

## 2022 PROVINCIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY GRANT REPORT (PLGR)

LIBRARY NAME

**GRANISLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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### INTRODUCTION - LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Village of Granisle is located in BC's Northern Interior, located on the shores of beautiful Babine Lake, the province's longest natural lake. A scenic 50km paved drive off Hwy 16 at Topley it attracts those that enjoy the outdoors. The area boasts an abundance of wildlife, world class fishing and pristine wilderness, drawing visitors from all over the world. Late fall brings the Salmon to Babine Lake one of the largest salmon runs in the world, this is our busy tourist season with avid fisherman returning annually. Tourism is the main industry in the area, predominately in the summer/fall season although winter sports are not to be overlooked.

Granisle was founded in 1965 by the Granby Mining Co. Ltd.; the Village of Granisle was built primarily to house the workers and their families. Incorporated in 1971, the population and community continued to grow with the opening of a second copper mine by Noranda Inc in 1972. At the height of the population boom the town boasted approximately 3000 people.

With the closure of its mines in 1982 and 1992 the community faced a drastic 90% drop in population as well as the closure of almost all businesses. With no commercial base for residents, travel is necessary for all essential goods, medical services and banking. This also means no tax base beyond residential for the municipality for taxation to operate; the municipal budget is where the bulk of the library funding is obtained, while the library does its best to hold fundraisers throughout the year to raise additional funds to address shortfalls.

The current population within the community is 337 with a demographic of over 65% seniors largely due to the affordable housing, available senior services/ senior programs to assist with aging in place, and the beauty of the area. The outlying Regional District Area G

doubles the number of residents which the library also serves. Our small school offers K-12 and teaches approximately 30-35 students each year. The Granisle Public Library, housed in the municipal building in the town square is the hub of our community. The Library is a place for people to meet, socialize, explore, learn and grow while enjoying all we have to offer within our walls. Our mission is to promote a lifelong love of learning and to reduce barriers for all patrons.

The 2022 Covid Recovery Grant/Emergency Preparedness Grant allowed the library to build on current programming for patrons and meet some longstanding community needs that limited funding stopped us from offering in the past. We were also able to collaborate with various organizations within the community on projects that will benefit all residing in the area. We are very proud of the outcomes of our projects as we continually strive to reduce barriers for our patrons. making our tiny library's offered services comparable to much larger libraries.

Volunteers are relied on for programming such as our Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, Workshops, fundraisers, and children's programming. Statistics of 2022 show we are very much back on track with 2400 people through our doors last year, over 2000 digital downloads (thanks in part to the continued one-on-one tech help) and an increased number of in person events as the pandemic restrictions ease. However, 2022 also shone a spotlight on our funding shortfalls, infrastructure space to hold events onsite, staffing shortages, and wages that will retain current staffing. We are a small library with a big heart that manages to provide services that are comparable with larger, better funded libraries and are very proud of what we have accomplished.

## 2. FEATURED PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

<b>Project/Program Name</b>
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Building on Digital Literacy & Computer Programs
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<b>Provide a brief description. Please include details such as any partnerships or resources leveraged to accomplish this project/program.</b>
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As the Granisle Public Library (New Horizons for Seniors funded) Digital Literacy program ended in April we looked for ways to continue the reach across the digital divide that many of our seniors struggle with.

- support and collaborate with a new digital initiative through Seniors First Program
- offering one on one tech assistance for those needing a bit more help.
- procuring GLUU workbooks with easy to follow how to use instructions for tablets available for pick up by patrons in library

-It became apparent that patrons on a limited budget faced one more barrier. Accessing the internet and procuring digital devices. The Granisle Public Library procured cellular Wi-Fi hotspots through Kajeet and now offer the hotspots as well as laptops and tablets from our digital literacy program to patrons to borrow with their library cards.

-With our laptops and tablets now lendable to patrons, and our continued one-on-one tech help where we have built up a large number of patrons who are now reading digitally through the Libby App. To keep our patrons from facing long wait times for books and to help with provincial wait times the Granisle Public Library continues to build on its Advantage Collection. In 2022 our little community downloaded over 2000 digital downloads! We are so proud!

- Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), a collaboration with the Granisle Public Library, Canada Revenue, and an amazing local qualified volunteer. This program was introduced to help low-income individuals and families e-file their taxes at no charge. Thus, meeting our biggest mission to reduce barriers for our patrons. 2022 saw our dedicated Volunteer complete 60+ tax returns for residents...a record number for Granisle.

-The Friends of the Library funded the purchase of the Prenda/Fiero Computer Coding Software program where in a game like program computer coding is taught. Fiero Code is a self-paced learn-to-code software for kids ages 8-18 but enjoyed by adults as well. Through hundreds of coding tutorials and dozens of real-world projects, this high-impact educational e-resource prepares the youth in our library community for jobs and provides meaningful life skills such as critical thinking and problem solving. The Cooperative was able to split the license with our local school so that all children had equal access to the program as most are bus students living outside the community and unable to attend after school programming.

**How does this project/program support the library's strategic goals?**

Raise capacity- our increased presence in the community for digital learning,  
-one on one tech assistance and  
-digital access through onsite free Wi-Fi and computer access stations  
-cellular hotspots and devices available to sign out/borrow for home use has raised capacity as reflected in our statistics of patrons accessing services.

Improved Relationships with local groups and governments by supporting programs and services. Assisting, collaborations with groups such as Seniors First, our local school, the Community Paramedic program, and the municipality/Provincial Governments in our assistance to patrons seeking to apply for Homeowner Grants, and online access to programs and services.

Improved digital resources for patron use by having relevant and needed digital resources available such as our loanable hotspots, tablets and laptops, onsite air printer which prints directly from patrons' phones and devices, as well as the ability to send faxes and emails on behalf of patrons.

**How does this project/program support the [B.C.'s strategic goal\(s\) for public library service](#) from the strategic plan, which include:**

1. Improving Access
2. Building Capacity
3. Advancing Citizen Engagement
4. Enhancing Governance

Our digital initiatives improve patrons' online access and builds government capacity by ensuring ease of access to online services and government websites. By providing in-library and take-home access to free Wi-Fi and digital devices allowing patrons to connect digitally thus reducing the barrier of living remotely and accessing services in a community with no physical access to government services.

The Granisle Library also provides one-on-one tech assistance for those needing a little more help digitally. By offering these services we assist patrons in accessing digital services/programs and government websites, allowing patrons to stay connected in a digital world in way that works for them and advancing citizen engagement and enhancing governance by giving patrons a digital voice.

**What are the key outcomes of this project/program?**

The key outcomes of this project are reducing barriers, giving our patrons access to digital resources and the ability to access online services as needed. As the world becomes more digital its imperative that we don't leave our more vulnerable patrons behind. Living in a remote community access to services and programs is limited but by offering digital access and one-on-one assistance to those needing it, we give our patrons the ability to connect digitally, increasing their access to programs, government services, etc.

**Did provincial grants enable this project/program? If so, how?**

The Provincial Covid Recovery Grant enabled the purchase of the Kajeet hotspots and data plans for 5 devices for the 2022 year as well as to build on our Advantage eBook/audiobooks collection to reduce long wait times on popular titles through the provincial consortium collection.

**Project/Program Name**

Summer Reading Club 2022 & Kids Club

**Provide a brief description. Please include details such as any partnerships or resources leveraged to accomplish this project/program.**

The Granisle Public Library Summer Reading Club was once again well received. The Summer Reading Club Provincial Program has become a loved addition to our community with visiting grandkids asking to extend summer visits to participate.

The annual kick off to the program starts locally at our school year end ceremonies with 2 books gifted to each student. Books are chosen by the students' teacher and aimed at each students reading level and interests. 2022 saw 25 children enrolled in the program, with 82 entries in our "Tell us about your what you're reading" contest. A large number of the contest and workshop attendees are children visiting local relatives and they love the programming that we offer.

Summer Reading Club 2022 had, the amazing children's entertainer Mary Lambert, Lego Club, Gaming Club, Music with Ty (kazoos and how music affects your health), fossils, minerals, and bones, and rock painting.

Our largest attended event by far ever was the RCMP "Solve the Crime". The Safety Bear broke into a local establishment, for a snack and a nap...children learned about the skills used by RCMP to solve a crime, fingerprinting to DNA, and sketching the crime scene. With the mystery solved "Safety Bear" gave out bags of goodies and photo opportunities for parent.

Regional District also held two workshops (a children and an adult workshop) to talk about Emergency Readiness and what to do to keep your community safe.

The Granisle Public Library Weekly Kids Club is in its second year and continues to thrive. Children learn exciting new science, craft, and educational workshops each week or work together on an activity of their choice. While children are always welcome at the library these regular workshops have local children learning about robotics, music and health, Lego Club, art, and a variety of other topics.

**How does this project/program support the library's strategic goals?**

This project raises capacity by attracting young patrons to the library. It is our firm belief that patrons who regularly visit the library as young children continue to do so as they get older; fostering the lifelong love of reading and learning that will be passed to the next generation. These programs not only build and improve relationships with local and visiting young patrons, many of whom return annually but it also builds relationships with parents who trust us with their children's programming each year.

The last kids club of 2022 was a Friday afternoon after school, and we did robotic hands. Each student left with their completed Kids Lab robotic hand. All participants displayed incredible patience waiting for assistance and a space at the table and have asked for more programs like this one. We are now working with the local aboriginal band office so that students may continue to enjoy the workshops and not worry about a ride home. The library strives to improve programming for all ages while continuing to keep digital resources current and relevant.

**How does this project/program support the [B.C.'s strategic goal\(s\) for public library service](#) from the strategic plan, which include:**

- 5. Improving Access
- 6. Building Capacity
- 7. Advancing Citizen Engagement
- 8. Enhancing Governance

These programs improve access by allowing parents to bring their children to a safe place, where there is an activity or workshop that is appropriate. Parents are encouraged to take the time to explore the library or use the time for a little self care should their child be old enough to leave with us. Working with the local school and Lake Babine Nation Band Office to make programs like the Friday afternoon Kids Club accessible for all youth has not only built capacity but fostered new relationships advancing citizen engagement.

**What are the key outcomes of this project/program?**

If you ask the young patrons who are attending their response would be "to have fun" But the library would like to believe that they are fostering a lifelong love of reading and library use. Programs like our Summer Reading Club "What Are You Reading?" contest encourages parents to read to their young children. A habit of sharing an adventure together that will grow into a love of reading and quality time spent together  
Our hope is we are offering Programs that will spark the imagination of young minds that will grow into a lifelong love of learning, as we discover and learn about things like robotics, computer coding, fossils and other relevant fun programs.

**Did provincial grants enable this project/program? If so, how?**

The North Central Library Federation, donations, and fundraising are used towards these programs. The Granisle Library also tags a portion of our Equity/Literacy Grant, BC One Grant, and Provincial Covid 19 Relief & Recovery monies for these programs.



**Project/Program Name**

Loanable Kits (Cognitive Care and STEAM)

**Provide a brief description. Please include details such as any partnerships or resources leveraged to accomplish this project/program.**

In collaboration with Northern Health the Granisle Public Library has now 4 loanable Cognitive/Vitality Care kits to assist patrons with memory retention. These 4 kits were geared to different levels of cognitive ability. They are a welcome addition to our collection, and we look forward to adding a few more to our library.

STEAM kits for older patrons and teens are being put together as well for patrons to sign out with their library cards. To encourage teens and older adults we have put together a collection of a variety of STEAM kits. With several already in circulation patrons can chose to build a Lego kit of the Parliament building which includes a brief history, the OSMO learning pads teaching math skills, or other educational addons. Another popular kit that holds a variety of knitting looms with library books for patterns and direction. Hiking backpacks that include bird watching books and binoculars with a cell phone attachment are also available. We are also working with local health authorities and the community paramedic to make kits available for more common ailments such as hypertension and diabetes.

**How does this project/program support the library's strategic goals?**

Raise capacity by drawing young teen patrons through the doors who are not currently using the library regularly.

Building STEAM kits for older patrons that meet the needs of the community demographic. Granisle is a retirement community which is 65% seniors, while for the most part everyone worries about their cognitive abilities and memory, these kits can be a fun way to build memory muscle.

Building relationships and reducing barriers by listening to what patrons would like to have available in library and build our digital resources by offering Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) kits that are educational, relevant, and fun for patrons.

**How does this project/program support the B.C.'s strategic goal(s) for public library service from the strategic plan, which include:**

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Improving access for British Columbians by Supporting a connected library network, leveraging strengths and structure to deliver user-centred programs and services throughout the province. Working with Northern Health Authorities to build appropriate kits for patrons use such as the Cognitive Care Kits that are available in most libraries throughout northern British Columbia.

Advancing citizen engagement by Increasing opportunities for people to access the information and resources they need to thrive as engaged individuals, workers, and lifelong learners.

**What are the key outcomes of this project/program?**

- To offer a venue for enquiring minds who would like to try something different in the comfort of their own homes.
- To encourage the local teen population to participate in library events and programming.
- With a predominately senior population in community, we are hoping that the Cognitive/Vitality Kits will be beneficial for those with cognitive impairments from strokes, dementia, and Alzheimer's as well as those who would like to flex their memory skills for preventative measures.

**Did provincial grants enable this project/program? If so, how?**

Provincial Covid-19 Relief and Recovery Grant helped fund this project

### 3. CHALLENGES

<b>Challenge</b>	<b>Briefly describe how this challenge has impacted the library/community, and what steps the library took to address it in 2022. Please specify if any provincial funding was used, e.g., annual library funding, the technology grant, other non-PLB provincial grants (up to 250 words per topic).</b>
COVID-19 (e.g., safety protocols, proof of vaccination)	Covid 19 continues to be a predominate reality in our community. As a retirement community with +65% seniors many of whom have underlying health issues, it is something that everyone keeps in mind. The library continues to use enhanced cleaning protocols, offer home delivery for those requesting it and offers after hour one-on-one tech help. We continue to laminate proof of vaccination cards for our patrons and strive to provide service in a considerate manner. With our current hours being during the day while school is in session, we ensure that students have regular access after school when the library is closed to public. Throughout the warmer months we hold as many events outdoors as we can with the new walled popup tent, we purchased for just this reason.
Emergency response (e.g., fires, floods, extreme weather)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-2022 Provincial Emergency Planning and preparedness grant allowed us to put our foot in the door and offer the community a few things.</li> <li>-Clean air...fires, forestry slash-burning and wood smoke are an issue in the north. Granisle was able to procure an industrial air cleaner for in library allowing patrons to breathe a little easier.</li> <li>-This summer we offered a cool airconditioned space with bottled water to residents seeking to cool off during warm weather.</li> <li>-Working with our ESS coordinator we put together some bookmarks on current topics for locals to be aware of. We are also working with our Senior's Association on emergency bookmarks on where to gather should the power go out for an extended period of time.</li> </ul>
Financial pressure (e.g., rising costs, reduced revenues)	With rising costs our small budget is stretched. The municipality which provides the bulk of our funding draws its tax base from a predominately residential tax base as there are few commercial businesses in our community. We fear we are approaching a crisis in maintaining staffing and programming in 2023 without additional funding to cover rising costs and wages.
Staffing (e.g., recruitment and retention, mental health, and wellness)	Staffing involves one full time (library director) and one part time (4.5 hrs/week). The Granisle Public Library also retained and trained 2 casual employees in 2022. The library director is required to maintain the library and all associated duties, (programming, administrative, workshops, collections, janitorial). Further funding is imperative to

	allocate additional hours to part time help to assist the library director in continuing to offer programming comparable with larger better funded libraries while maintaining library operational duties.
Disappearing services in the community (e.g., government, banking, health)	There are no government services, or banking services within the community, both are at located at least 100km away. We have a small health clinic but are not a point of care. Digital access while available through local internet services, free wi-fi at the library and library assistance, is still a struggle for many of our residents. We continue through various media to inform patrons/residents of our willingness to help them access digital services.
Connectivity (e.g., low bandwidth, lack of home internet in the community)	Being a senior community of +65% many residents do not have home internet, satellite television and other tech devices. Our hope is that continued programs that promote digital literacy will make an impact within the community. The loanable hotspots, laptops, and tablets that the library offers will ensure all residents have access should they want it. The current Seniors First program offering a lunch and learn session with tablets is being well received within the community, offering food for the body and the mind.
Aging/damaged facilities (e.g., need for repairs, renovations, upgrades/expansions)	With our library programming back to pre-pandemic attendance it is difficult to offer any programming in the library that is attended by more than 6 people. We must book space at other venues to hold events like author readings. Kids Club when heavily attended will use all areas of the library, an expansion would be a welcome addition. Last year we had 2400 patrons through our doors with Covid still being considered with programming. With a larger space we could do so much more.
Community access to the library (e.g., geographic isolation, lack of local public transit, building accessibility)	The Granisle Public Library is in the Village Square in a community of a dozen streets directly across from our local school we are in an ideal geographic location. The building is owned/shared by the municipality, and they maintain the structure and ensure building accessibility to public.
Vulnerable communities (e.g., people experiencing homelessness, addiction, mental health crisis)	We serve the vulnerable senior population of our community and strive to reduce barriers by offering free services such as Canada Revenue Volunteer Income Tax Program. We also offer free/by donation emailing, scanning, printing, faxing services as well as a multitude of other online access services patrons may require.
Other (please specify)	

#### 4. COVID-19 RELIEF & RECOVERY GRANT – 2022 PROGRESS REPORT

##### **Summary and Overview**

The Granisle Public Library considered what would be most beneficial to the community. Digital/Technical Literacy was at the forefront of our planning, there is no doubt we live in a digital world. So how do we reduce barriers, and best serve a predominately low-income community? and offer programming that we strive for, but funding always puts us short on. We came up with access:

- Digital Access for those that can not afford data plans, internet services or even tech devices.
- Access to online services, a safe place to access online services, and program that will assist patrons in learning how to access online services.
- Community knowledge access – what services are available locally, how do you access said services, are they a business, home business, volunteer group or government service, or an emergency service?
- Access to Learning through Cognitive Care Kits, STEAM Kits, Robotics

	<b>Grant budget</b>	<b>Reallocated budget</b>
<b>COVID-19 Relief &amp; Recovery Grant Amount</b>	17,042.96	17,223.95
<b>Emergency Planning &amp; Preparedness Grant Amount</b>	5,680.99	5,500.00
<b>Total Grant Amount</b>	22,723.95	22,723.95

## Project Progress Report

<b>Project/Program/Activity</b>	Digital Access-Mobile Hot Spots
<b>Rationale</b>	To make cellular hotspots available for patrons to borrow with their library card.
<b>Area of Need</b>	Seniors, low-income families
<b>Action/Output/Deliverable</b>	Purchased hotspots with data plans that are available to borrow along with tablets and laptops from digital literacy program
<b>Outcome/Impact</b>	Digital Inclusion for all members of the community
<b>Metrics</b>	Success can be measured with borrowing stats on items
<b>Collaborative Links (if applicable)</b>	-Granisle Better at Home -Seniors First Program -Community Paramedic Program Canadian GLUU program (free digital instructional book)
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$3500.00
<b>Detailed status update since the interim report (e.g., complete, in progress, pending, deferred, etc.).</b>	Project purchase is complete, program in progress
<b>Comments (optional)</b>	We strongly feel that this program will have a huge impact on our local seniors who are wishing to learn more about digital access. Laptops are also used in-library now when all computer access stations are in use. Indicating an increased use of access stations.

<b>Project/Program/Activity</b>	Granisle and Area Informational Directory
<b>Rationale</b>	To make available all information for area to all residents
<b>Area of Need</b>	Everyone
<b>Action/Output/Deliverable</b>	To inform new and existing residents on locally available services/programs, organizations, businesses, government and volunteer groups. To have available in paper form as well as a digital on our website so contact information can be kept current.
<b>Outcome/Impact</b>	To inform and raise awareness of local services available and how to access them. Programs like the community van and pick up services, local non-profits and volunteer groups
<b>Metrics</b>	Success will be measured in the number of books distributed and increase in traffic through our website.
<b>Collaborative Links (if applicable)</b>	Local governments, regional district, non-profit organizations, local businesses, and groups
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$2,500
<b>Detailed status update since the interim report (e.g., complete, in progress, pending, deferred, etc.).</b>	Project is in progress
<b>Comments (optional)</b>	Many local organizations offer assistance to residents that are not advertised services, or services that residents do not know how to access and so are underutilized, members of local non-profit groups are in need of new members and volunteers and have no venue to reach residents. This project will be beneficial to new residents, current residents, and visitors alike. A digital version will be available on our website to keep contact information current and promote digital access. Due to the time constraints this project was late getting started but we are hopeful will be completed in spring 2023

<b>Project/Program/Activity</b>	Advantage Collection (Digital E-books and audiobooks)
<b>Rationale</b>	To ease long wait times on digital books
<b>Area of Need</b>	All patrons
<b>Action/Output/Deliverable</b>	To purchase digital e-books and audiobooks to offset extreme wait times on popular books in the provincial collection
<b>Outcome/Impact</b>	Increased digital downloads for library stats, a library of books available to patrons 24/7 in Libby
<b>Metrics</b>	Measurable in our statistics – 2022 saw more than 2000 digital downloads in a community of 337 residents
<b>Collaborative Links (if applicable)</b>	Cooperative provincial digital collection
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$5,000
<b>Detailed status update since the interim report (e.g., complete, in progress, pending, deferred, etc.).</b>	In progress
<b>Comments (optional)</b>	This project in conjunction with our one-on-one tech service in library has opened a digital world of reading to many residents this year. Especially notable are the patrons who struggled with vision and reading are now able to adjust font and read again. Not having to wait long wait periods is much appreciated by our digital readers.

<b>Project/Program/Activity</b>	Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math (STEAM kits)
<b>Rationale</b>	Covid 19 Relief and Recovery Grant
<b>Area of Need</b>	To build a collection of kits that engages patrons of all ages.
<b>Action/Output/Deliverable</b>	To build kits for patrons to borrow with their library cards that engage, educate and enhanced programming
<b>Outcome/Impact</b>	To provide digital and interactive kits that educate, stimulate and provide a fun learning experience to patrons.
<b>Metrics</b>	Success can be measured by statistics of borrowed items
<b>Collaborative Links (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$3700
<b>Detailed status update since the interim report (e.g., complete, in progress, pending, deferred, etc.).</b>	In progress



<b>Comments (optional)</b>	Some of our more popular kits are the OSMO educational systems for tablets. OSMO merges tactile exploration with innovative technology, actively engaging children in the learning process. Hiking packs with binoculars/monocular, kits with knitting looms, robotics
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<b>Project/Program/Activity</b>	Air Purifier
<b>Rationale</b>	To protect a vulnerable population with underlying health issues within the library space
<b>Area of Need</b>	All age groups
<b>Action/Output/Deliverable</b>	To purchase a commercial grade air cleaner with proper filters to aid in a cleaner air space and filtering of viruses, bacteria, allergens, and particulates
<b>Outcome/Impact</b>	To provide a clean air space for our patrons of all ages with underlying health issues that are impacted by wood smoke, forestry slash burning, fires, pollens and concerns about viruses and bacteria
<b>Metrics</b>	
<b>Collaborative Links (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$1600
<b>Detailed status update since the interim report (e.g., complete, in progress, pending, deferred, etc.).</b>	Completed
<b>Comments (optional)</b>	With a 65% of our community being seniors, many with underlying health issues it is imperative that we address the clean air initiative that addresses health concerns for our seniors. The commercial grade air cleaner in the library provides a cleaner air space and addresses patrons concerns by filtering viruses, bacteria, allergens and particulates.

<b>Project/Program/Activity</b>	Cognitive Care - Vitality Kits
<b>Rationale</b>	To provide patrons with kits designed to improve mental acuity and improve memory
<b>Area of Need</b>	Covid 19 Relief and Recovery
<b>Action/Output/Deliverable</b>	Additional kits made available to patrons
<b>Outcome/Impact</b>	To provide cognitive care kits/vitality kits to patrons and caregivers with the intent that the variety of inclusions will improve cognitive ability and maintain mental acuity
<b>Metrics</b>	
<b>Collaborative Links (if applicable)</b>	Northern Health Burns Lake Public Library Community Paramedic and local clinic
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$1400.00
<b>Detailed status update since the interim report (e.g., complete, in progress, pending, deferred, etc.).</b>	In progress
<b>Comments (optional)</b>	As a retirement community there is a need for kits like these to improve memory. Caregivers who are caring for individuals with dementia, Alzheimer's or even recovering stroke patients find these kits helpful. Our community paramedic is instrumental in getting these kits as well as our VR glasses into the homes of shut-ins and his clients.

<b>Project/Program/Activity</b>	Lego Club – Robotics
<b>Rationale</b>	To allow local youth the opportunity to discover the wonder of robotics.
<b>Area of Need</b>	
<b>Action/Output/Deliverable</b>	To purchase and build a robotics Lego club that will encourage participants to problem solve
<b>Outcome/Impact</b>	Rethinking STEAM learning the Robotics Lego Club will build students' knowledge, skills, and confidence. Allowing students to problem solve and skill build this program will grow along with their love of learning year after year.
<b>Metrics</b>	Measurable by attendance to regular programming
<b>Collaborative Links (if applicable)</b>	Babine Elementary Secondary school, interactions with other Lego clubs in the north
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$2673.95
<b>Detailed status update since the interim report (e.g., complete, in progress, pending, deferred, etc.).</b>	Pending – 2023 spring completion

<b>Comments (optional)</b>	The idea was born from the Smithers robotics club winning the provincial championships. A topic at a regular Lego club in the Granisle Library. Why can't we? Funding in a small community for such an endeavor made the purchase difficult. The Covid Recovery grant will make this possible for local youth. Encouraging them to problem solve and think outside the box.
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<b>Project/Program/Activity</b>	Emergency Services Collaborations
<b>Rationale</b>	To raise awareness of local Emergency Services programming among local residents and ESS services
<b>Area of Need</b>	All residents
<b>Action/Output/Deliverable</b>	Hosted 2 workshops during the summer (1 aimed at youth and 1 at adults) Showcased ESS recommended home emergency kits. Bookmarks highlighting current ESS programming going out in local books
<b>Outcome/Impact</b>	Raise local awareness of what to expect – where to go in an emergency service as well as how to keep your homes safer.
<b>Metrics</b>	Reach of program can be determined by community interaction in programs
<b>Collaborative Links (if applicable)</b>	Granisle Emergency Services Local Government Granisle Seniors Association
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$600
<b>Detailed status update since the interim report (e.g., complete, in progress, pending, deferred, etc.).</b>	Workshops are complete. Bookmarks are in progress and something we will continue to do in the foreseeable future with a variety of helpful emergency tips
<b>Comments (optional)</b>	Many residents are not aware that if the power goes out especially in the winter there is a place to go locally that can operate on generators with propane stove. This knowledge alone is priceless to a senior trying to keep warm or on oxygen during a prolonged power outage. The same can be said about cooling stations during the heat of summer.

<b>Project/Program/Activity</b>	First Aid Course for Staff– Staff Self Care
<b>Rationale</b>	To ensure that staff are equipped to deal with a crisis situation in library and to promote staff self care that promotes overall well being
<b>Area of Need</b>	Emergency Planning and Preparedness Funding
<b>Action/Output/Deliverable</b>	To encourage employees to focus on their mental health and overall well being
<b>Outcome/Impact</b>	Address stress, burnout and emotional wellbeing in staff
<b>Metrics</b>	
<b>Collaborative Links (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$800
<b>Detailed status update since the interim report (e.g., complete, in progress, pending, deferred, etc.).</b>	Pending
<b>Comments (optional)</b>	

## 5. BOARD APPROVAL

*Electronic signatures are acceptable where physical signatures are not feasible.*

Library Director Signature: Lisa Bees

Date: FEB 27, 2023

Board Chair Signature: Sara Lee Henscher

Date: Feb. 27, 2023