



Family Focus

BC's Family Day Statutory Holiday took place on Monday, February 8. Many local businesses and libraries close to celebrate the holiday, but the NVDPL's Lynn Valley location was **OPEN**.

It was a gorgeous day in Greater Vancouver and despite the bright sun outside, over 710 chose to spend their family day with us at the Library, which led to a total of 1440 online and in-person checkouts! Staff were prepared with book displays, LEGO stations, craft tables, colouring areas, and even a family literacy scavenger hunt.

What we heard from patrons:

After telling one of our staff members how many Lower Mainland libraries were closed, a patron made a point to say "Thank you. Thank you for being open today!"

What we heard from a staff member:

"I had the cutest patron that day. Her name was Stephani and I think she is a regular...She was three years old and came to our desk...she asked if I would read *We are in the Book* by Mo Willems...so she sat on my lap and we read the book together. And it made my day!"

And while being open on Family Day is an amazing service to our community, the truth is that the NVDPL celebrates local families all year long! In the first two months of 2016, the Library has supported family literacy by offering:

- **Family Fun Time** every Friday at Capilano Library
- **Family Literacy Friday** every Friday evening at Parkgate Library
- **Family Literacy Day** celebrations the week of January 27
- **Regular Story Time** sessions every week
- **Parent-Child Mother Goose** Programs

Inspiring and supporting a community of learning and culture of reading is an important piece of the strategic framework puzzle- and we hope thousands of young readers, like Stephani, start to develop literacy as early as possible. We're here to help and one thing is for sure—the NVDPL has a **FAMILY FOCUS**.

Here's to celebrating families year-round and to Family Day 2017

What our patrons are saying about NVDPL

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

"Every time I come in here, I feel warm, safe and happy. It is nice to share space with so many wonderful people, young and old, who are part of my community. Thank you very much, you are all providing a great service."