

Ladysmith Seniors Host Successful Used Book Sale

The huge book sale took place May 27 and 28, 2023 in Ladysmith, BC

When the Ladysmith Seniors Centre put out a call for book donations for their annual book sale, the community listened! Over a period of several months, donations poured in. Locals took advantage of an opportunity to thin their shelves, many who were planning to downsize donated multiple boxes, a family who had purchased a used book store in Victoria arrived with a full pickup load, and a cook in Campbell River sent boxes of cookbooks for the sale!



Book sales, garage sales, dances and bingo are among the activities that the Senior Centre hosts to support seniors in the community. The last book sale was pre-covid, and from the number of books donated, locals were saving up. A total of 3,500 books were collected in very short order. There were

so many books in fact, that co-organizer, Sandy McKellar wasn't sure how they were going to get the books from her house to the Centre! The conundrum was solved when Western Forest Products offered to lend a hand.

Corinne Stavness, Vice President, Corporate Affairs at Western waved her magic wand and two amazing helpers showed up at 9:30 am the morning before the sale to move the almost 200 boxes of books. Derek



Kevin Mcilveen and Derek Haupt

Haupt, General Manager, Manufacturing, and Kevin Mcilveen, Production Superintendent from Western's Chemainus Mill made it look easy as they packed their vehicles with boxes and delivered them to the Seniors Centre.

Heading up the team of volunteers, Jan Bradshaw managed the event logistics alongside her friend and colleague Angela Nielsen. They recruited and coordinated the volunteer cashiers and provided a homemade lunch for those helping out at the two-day weekend sale.

"Shoppers commented on how well laid out the books were, with fiction alphabetical by author,

and non-fiction in well signed categories," said Bradshaw. "It certainly helped us sell more books! On behalf of our team, I'd like to thank everyone who donated books, the volunteers who helped make the sale happen, and of course, all those who came out and shopped! All the proceeds will benefit the Ladysmith seniors".

