

Prince George Public Library 1985 In Review

DID YOU KNOW?

- 49% of the Prince George population are registered library users.
- 21% of the Regional District of Fraser Fort George population are registered library users.
- On an average day in 1985, 2,657 items were checked out of the Prince George Public Library. An equal number were checked in.
- The library staff answered 44,576 questions in 1985.
- Library programs and tours were attended by 12,946 people last year.
- Library usage in Prince George has risen steadily in the last five years.

MOST POPULAR SUBJECTS AND PROGRAMS

In 1985, people came to the library to ask for everything from the latest Stephen King thriller to the latest cookbooks, diet books, consumer information guides and car repair manuals. With help from the library staff they found books to tell them how to fight a traffic ticket, how to write a resume and how to build a sundeck.

Here's what adult library card holders checked out most in 1985:

1. General fiction books
2. Easy picture books for children
3. Junior books for children
4. Mystery books
5. Medical books
6. Cookery books

Here's what junior library card holders checked out most in 1985:

1. Paperbacks
2. Easy picture books
3. Junior fiction books
4. Handicraft books

The most popular library programs included:

Book Bug Bratz summer reading club
Local history programs
Gardening hints

A personal beauty program for young teens
A program for hunters on field dressing game
A visit by children's author Eric Wilson
Pre-school storytimes
'I Love My Library' illustration contest and family party

Christmas programs for families
Nancy Renfro Puppetry Workshop
Sharing Pre-school ideas session
Public Meeting on Pornography
Special events and film programs for children.
Programs presented by community groups

COMING IN APRIL!

April 2 & 4 - Films for Kids
April 9 - 'Father Mordice' - A Local History Evening
April 10 - How To Improve Your Soil
April 12 - Children's author - Ann Walsh
April 14 & 15 - Animal Health Week Programs
For details and times call 563-9251.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY AND EASTER MONDAY.

The library is closed Sundays from Easter to Thanksgiving.

EVERY DAY IN B.C. 50,000 people visit their public library. That's enough to fill B.C. Place 365 days of the year — 17 million visits in all.



PRINCE GEORGE PEOPLE ARE READERS

If you're an 'average' Prince George area resident, you read eleven library books in 1985. This is more than the B.C. average of ten and more than twice the North American average. If you're a registered library user, though, the statistics are even more impressive. On average you borrowed twenty-four items including books, records and magazines worth \$360.00.



GO AHEAD . . . ASK!

Need to know the shortest route to Pangnirtung?
Ask us . . .

The library staff answered over 3,700 questions a month in 1985 — some from as far away as Toronto, Philadelphia and New York.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND AT THE LIBRARY

The public library's collection of 180,408 items includes:

- Hardcover books — from the latest bestsellers to reference books and almanacs.
- Magazines — from **People** and **Time** to **Bon Appetit** and **B.C. Business**.
- Children's books, magazines and records — from babies' Board Books to pre-teen paperbacks.
- Teen books — from science fiction and fantasy to romance and mystery, in hardcover and paperback format.
- Multi-lingual books — for those who read a language other than English, the library provides books in many languages.
- Records — from Mozart to Madonna, records are also available for all ages and tastes.
- Audio books — for people who are unable to read because of a physical or mental handicap, there are audio books available on cassette tapes.
- Large print — for people who have difficulty reading regular print, books are available in large type-face print.
- Government documents, legal reference books, business information guides and much more.

MAIN LIBRARY	NECHAKO BRANCH
887 Dominion Street Prince George, B.C. V2L 5L1 563-9251	7343 South Kelly Road Prince George, B.C. V2K 2H4 962-9710
HOURS	HOURS
Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.	Mon.-Thurs. 2 p.m.-9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m. (from Thanksgiving to Easter)	