with using technology, filling out government documents, as well as writing and proofreading resumes.

Kootenay Employment Services: Every month, EPL hosts KES to aid Elkford residents searching for jobs.

Photo Printing & Digitization: EPL has invested in a photo printing and digitization station (including a photo printer and scanner) for patrons who wish to digitize and upload old photos and slides. We are also hoping that in-house photo printing will allow more patrons to enter our annual photo contest.

Exam Invigilation: The Elkford Public Library has become a trusted invigilation site for Canadian universities, colleges, and other educational organizations.

Building Capacity

Lego Club: Through this new program at EPL, held on non-instructional Fridays, kids were encouraged to be creative and use their imaginations while building with Lego. Kids also had access to a variety of new games purchased this year.

Library Tours: Kids of all ages enjoyed tours through the library, including learning facts about the library and learning how to find books. After the tours, kids were able to indulge their curiosity by participating in multiple activities around the library, including reading and playing with STEM-based toys and games.

Science World Tech-Up Workshops: In January, Tech-Up workshops were brought to over 120 kids at Rocky Mountain Elementary School. Kids learned about technology and robotics through games and activities.

Elkford Focus: The Elkford Focus, EPL's monthly publication, continues to be a source of news, inspiration, and information to the community.

Sustaining Our Success

This year included many successes for the Elkford Public Library, including the introduction of new programs, new additions to our collection, upgrades to computers and equipment, and importantly, increased usage of library materials and services.