

**Thank You  
to our financial contributors!**

District of Elkford  
Province of British Columbia  
Regional District of East Kootenay  
Elkford Lions Club  
Community Foundation of the Kootenay Rockies  
LawMatters/Courthouse Libraries BC

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

Kootenay Library Federation  
BC Libraries Cooperative  
Public Libraries Branch  
Elkford Early Years Committee  
Elkford Chamber of Commerce  
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy  
Association Francophone des Rocheuses du Sud  
Elkford SYS.tem Youth Network  
BC Association of Community Response Networks  
Parent Tot Funtimes

**Thank You  
to our wonderful volunteers!**

Your contributions are invaluable. Thank you so much for supporting the library.

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

Please let us know what we can do for you!



**Elkford Public Library**

**Elkford Public Library**

816 Michel Road  
Box 280  
Elkford, BC, VoB 1H0  
Phone: 250-865-2912  
Fax: 250-865-2460  
info@elkfordlibrary.org  
<https://elkford.bc.libraries.coop>

**Elkford Public Library  
2021 Annual Report**



Photographer: Elliot Russell

**Board of Directors**

Colleen Murphy, Chair  
Kevin Atherton, Treasurer  
Mandy McGregor, District Representative

Shawna Klein, Trustee  
Dallys Kmiecik, Trustee  
Nancy Buchan, Trustee  
Vanessa Pettifor, Trustee

**Staff**

Alexandra Faucher, Library Director  
Jeanette Fairbairn, Library Clerk  
Vera Rees, Library Clerk  
Diane Andrews, Casual Clerk  
Colleen Welter-Gavey, Casual 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.



Participants learned new digital skills in our 2021 stop motion animation workshop.



Outdoor activities during Summer Reading Club.

## Fostering Connected Communities

**Online Resources:** Demand for electronic resources remained high in 2021. We continue to mitigate long wait times for electronic books and audiobooks by purchasing electronic titles exclusively for Elkford Public Library patrons through OverDrive Advantage. Over 140 new titles were added to our OverDrive Advantage collection in 2021 to help meet demand. In addition to electronic books and audiobooks, patrons now have free access to the eLearning platform LinkedIn Learning through our website. LinkedIn Learning features several professional development courses on a wide range of topics.

**Internet Upgrades:** Our indoor Wi-Fi signal strength was improved this year thanks to a grant from the BC Libraries Cooperative. We upgraded our existing indoor Wi-Fi access point and installed an additional indoor Wi-Fi access point in the library.

**Loanable Technology:** Our technology lending collection was expanded with the addition of two laptops. New devices are being added to this collection on an ongoing basis.

## Working Together

**Books for Youth Project:** This year we partnered with the Elkford SYS.tem Youth Network to develop a book collection for the newly opened SYS.tem Youth Space located on Balmer Drive. Funded through the Community Foundation of the Kootenay Rockies, this curated collection is available to anyone using the Space. Through this collection we hope to better meet the needs of youth in our community and provide convenience with respect to book borrowing. Over 65 books have been added to the Space so far and youth do not need a library card to check them out.

**Story Walks & Take 'n' Make Crafts:** In 2021 we offered story walks and accompanying craft kits to library patrons throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Summer story walks and crafts were offered in partnership with CBAL, Elkford Early Years, and AFROS Fernie.

**Proof of Vaccination Made Easy:** Library employees helped print and laminate over 200 proof of vaccination documents for Elkford residents in 2021.

**No More Overdue Fines:** The Elkford Public Library continues to waive overdue fines until the end of 2022.

## Building Capacity

**Programming:** Online programming continued in 2021 with Kootenay Teen Book Club and Read Local Book Club, both organized by the Kootenay Library Federation. Summer Reading Club was held outdoors at the library, and this year we offered a stop motion animation workshop in the fall. Kids had fun learning how to make their own stop motion videos with techniques such as Claymation, cut-out motion, and object motion.

**Resources for Jobseekers:** One-on-one assistance from Kootenay Employment Services is available every month at the library. Library employees also assist jobseekers during regular library hours.

**New Volunteers:** In 2021 we recruited for and trained five adult volunteers to assist with library operations. Our volunteers were essential in supporting programs, activities, and the daily operation of the library.

**Professional Development:** Elkford Public Library employees completed courses on a variety of topics directly applicable to library service in 2021. Topics included readers' advisory, library operations, cataloguing, web development, and technology in libraries.

## Sustaining Our Success

This year we said goodbye to a long-time employee, Paula Nyuli, and we welcomed two new employees, Vera Rees and Colleen Welter-Gavey. As our strategic plan terminates at the end of 2022, our Board is looking to roll out a new strategic plan in the near future.