



Coordinator's Report

September 2013

A new year ahead, with a year of experience behind me, I am looking forward to all that the 2013/14 CYC season will hold.

At the end of June, I represented the CYC at the opening of our new library in Sardis. A beautiful facility and much needed for the south side of Chilliwack. It was great to hear the celebrity readers, Mayor Sharon Gaetz and a player of the Chilliwack Chiefs. In July I represented the CYC at "Kids in the Hall". This Aboriginal literacy event was well attended and included lots of fantastic activities and fabulous reading material for children and youth. In July I also partnered with the Chilliwack Hospital and Health Care Foundation at the child focused "Party in the Park". We rocked the Safari theme and had kids waiting in line to play "Get the Safari Animal Over the Angry Hippo into the Oasis" for a glow stick, and spinning the wheel to determine what exercise they had to do to earn a veggie snack pack. Thankfully we had staff from downtown Envision Credit Union volunteering their services to help us out. Photos of this event are posted on the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee Facebook page.

Yes the CYC now has a Facebook page, and it would be great if you could like it. It's one more venue to promote the goings on of the CYC, our website and our partners.

In August I represented the CYC at Prospera's "Cinema under the Stars" at Glen Watson Park. Prospera Credit Union organizes and sponsors this amazing event and has chosen to donate all the proceeds raised to "Success by 6" initiatives. It was a great event to create awareness and make community connections.

Throughout the summer I worked with Charlotte DeBruyn on making our first Early Childhood Expo, to be held, September 14, a success.

I spent time in the summer creating, updating and refining Early Years and CYC documents. I also completed modules in the online course of Community of Caring Response Training. <http://www.communitycarestraining.com/> Lots of good information on understanding and responding to mental health issues in the community. I highly recommend it! Last week I was able to meet with the Constituency office of John Martin and was encouraged to hear how they want to collaborate on events like National Child Day and our annual Consultation. I am hoping to meet soon with Laurie Throness and with Mark Strahl to encourage them to support the \$10 A Day Daycare.

I look forward to another year of working alongside all of our partners of the CYC.