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DECEMBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022

Director's Report

Good Evening FSJPLA Board Members,
Welcome to 2022! We entered the year with a severe deep-freeze, but staff and I survived.

Operations-wise:

- ✓ The Library was closed until January 4th 2022.
- ✓ As highlighted by NPCC staff, due to the severe temperatures, the heating system of the NPCS has struggled in parts of the building. The Library remains generally warm, but dips in heat are noticeable, we are working with the NPCC, and City to resolve these issues.
- ✓ Otherwise, operations remain normal day-to-day.



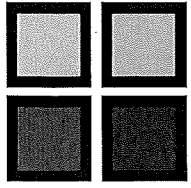
Figure 1 In December, We were visited by the Elf on the Shelf!

Programming-wise:

- ✓ CLICK Continues to thrive, despite limitations placed on us by COVID-19 restrictions. Tanya served a total of 203 people since June 1st 2021, equating to 6599 hours total in training time. Many of her appointments are repeats, so we seem to be doing well.
- ✓ Family Literacy Day is January 27th, we will be doing a social media post, and display for it.
- ✓ On a happy note, we interviewed and hired Alisa from Toronto Public Library as our new Children's Services & Programming Coordinator. She officially starts on February 7th 2022. She is very experienced, and we are very happy to have her on-board.

Sincerely,

Matthew



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FEBRUARY 2022 Director's Report

Good Evening FSJPLA Board Members, February was an exciting month for the library, as we started to see a slow return to normal operations. We celebrated Valentine's Day (14th), Family Day (21st), and Freedom to Read Week (20th to 26th).

Operations-wise:

- ✓ NPCC replaced our ceiling lights in the back office and main floor.
- ✓ Our Grant-In-Aid Request was formally approved on Monday, February 14th 2022 by FSJ City Council. We will receive \$427,000.00 for 2022.
- ✓ Re-organizing the Children's area project is in progress. Updates to follow.
- ✓ We welcomed Liam and Samuel Bennett as Casual Circulation Coordinators.

Programming-wise:

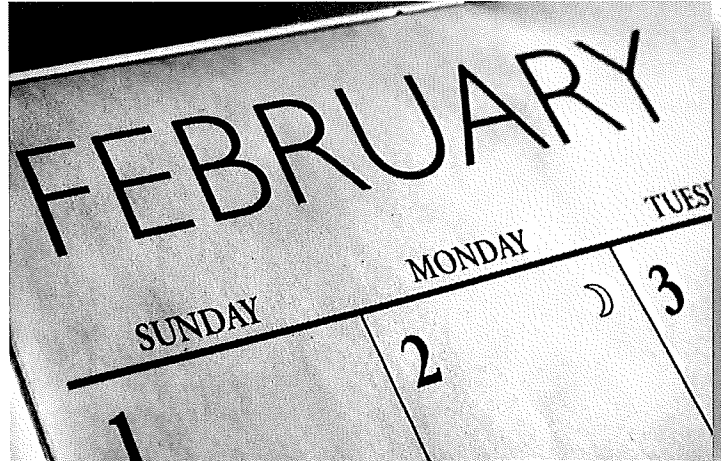
- ✓ We welcomed Alisa as our new programmer on February 7th.
 - We jointly held a meeting with Oliver from the NPCC to discuss upcoming collaboration in 2022.
- ✓ March 1st is the Library's 72nd Birthday, so we will be putting on a passive program that day.
- ✓ Spring Break Programming will be happening between March 21st and April 1st.

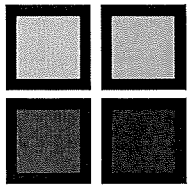
Otherwise, I have done my best to stay in contact with all necessary community partners.

On February 16th, I celebrated my first year at FJSPL as Director. I wanted to thank all of you for your continued support! It has been a wonderful experience so far.

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March 2022 Director's Report

Good Evening FSJPLA Board Members, March was a Busy month for the library, as we started to see the removal of major COVID Restrictions including the mask mandate. We celebrated *International Women's Day* (8th), *St. Patrick's Day* (14th), *Transgender Day of Visibility* (31st) and *Spring Break* (21st to April 1st).



Operations-wise:

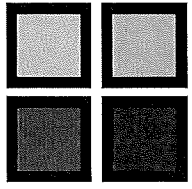
- Nothing major to report. Ceiling Lights are difficult to obtain at the moment through the NPCC, but they are working on it.
- BC Hydro Provided a grant for approximately \$2,800.00 to replace our aging Useful Public Computer Server. ESW has the order in place, and will start work as soon as possible.
- FSJPL is participating in the FSJ Arts Council/City creative Store Front Project. We were partnered with artist Naomi Shore.

Programming-wise:

1. In March, I Met with NPCC (Oliver and Baptiste), North Peace Pride Society, and Arts Council regarding 30 Days of Art. This will be a month-long celebration in June for the 30th Anniversary of the NPCC opening.
 - a. The Library (with input from the Literacy Society) is looking to include Author readings each Friday, as part of the Celebrations.
 - b. As well as participating in the June 4th Pride Walk.
2. 72nd Anniversary of the Library on March 1st, as well as the Launch of new services.
3. Spring Break Programming – Thinking Inside the Box Week (and Activity Kit), The Tiny Art Show and the Transgender Day of Visibility.
4. CLICK Continues to do well thanks to Tanya.

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April & May 2022 – Director's Report

Greetings and Happy May FSJPLA Board Members!

April and May (so far) have proven to be challenging but rewarding times for the library. In early April, we said goodbye to Marilyn, Willow, and Christy. We wish them well on their future endeavours.



Operations:

- **Public Computer Update** – based on grants from BC Hydro and the Province of BC, I was able to get the Server and monitors updated.
- **100th Street Construction began on April 10th**. So far this has not hampered operations of the library, but as mentioned, we will lose access to our external drop box sometime during the Summer. I am working with the City's contractors to find a suitable temporary drop box.
- **Collective Agreement Negotiations** begin next month with BCGEU. Very excited to get started.

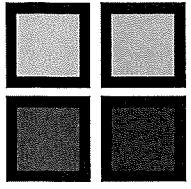
Programming:

- Alisa returned to regular **in-person programming** in April and restarted our various Storytime programs at 10am. We also held Ukrainian Egg decorating, Star Wars Day activities, and Alisa has reached out to various community groups to partner for additional programming. She has done a phenomenal job so far!
- **Summer Reading Club (SRC)** – I applied for and received grants from both Canada Summer Jobs & YCW. Alisa and I are currently in the process of interviewing and hiring candidates.
- **30 Days of Light** – June 2022 – in coordination with the NPCC, the Library will be participating in the 30th celebration of the NPCC, with Author readings at 10am Fridays during the month.
- **Pride Walk** – June 4th – a couple of staff members will be present for the walk and have a table set up on Saturday June 4th.

Otherwise, things are busy at the library, and I will dive into specific items in my other reports.

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Director's Report – June 2022

We finally saw some nice warm weather in June. Hopefully the Summer is pleasant.

This month we sadly said goodbye to Kalyn, for very happy reasons, she recently got married, and is starting her post-graduate studies! We wish her well.

Operations:

- Ceiling Light Ballasts Replaced by NPCC.
- SRC Students Azaria, and Elysia started this month.

Programming:

- **Pride Walk/Event** – Mary and Amrita manned the table at PRIDE on Saturday, June 4th. It was very successful with several cards being registered and books being taken out.
 - PRIDE Teen Night on Monday, May 30th was also very successful with 12 kids attending. They had a lot of fun, and the video games proved popular.
- **Children's Author Visits (30 Days of Light Participation)** – local author Christine Nicole, and former FSJPL clerk/local author Christy Fenton both signed up for author readings on the 17th and 24th.
- **SRC prep.** Both Azaria and Elysia are hard at work with Alisa on SRC 2022. The theme this year is "All in this together!"

Otherwise, June has been a normal month for FSJPL.

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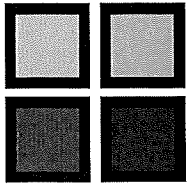
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JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Pride	30 Pride	31 Pride	1	2	3	4 Pride Walk
5	6 3:30-5 pm (Adult Program)	7	8	9	10	11 Pride
12	13	14	15 8:30-10 am	16	17 Local Author Storytime (Ages 7 & under) 4-6 pm	18 Father's Day Storytime (Ages 7 & under) 11:00-12 pm
19 HAPPY FATHERS	20	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22 Toddler Time (2-4 years) 10:30-11 am	23	24 Local Author Storytime (Ages 4-6) 4-5 pm	25 Conference (Ages 6-12) 2-3 pm
26	27	28	29 EFT ITEMS, Tue Day 3:30-4:30 pm	30	1 EFT ITEMS, Tue Day 3:30-4:30 pm	2

Local Author Storytimes 4-5 pm
As part of NPCC Bright Lights in June celebrations, talented local authors will lead a special Storytime for families with younger children. Meet an author, hear a story, and ask questions!
Friday, June 17th - Author: Christine Nicola
Friday, June 24th - Author: Christy Jordan-Fenton

Featured Programs
Kids
- Local Author Storytime
- Father's Day Storytime
- Conference
Full details on our website!
EFT Items (Ages 12-15)
This month's DVD is The Dots
Come by and make your own
The Dots are fun, interactive
with colors and designs. All
materials provided.
Adults
Book Club
Join us for a book club
On an exceptional floor
on the 1st floor by our Book
Night to have a work on
your projects to see it
socialize. We will
provide for you!
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Director's Report – September 2022

Welcome Back FSJPL Board Members!

Summer 2022 was an amazing and productive time for the library, we saw a return to "normal" SRC" operations.

Operations:

- The Shaw Community Foundation is providing \$5,000 towards Public Computer upgrades, and Programming.
- Conoco-Phillips is donating \$3,000.00 towards programming as well.
- September is Literacy Month, and Alisa partnered with the Literacy Society to bring some relevant programming to the library.
- Samuel Bennett, one of our casuals was hired as full-time Circulation Coordinator, starting on August 23rd.
- Children's Area sign was installed by KMAC.



NORTH PEACE PRIDE SOCIETY

Drop-in for a social night at the library for LGBTQ+ teens and allies!

- Pizza & Snacks
- Gaming
- DIY Crafting
- Fun vibes

Come by to hang out or participate in the activities, and connect with PRIDE!

In partnership with the North Peace Pride Society
Meeting the last Thursday of each month

Next date: Thurs. Aug 25th
4:30- 6:30 pm

For teens ages 13-18!

Drop-in, no registration required.
For questions email programs@fsjpl.ca

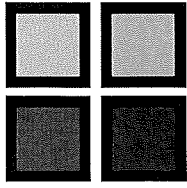
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Programming:

- SRC itself wrapped up on August 19th.
 - The SRC Students (Azaria and Elysia), along with former Full-Timer Carlos, ended their tenure on August 20th. They are all headed back to school, and we wish them luck.
- Alisa is currently finalizing programming for Fall 2022.

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Director's Report - October 2022

Operations Update:

October was a productive month for the Library, and we saw a general increase in foot-traffic throughout the month.

Liam Bennett became our part-time circulation clerk for Saturdays, moving up from casual status. On October 4th and 5th I attended Mental Health First Aid Training at the BCGEU Office, as well as attending my regular ABCPLD, LDAG, and Staff Meetings. On the 7th, I attended a Housing Committee Meeting where I toured the impressive new Salvation Army Housing Site. It is very impressive.

Mary attended First-Aid/CPR Level 1 training on October 18th.

We also saw the results of the Area B Library Funding Bylaw - Referendum, which fortunately passed, by a slim margin.

Congratulations to our Board Members Lilia for her election to the office of mayor in FSJ, and Lyle for an extremely well-fought campaign for Council.

Programming:

- Alisa returned to regular programming in October.
- She and Judy attended the SUCCESS/SA Newcomers Fair on October 14th
- Thursday, October 20th saw the first fully-joint NPCC/FSJPL Games Night.

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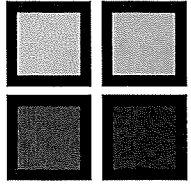
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15	16	17	18 Baby Time (Ages 0-3) 10:30-11 am	19 20:15-21:45 pm (Ages 15+) 6-9 pm	20 21 Fall Y'all Crafts (Ages 15+) 4-5 pm	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Featured Programs

- Kids**
 - Daddy & Mac Movie Party
 - Star Wars Reads Day
 - Pumpkin Parade
 - Full details on our website!
- Teens**
 - 20:15-21:45 pm (Ages 15+)
 - 21 Fall Y'all Crafts (Ages 15+)
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- Adults**
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October is Canadian Library Month!
All month long, libraries and library partners across Canada are raising awareness of the valuable role libraries play in Canadians' lives. Check out our social media this month to discover all the things your library card can do!

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Director's Report – November 2022

November was a productive month for the Library, we saw a continuation of regular programming, as well as an amazing reception for the DND Program.

Operations:

- The Library was closed on November 11th as
- Nothing major to report. No staff hires or dismissals this month.
- FSJPL acted as drop off location for the Salvation Army during the month.
- Final Collections Ordering was completed.
- Library Store was closed, and remaining stock given out as gifts to community partners.

Programming:

- Baby Time, Toddler Time, Teen Pride Night and DND have been overwhelming successes since re-starting. Full credit goes to Alisa, Lyle, the volunteer DMs, and North Peace Pride.
- We also collaborated with the North Peace Museum on Dinovember, a series of programs and events between the two organizations!

Overall, a very good month for the Library.

Matthew Rankin

NOVEMBER 2022

Calendar details:

- Monday: English as a Second Language (ESL) 10:00-11:00 am
- Tuesday: Kids Time 10:00-11:00 am
- Wednesday: Kids Time 10:00-11:00 am
- Thursday: Kids Time 10:00-11:00 am
- Friday: Kids Time 10:00-11:00 am
- Saturday: Kids Time 10:00-11:00 am
- Sunday: Kids Time 10:00-11:00 am

 Special events:

- Nov 11: Remembrance Day (Library closed)
- Nov 12: Dino Fossil Take & Make (10:00-11:00 am)
- Nov 19: Salvation Army Food Bank Dropoff (10:00-11:00 am)

DINO FOSSIL TAKE & MAKE

Create your own dinosaur fossil and uncover fun!

Pick up a Dino Fossil Take & Make kit at the library beginning Saturday November 5th.

1 kit per child, while supplies last. Suitable for ages 3+.

FSJPL-SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK DROPOFF LOCATION

FOR DONATION:

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Salmon
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Ham
- Chunky Soup
- Spaghetti
- Canned Spaghetti
- Canned Chili
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Milk
- Bath Tissue
- Baby Wipes
- Laundry Soap