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GEORGE**

**PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**



**ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

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## MISSION

The Prince George Public Library connects people and ideas, inspiring the community to read, learn and discover.

## VISION

To be at the heart of a community where everyone is welcome to explore and share. Our programs, services and collections enrich and engage the community.



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## LIBRARY STAFF REPRESENTATION on CITY COMMITTEES

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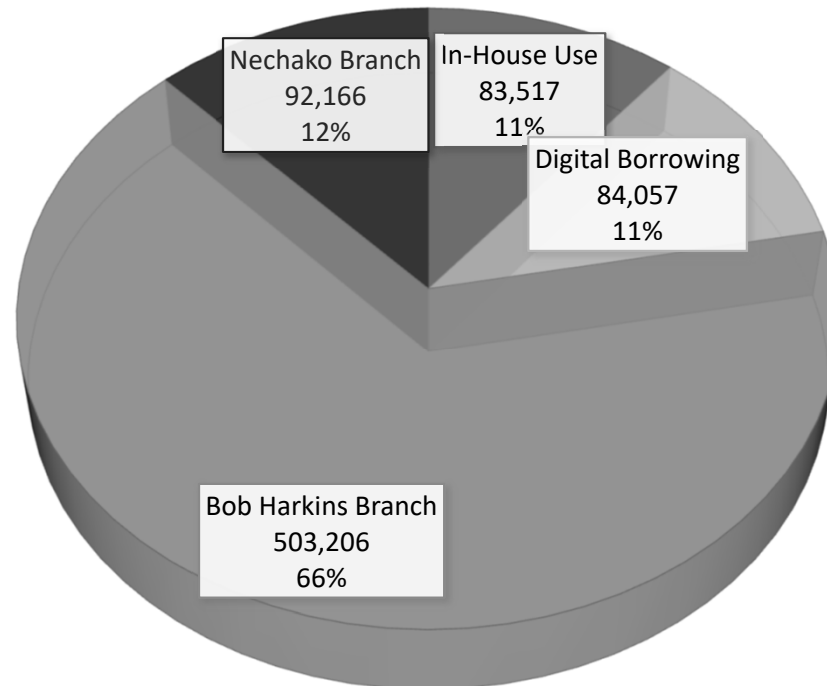
## 2019 STATISTICS

	2019 TOTALS	DAILY AVERAGES*
Branch Visits	318,172	967
Programs	1,126	3
Items Added	23,539	71
Reference Questions	69,090	210
Total Items Borrowed	762,946	2,319
Digital Items Borrowed	84,057	255

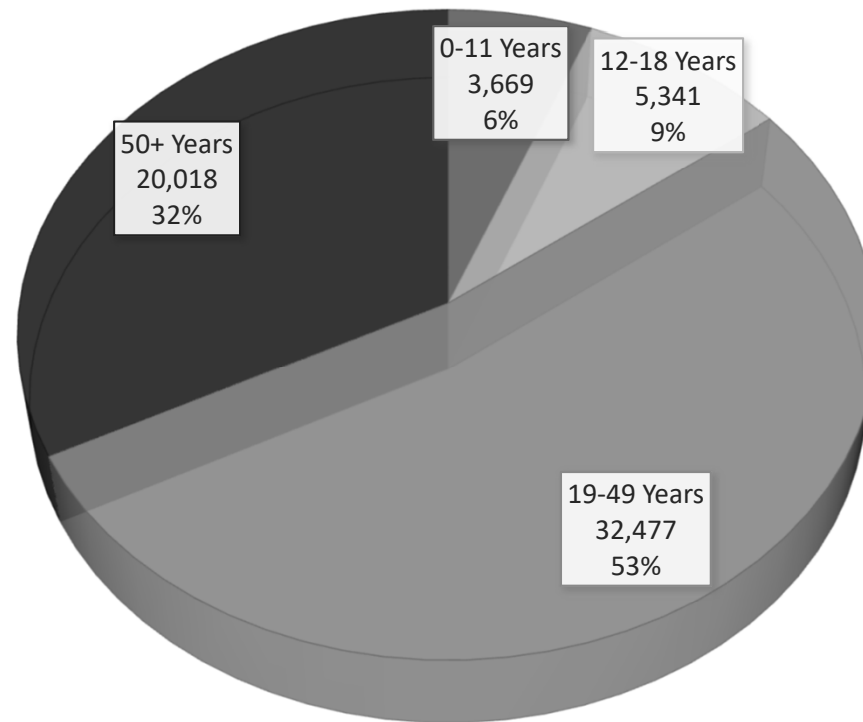
\*Based on 329 open days in 2019



## 2019 BORROWING BY BRANCH



## 2019 LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS BY AGE



**Bike Rodeo  
Canada Games Plaza  
May 2019**





# Family Gaming Afternoons

Bring the family to monthly gaming afternoons and play a variety of tabletop board games and video games.

Every third Saturday  
Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, May 18  
1:00 - 3:00pm | Children with their Adults  
Free Drop In | Bob Harkins Branch, Downtown

**GREAT WHITE**  
TOYS • COMICS • GAMES

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# FREE BEING ME SELF-CONFIDENCE WORKSHOP

Around the world people are valued for many different reasons and beauty is defined in many different ways. In this program, participants take part in fun activities that encourage them to recognize their strengths that aren't tied to appearance and to create their own version of what it means to be "beautiful".

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 1:30-2:30PM | 5-9 YRS**  
**FREE DROP IN | BOB HARKINS BRANCH, DOWNTOWN**

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# TEEN ART WORKSHOP

This is an opportunity for young emerging artists to discuss their work with local artists. The workshop will allow teens to gain feedback on their artistic pieces, how-to's on pricing and preparing artwork for exhibiting, as well as the chance to participate in a unique one-on-one mentoring opportunity with masters in their craft.

Saturday, November 23 | 1:30 - 3:00pm | Teens  
Free Drop In | Bob Harkins Branch, Downtown

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# Beach Day

Dig out your towel and flip flops and come to the library for Beach Day. Stories and activities to transport you to warmer weather.

Friday, December 28 | 1:30 - 2:30pm  
0-9 Yrs. | Free Drop In  
Bob Harkins Branch, Downtown

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# H. R. MACMILLAN SPACE CENTRE

Join staff from H. R. MacMillan Space Centre to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Lunar Mission. This presentation and hands-on workshop will engage children in STEM activities which will focus on some of the challenges of space travel and living on the moon.

Bob Harkins Branch, Downtown  
Tuesday, July 9  
Nechako Branch, In the Hart  
Wednesday, July 10  
1:30 - 3:00pm - 5-12 yrs - Free Registration

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# \*FREE\* HOMEWORK HELP

AT THE BOB HARKINS BRANCH

Our Homework Help tutors will work with small groups of students in grades 3 through 12 to build skills in Math and/or English.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
AFTER SCHOOL  
OCTOBER 1ST TO APRIL 30, 2020  
1 HOUR APPOINTMENTS

TO REGISTER, CALL  
250-563-9251 EXT. 108  
(limited registration)

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# BIKE RODEO

FRIDAY, MAY 31 | 1:30-2:30PM | 5-9 YRS | FREE DROP IN

Bring your bike and your helmet to the library! Stations will be set up to help children have fun while learning new skills needed to operate a bicycle safely.

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# Beginner Piano

IN THIS BRAND NEW PROGRAM, KIDS CAN LEARN THE BASICS OF PLAYING PIANO! DESIGNED FOR ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS, PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE CONCEPTS OF PITCH, RHYTHM, DYNAMICS, FINGER PLACEMENT, AND MUSICAL NOTATION.

FRIDAY: SEPT. 13, 20, 27; OCT. 4, 11, 18 | 4:00-5:00PM  
7-9 YRS. | FREE REGISTRATION | BOB HARKINS BRANCH, DOWNTOWN

P.S. PIANOS

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# Wilderness Kids

Get ready for summer and make safety a priority. Bring your kids or just yourself to the library to talk about safe practices for play and travel. Jon Gillan, veteran parent and wilderness tripper to talk about tips and strategies for safety in the wilderness.

Monday, June 10: Nechako Branch, In the Hart  
Thursday, June 20: Bob Harkins Branch, Downtown  
6:30-7:30pm | All Ages | Free Drop In

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# TGIF NERF

SHAKE OFF THE WORK WEEK AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH NERF TAG FOR ADULTS!

250-563-9251 EXT. #141 TO REGISTER



FRIDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:00-8:30PM  
19+ ADULTS | FREE REGISTRATION  
BOB HARKINS BRANCH, DOWNTOWN

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*Master Minds:*  
**THE GIRL  
PUSH-UP**

UNBC Masters student, Jennifer Coburn, will present her research looking at the effects of gender stereotypes on women's competence and participation in physical activity.




Thursday, November 14  
7:00-8:30pm  
Adults | Free Drop In  
Bob Harkins Branch, Downtown

**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
WRITING THE HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOLS

Join the Prince George Retired Teachers' Association for a presentation on the work their Heritage Commission Committee did to compile the histories of the 137 schools that once were or currently are in our region. If there are schools that you want to discover more about, this is your chance. Rural, urban, from Robson Valley through Prince George to Mackenzie, all have a story to tell.

Thursday, September 12 | 7:00-8:30pm | Adults  
Free Drop In | Bob Harkins Branch, Downtown

**Gardening Series**

January 16  
Caring For House Plants - Trina Halsoe & Anne Allgaler.



February 13  
Pest Management - Claire Watkins, City of Prince George.

March 13  
Growing and Using Herbs - Jackie Pomeroy.

April 10  
Growing Berries - Noemie Touchette.

Brought to you in partnership with the David Douglas Botanical Garden Society




7:00 - 8:30pm | Adults  
Free Drop In | Bob Harkins Branch, Downtown

**POETRY  
TRY  
Chapbook  
FAIR**

SOBRIETY AND A HISTORY OF FICTION AND POETRY ARE COMING TO SHARE CHAPBOOKS OF THEIR WORKS. LEARN WHY AND PARTICIPATE BY READING AND WRITING FULL-LENGTH AUTHOR, TRACE AND TAKE HOME CHAPBOOKS. SHARE AN EVENING OF READING AND SUPPORTS FOR POETRY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 | 7:00-8:30PM  
ADULTS | FREE DROP IN  
BOB HARKINS BRANCH, DOWNTOWN

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 25, OCT. 30, NOV. 27 | 7:00 - 8:30PM | ADULTS  
FREE REGISTRATION | TRENCH BREWING




**MODERN  
SEXUALITY**  
Bookclub

That frustrating silent stigma is starting to fade, but now we're left with an information gap. What does sexuality look like in 2019? Join Darcie and Kayli for this meetup at Trench Brewing. Borrow titles from the library or buy from Books & Company for a 20% discount. Call PGHL at 250-969-9251 Ext. 141 or Books & Company at 250-963-6637 to register.

SEPTEMBER 25th: SEX FROM SCRATCH  
BY SABAH MIBIK

OCTOBER 30th: MATING IN CAPTIVITY  
BY ESTHER PERAL



NOVEMBER 27th: THE ETHICAL SLUT  
BY DARSHI EASTON & JANET HARRY

**Adult Learner Support**

This weekly program provides space and resources to adult learners working on math and writing assignments. Laptops will be provided for those who want to make resumes. Staff members will be on site to provide support and feedback.

Wednesdays, Sept. 11 - Dec. 4 | 7:00-9:00pm  
Adults | Free Drop In  
Bob Harkins Branch, Downtown

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 1:00 - 2:00PM | ADULTS | FREE DROP IN  
BOB HARKINS BRANCH, DOWNTOWN

**Picklefest**



**DEMOS AND PRESENTATIONS!**


PICKLE BASICS WITH ALISE AT 1:00PM  
KIMCHI WITH REBECCA AT 1:45PM  
SIMPLE RECIPES STARRING HOMEMADE PICKLES WITH PATRICIA AT 2:30PM





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**PAINKILLER  
INSIDE THE OPIOID CRISIS**




This 42 minute documentary seeks to raise awareness and reduce stigma by educating and informing viewers on what Fentanyl is and how it's affecting our country. Join us for this film screening in support of International Overdose Awareness Day. Thank you to Telus Health and Spotlight Productions.

BOB HARKINS BRANCH, DOWNTOWN  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

NECHAKO BRANCH, IN THE HART  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23


7:00 - 8:30PM | ADULTS | FREE DROP IN




**CRAFT**  
Night in Canada

Bring your works in progress or work on something new at the Nechako Branch, where we'll create crafts that reflect the season. Children are welcome with an adult.

Mondays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2  
7:00-8:00pm | All Ages | Free Drop In  
Nechako Branch, In the Hart




*Master Minds:*  
**Spruce Beetle  
Lifecycle**



This presentation will feature research by UNBC MSc student Victoria Resendes about how temperature affects spruce beetle population cycles, and how this information can help predict potential outbreaks.

Thursday, April 18 | 7:00-8:30pm | Adults  
Free Drop In | Bob Harkins Branch, Downtown





**PickleFest: Intro to Canning**  
**Bob Harkins Branch**  
**Sept. 2019**

“I loved the phone photography program that you did last night. I just became aware that the library offers services like this. My husband joined me reluctantly, but was blown away by what he learned. This makes me want to attend other library programs as well.”

*-Brenda*

“It is so great that you offer the free Gale course on medical terminology. It is really helping me supplement my health science classes at CNC.”

*– Anonymous*

“I purchased a new Kobo reader and had problems getting it working. I met with Jeff and needless to say he got it all fixed up. I feel he is a real asset to the library. Thank you again, Jeff.”

*- Ron*

“My son participated in the Homework Help program from September to December 2018. It is a fantastic program! His tutor Anita helped him immensely with extra practice, and lots of patience.”

*- Angela*



## FINANCIALS

REVENUE	
City of Prince George	3,278,461
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George	404,940
Provincial Funding	215,293
Patron Charges	79,904
Other Income	28,209
Fundraising Grants	114,078
Assets Funded by Grants/Fundraising	19,320
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,140,205</b>

EXPENSES	
Wages & Benefits	2,957,717
Supplies	16,033
Material Costs	468,920
General & Administrative	159,734
IT Expenses	106,524
Rent	75,440
Repairs & Maintenance	106,223
Expended Grants/Fundraising	114,078
Other Assets & Equipment	55,530
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,060,199</b>





**Plaid Friday  
Bob Harkins Branch  
Nov. 2019**

## GRANTS & SPONSORS

- BC Courthouse Library Society
- Canadian Council of Archives
- College Heights Veterinary Clinic
- College of New Caledonia
- CUPE BC
- CVS/Hoopla Digital
- Friends of the Prince George Public Library
- Geoffrey R. Weller Library at UNBC
- Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC
- Kiwanis Club of Prince George
- Libraries Branch
- North Central Library Federation
- OverDrive for Libraries
- Prince George Literacy Advisory Committee
- Raise a Reader Foundation
- TD Bank
- United Library Service
- University of Northern B.C.
- World Book
- Yellowhead Rotary Club





Jeanne Clarke  
Local History Awards  
February 2019