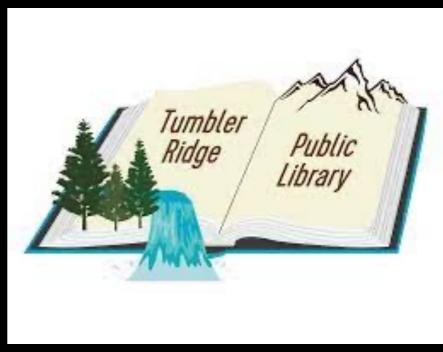


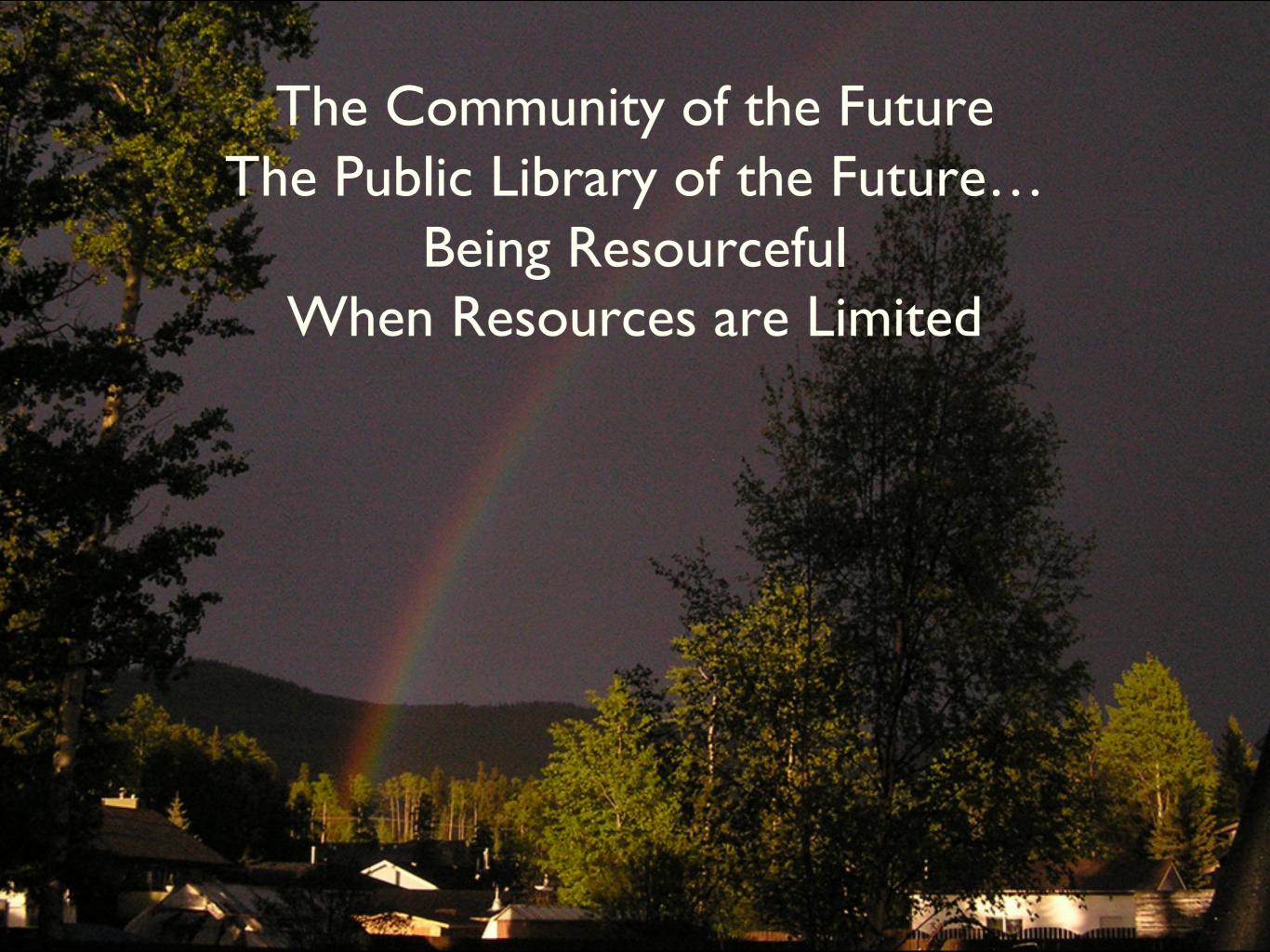
Libraries...







A community and a library





A brief history:



Tumbler Ridge was built in the late 1970s & early 1980s with a proposed 20 year lifespan...



Tumbler Ridge was built to house the employees of two metallurgical coal mines





Quintette Mine



Bullmoose Mine

and the families of the miners.













An amazing two level community centre was built housing a variety of meeting rooms, a restaurant and recreation facilities





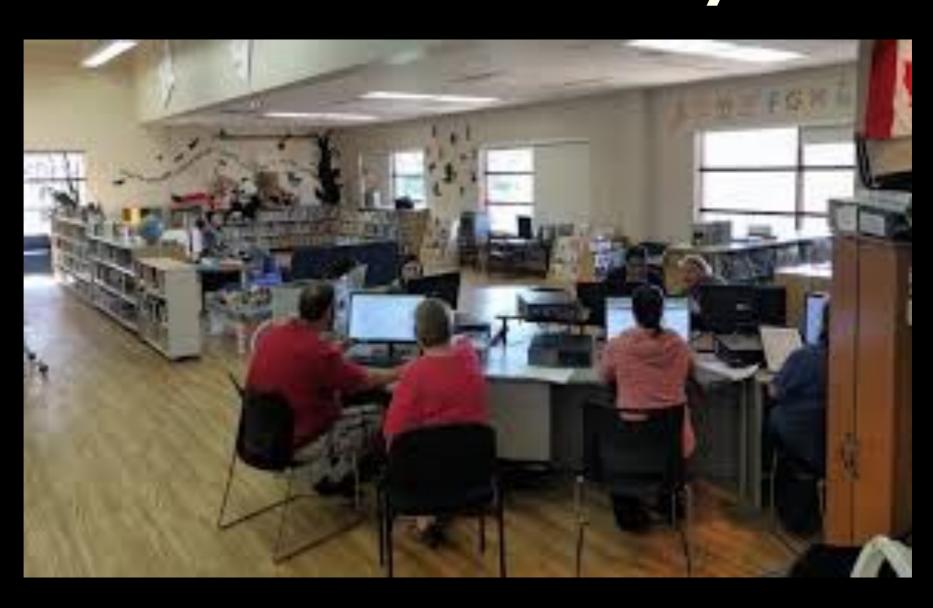






an arena, curling rink, aquatic centre, teen centre, children's centre, weight room, racket courts, and of course

The Tumbler Ridge Public Library









The library and community centre provide activities, programs & meeting spaces for community groups, residents & visitors.

In Tumbler Ridge there are lots of activities for families...







and teens.



There are many activities to participate in: the spring....













in the summer...





Outdoor Adventure







Autumn

















Community Halloween Event Blunden's Haunt

and Winter











There is a lot of winter to fill.



Tumbler Ridge boasts breathtaking cenery

















Tumbler Ridge boasts amazing wildlife



Amazing views...





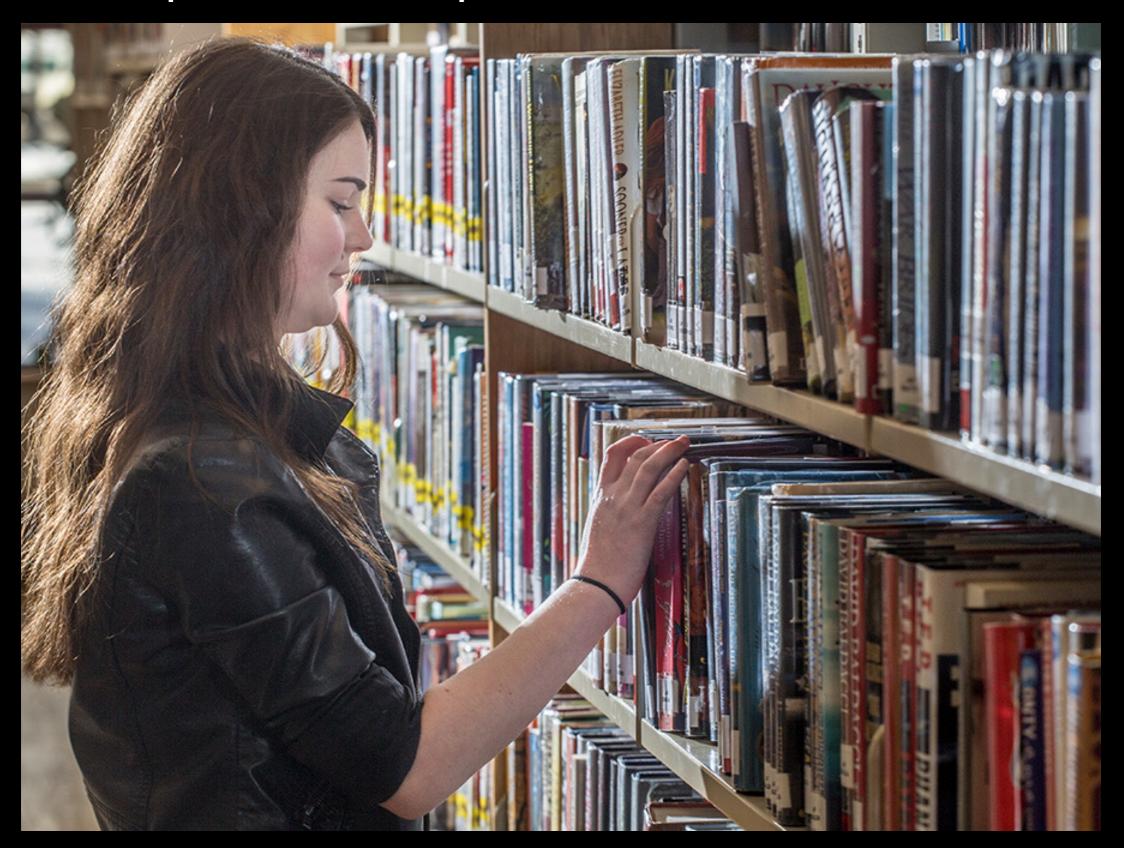
And Tumbler Ridge boasts a fantastic library with hardworking staff



Who work tirelessly to meet the community's needs



And provide a safe place for all



But.....



What is a metallurgical coal mining town going to do when world coal prices drop and the town's main employers close their doors?





And what happens to the Public Library when the community faces devastation?





Remember the book I told you about earlier?

"What are the choices that we must make if we are to succeed?"

from Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed by Jared

Diamond

FIRST:



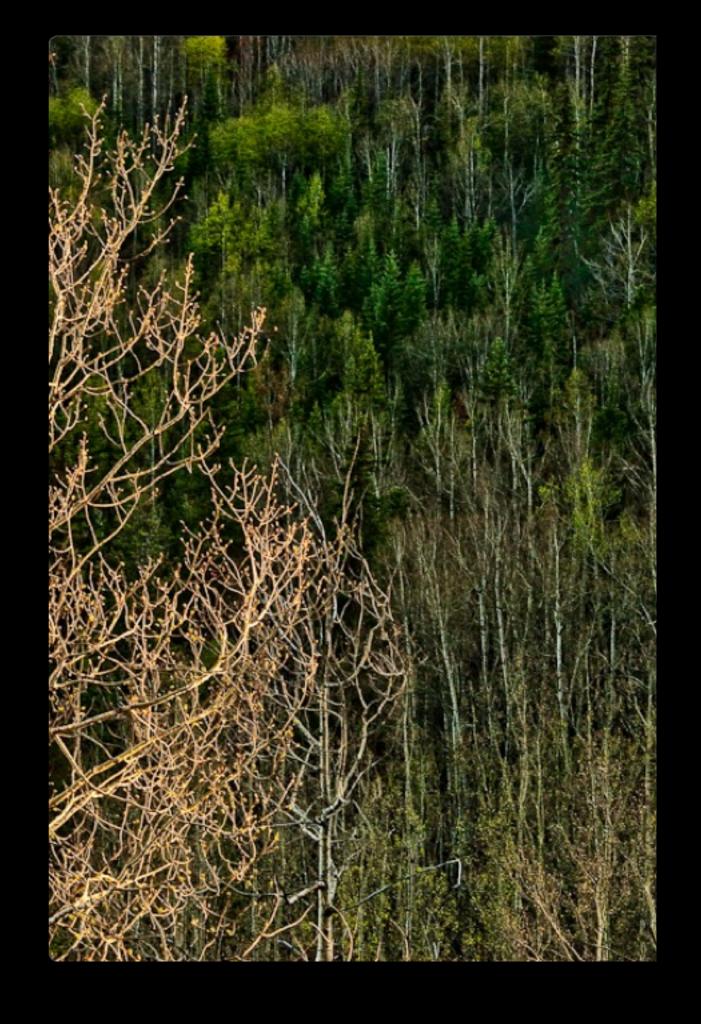
I. Long Term Planning

WE MUST HAVE

"the courage to practice long-term thinking, and to make bold, courageous, anticipatory decisions at a time when problems have become perceptible but before they have reached crisis proportions."

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The town of Tumbler Ridge developed a Community Forest: Diversifying the economy



And Wind Power:

Expanding our renewable resource capacity

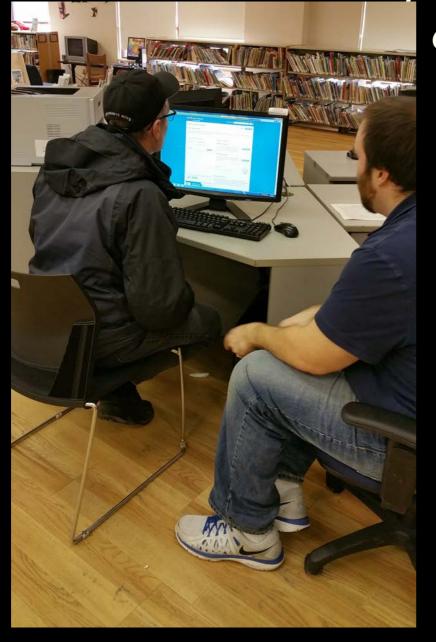


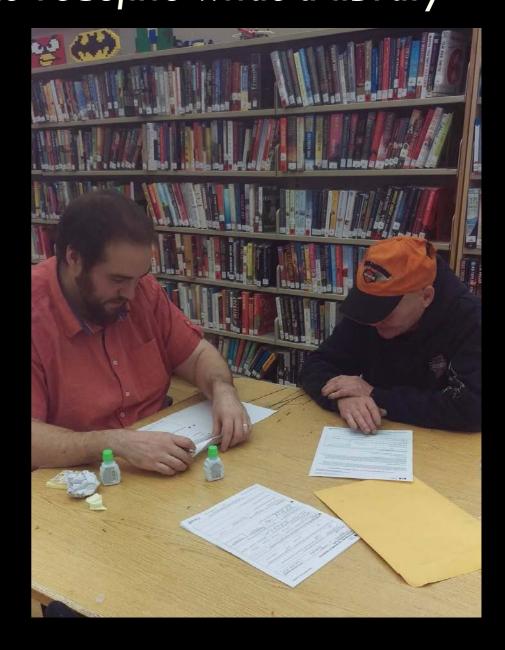
The Tumbler Ridge Public Library looked ahead and saw the needs the community faced following the shut down of the mines. They set up an after school healthy food program.



Library board and staff saw another major community gap and began assisting with job searches and other employment services including resume writing, filling in applications for social assistance, E.I, and navigating Service Canada and other government websites. They began to redefine what a library

does.





SECOND



2. Willingness to reconsider core values

"the courage to make...decisions about values. Which of the values that formerly served a society well can continue to be maintained under new changed circumstances? Which of these treasured values must instead be jettisoned and replaced with different approaches?"

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In order to move forward, both Tumbler Ridge and the Public Library had to embrace change.

Core Values:

Are we a mining town? Or can we be more?

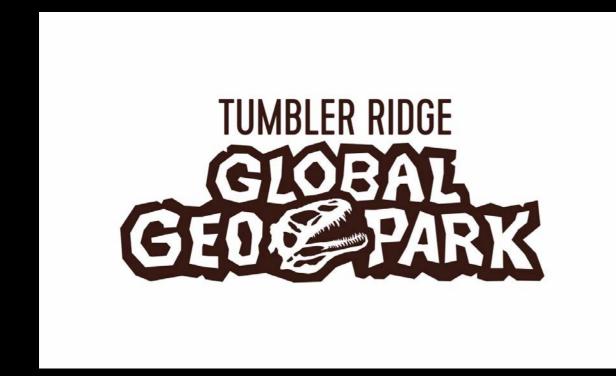
Are we place to read and borrow books or are we more?

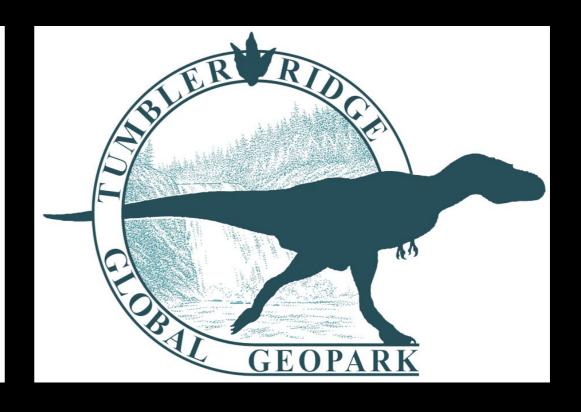


Both are so much more...

Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark

Redefining our community through our unique geological resources





Palaeontology: fossils and prints a new "old" resource.

Tumbler Ridge Dinosaur Museum & Peace River Palaeontology Research Centre





Geology:

promoting the
exploration of the
remarkable variety of
geological features in
surrounding mountains,
hills and valleys,



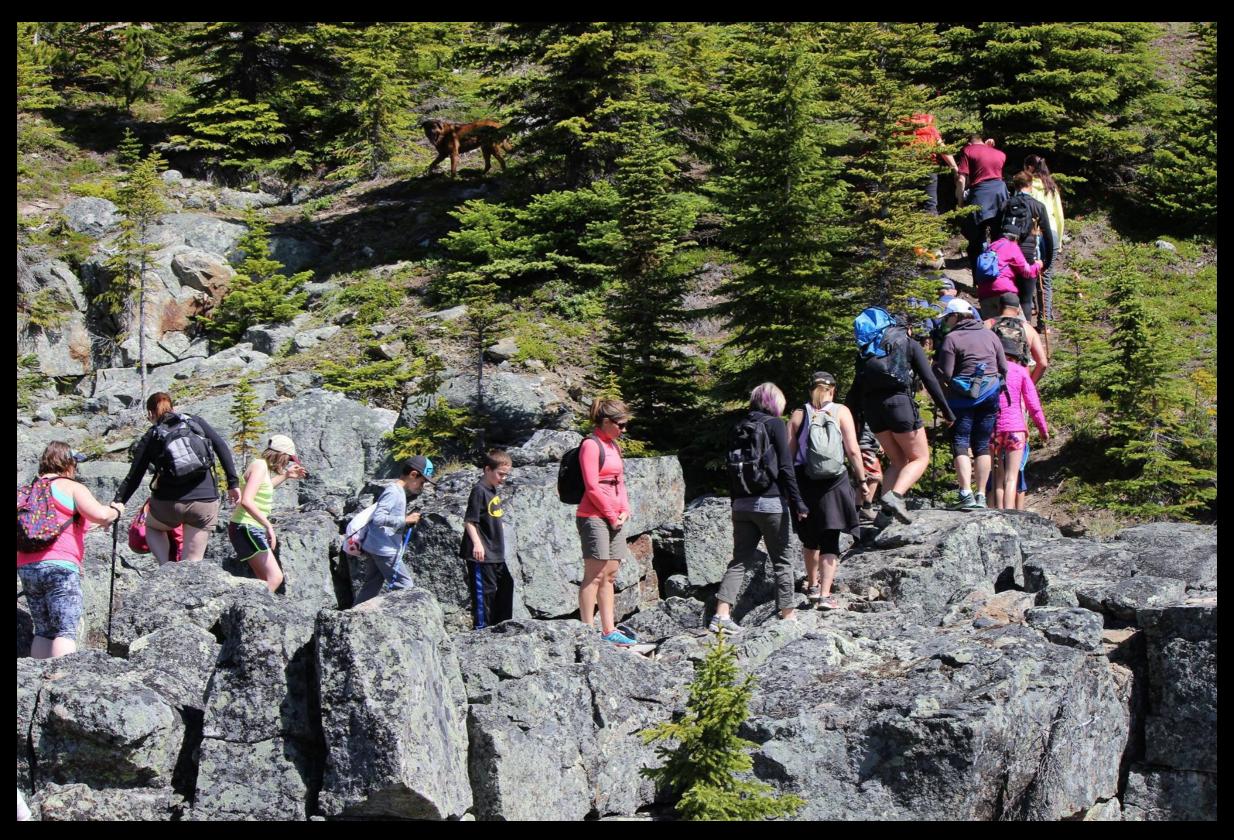


Human History:
from prehistoric to the
modern we celebrate our
diversity, indigenous
neighbours and honour our
heroes.





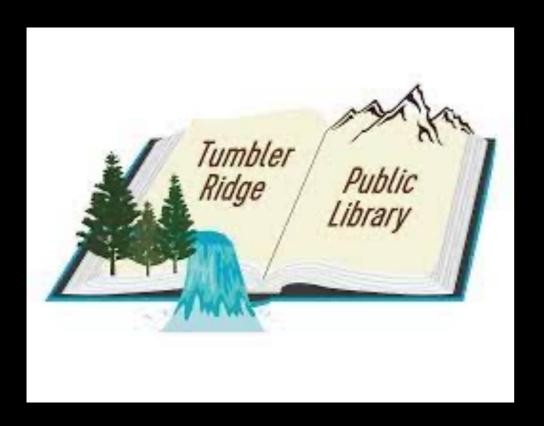




A Geopark is more than just rocks...



it is about how the area's geology has shaped its residents, who in turn shape the community which in turn shapes needs the public library meets.





And who better to assist in this shaping of the community than the Public Library? With limited resources and strong board direction the Library staff began meeting the needs of the community as this shift in core values began.

By forming Partnerships

*Lions Club of Tumbler Ridge *Avalanche Trucking Ltd. *Ridge Rotors *Hub International

*Canadian Linen and Uniform Service *Tumbler Ridge Chevron *Hans Fischer *Spectra Energy

*Rita's Reflexology Uniglobe * Phillips Travel *Dawson Co-Operative Union *Triple K Safety

*Children First *M R Maintenance *Tumbler Ridge Medical Centre *Teck

*Ace Hardware Tumbler Ridge *TR Automotive *KFC Dawson Creek *Lakeview Credit Union
*United Way of Northern British Columbia

*Community Forest Tumbler Ridge *Tumbler Ridge Fellowship Baptist Church - Thrift Store *Vestas

*Capital Power *Industry Canada

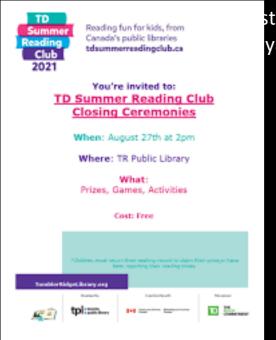
*Northern Lights College Tumbler Ridge Campus *Service Canada

*Success by 6

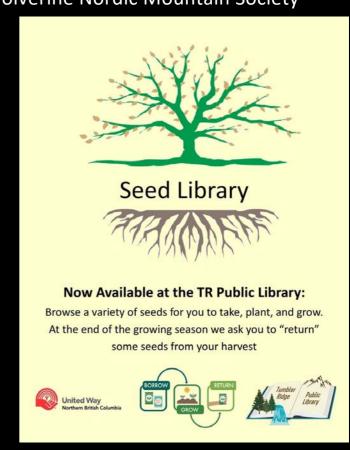
*School District 59 *Good Food Box *10 000 Villages

*Tumbler Ridge Chamber of Commerce *Grant Writer for District of Tumbler Ridge *Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society

*Tumbler Ridge Arts Council



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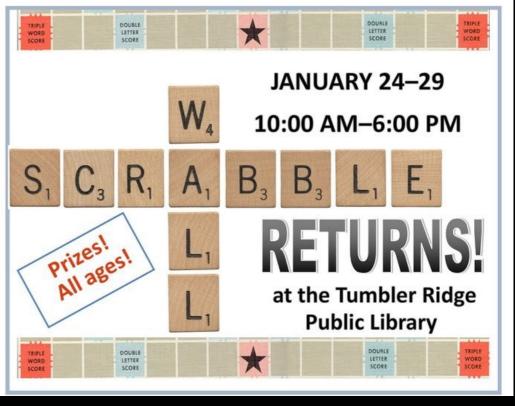


SPECIAL EVENTS HAVE INCLUDED:

- o Home Routes
- o Meditation Nights
- o Itchy Feet presentations bi-monthly
- o Wild Safe BC presenting Bear Aware
- o MLA visits
- o Trivia nights







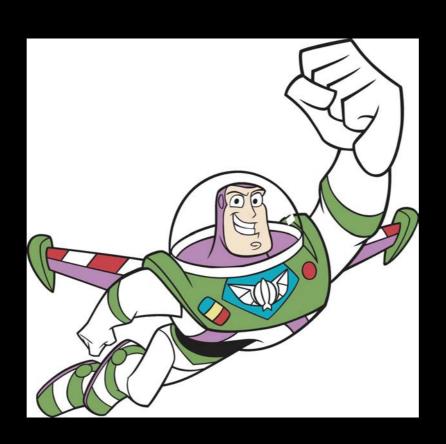
Our Public Library: has participated in the future direction of Tumbler Ridge

- Prior to COVID the library had 507 separate program hours, this is a 32% increase over the 384 programs delivered prior to 2015
- Almost 4600 individuals have attended those programs
- This number does not include the 6000 hours Wi-Fi used by our clients or the more than 11,000 hours spent on our computers
- All of this while growing our traditional children's, teen and adult programming.
- and did I mention the 20,000 healthy snacks we handed out?

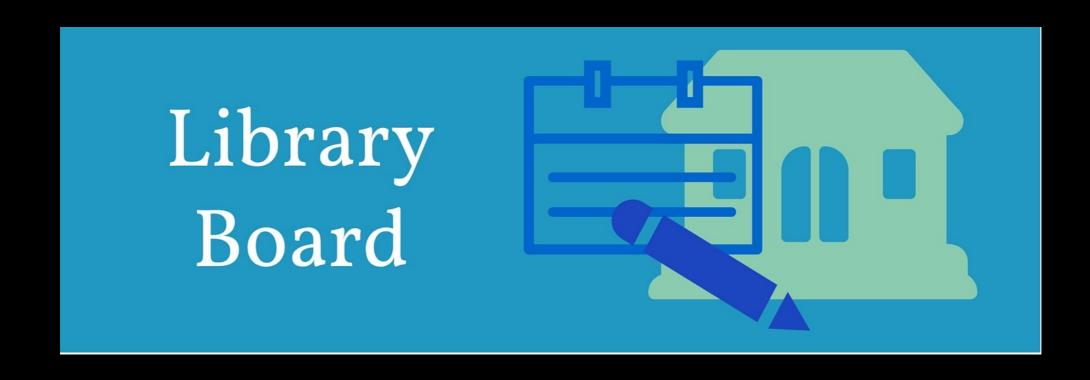
What about books?:

- The Tumbler Ridge pubic library is one of the busiest places in town.
- OPrior to COVID the overall circulation had increased by 35%
- Non-fiction increased by 27%
- Teen circulation 57%
- ○DVDs 92%
- Our books on CD increased a whopping 123%
- OBut most importantly...the library is in constant use.

Libraries have made huge progress by adapting to the ongoing needs of communities, thus reinforcing their key role and importance. Look at the amazing work libraries did, with limited funding during COVID 19.



Most public libraries are run by volunteer boards. Local library boards will need to continue practicing long term planning and be willing to evolve core values t.o ensure libraries remain sustainable into the future



The Library board of the future, will continue to provide oversight to the library. Library boards and staff will continue to be responsive, reactive and resourceful, ensuring libraries are using their resources responsibly. I believe each library will look different. Each library will be task with meeting their own individual community's unique needs and values thus creating sustainable libraries and boards.





And what about this news story about how Smithers Public Library is serving their community by tackling homelessness?

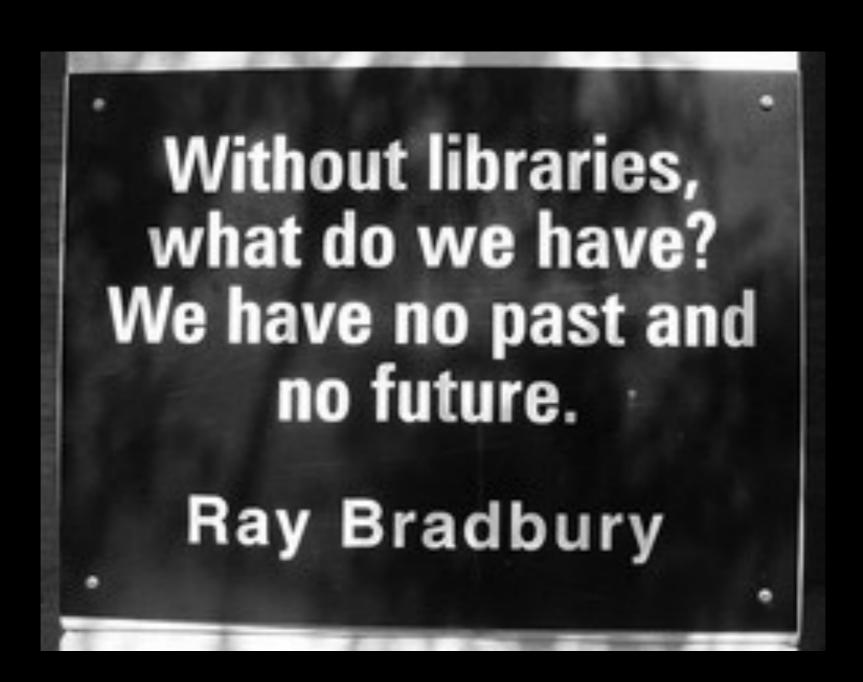
"Community raises over \$200 after library puts out call to get homeless out of extreme cold"

Smithers Public Library is serving hot drinks and treats for all of the third week of January

A warm gesture by Smithers Public Library has snowballed into a community effort following a call by the library to get individuals experiencing homelessness off the street in the face of an extreme cold warning

Wright (Librarian) said it was important to the library to offer the gesture because of how often community members experiencing homelessness or living in underhoused/precariously-housed situations use the library.

and less about hard and soft covers or over due fine



The road to change libraries are on now must

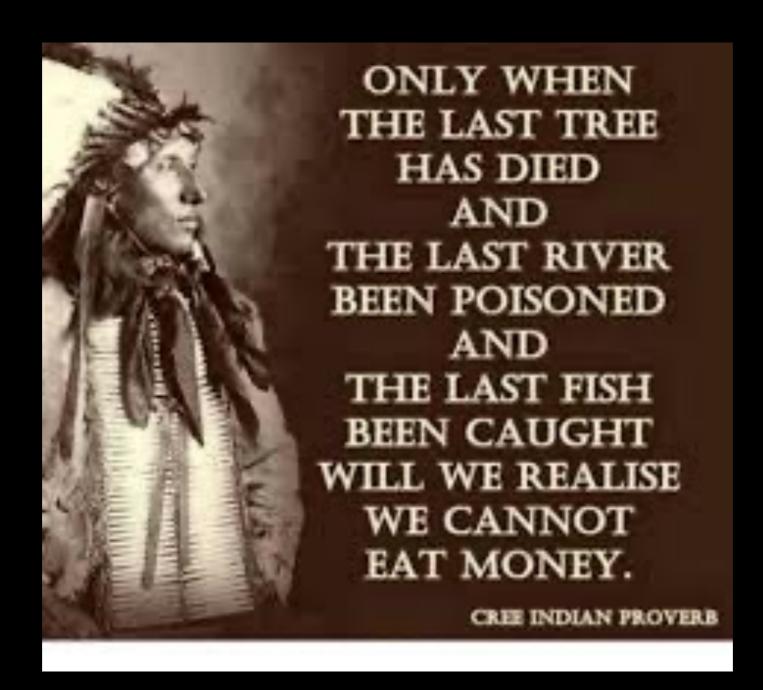


I'll take you to Infinity and Beyond

We need to work to ensure that our communities and our libraries exist for our children, grandchildren and their children



The Last Tree



Thank you. Let's ensure our libraries are sustainable....



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Music: Begin Again: The Piano Guys
Code Name Vivaldi: The Piano Guys
To Infinity and Beyond: Nerdout
Special Thanks to Tumbler Ridge Public Library
and the Tumbler Ridge Museum and Global

