



Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows - Katzie

**Community  
Literacy Committee**

**Quarterly  
Newsletter**

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## A Little At A Time

I enjoy going to the Adult Learner Book Club. I've had the privilege of meeting other people, some like myself, with low literacy which may include:

- \*people slow at reading
- \*haven't read for a long time and would like to get back into it
- \*English as their second language
- \*having a difficult time in reading due to vocabulary and comprehending

We, the group, all read easy written adult books and one novel is picked by the group's decision. We read a little at a time per week as we meet at the library to review what we have just read by asking questions openly and talking a little in depth about what the theme is about. I really like listening to others' opinions and how others express their thoughts about the events and characters of the novel. Keep in mind there is no such thing as a dumb question.

Wow! I must say the books I have read so far were really interesting and I couldn't put those darn books down. (And never mind about the housework, *guilty smile*). Sometimes I end up reading more than the weekly arranged chapters. That's the honest truth!

I like to conclude by saying if you or anyone else you know is in this category of difficulty, you and they are more than welcome to attend (if shy have someone escort you) and believe me when I say the friendly environment is so comfortable that you feel at home among the new friends you will meet and relate with. ☺

Note: Step by step from cover to cover you can do it with friends to help.

By Jacqueline Jechow, Book Club Member

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## Tutor Training

We are looking for compassionate, friendly and patient adults with excellent English reading and writing skills to become volunteer adult literacy tutors.

The next tutor training session will be held at Riverside Centre (Room 1073), 20575 Thorne Avenue, Maple Ridge.

Mon Sep 23 6 pm – 9 pm  
Sat Sep 28 9 am – 1 pm  
Mon Sep 30 6 pm – 9 pm  
Mon Oct 7 6 pm – 9 pm

For more information or to apply please contact:

Elaine Yamamoto  
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# Calendar of Events

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013/2014

### September

Mon Sep 16 Volunteer Information Session, Riverside Centre  
Wed Sep 18 Literacy Committee Quarterly Meeting, Bean Around Books and Tea  
Mon Sep 23 Tutor Training begins  
Fri Sep 27 Essential Skills Day

### October

Wed Oct 19 Community Resource Fair, Haney Place Mall

### January

Sat Jan 25 Family Literacy Day, Maple Ridge Public Library  
Wed Jan 15 Literacy Committee Quarterly Meeting, Riverside  
\*evening meeting 6:30pm\*

### February

Sat Feb 1 Family Literacy Day, Pitt Meadows Public Library

### March

Thu Mar 13 Literacy Committee Quarterly Meeting, location TBA  
\*afternoon meeting 1:00pm\*

### June

Mon Jun 23 Literacy Committee Quarterly Meeting, location TBA

# Buy Local Give Local

Support the CLC when you shop at Maple Ridge's [Bean Around Books & Tea!](#)

Bean Around Books & Tea has over 60 blends of fresh and organic loose leaf teas and a diverse selection of used books.

Mention "**Community Literacy**" when you stop in and part of your purchase will go directly to support the Literacy Committee's work.

Bean Around Books & Tea is located at:

22626 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 2V3  
Phone: 604 466-2966  
Email: [tea@beanaroundbooks.com](mailto:tea@beanaroundbooks.com)

**Help us spread the word about this great campaign!**

## Book Bin Locations

### Maple Ridge

- Blenz Coffee  
22441 Dewdney Trunk Rd
- Child Care Resource and Referral  
Unit B-20758 Lougheed Hwy
- Maple Ridge Leisure Centre  
11925 Haney Place
- Rainbow Club  
11907 – 228th Street
- Ridge Meadows Hospital  
11666 Laity Street

### Pitt Meadows

- Pitt Meadows Family Rec Centre  
12027 Harris Road
- South Bonson Community Centre  
10932 Barnston View Road

More locations will be announced later

## Useful Stuff

### Money

Learn how to save money and make smart financial choices through free, online interactive workshops. These webinars are hosted by MyMoneyCoach.ca and the Credit Counselling Society. A variety of topics are offered such as relationships and money, credit, debt, budgeting and more.

Visit

<http://www.mymoneycoach.ca/credit-counselling-society-workshops.html#credit-debt-webinars>

### Adult Learner Book Lists

- 1) At FVRL libraries, you can search the catalogue by subject or series
  - Subject - enter "Readers for New Literates"
  - Series - enter "Good Reads" or "Rapid Reads" or "Quick Reads"
- 2) Good Reads ([Grass Roots Press](#)), is a series of books by Canadian authors and also has free reading guides in PDF: <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/goodreads>
- 3) Quick Reads (Orion), has a list of all their books here: <http://www.quickreads.org.uk/about-the-books/new-books-for-2013>
- 4) Rapid Reads (Orca) has a list of all their books here: <http://orcabook.com/rapid-reads.com/books-full.html>
- 5) Oxford Bookworms also has adult learner books here: <http://www.oup-bookworms.com/oxford-bookworms.cfm>
- 6) Decoda has these titles for adults learning to read: <http://decoda.ca/resources/library/library-materials-by-topic/popular-reading-materials-for-learners/fiction-for-learners/>
- 7) Find a Read is a searchable database that helps you find your next read, especially for adults who are less confident readers: <http://readingagency.org.uk/findaread/>
- 8) Axis Education has a list of easy to read material: [http://www.axiseducation.co.uk/products/20094/brinsford\\_books/urban\\_fiction.aspx](http://www.axiseducation.co.uk/products/20094/brinsford_books/urban_fiction.aspx).

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### Our Vision Statement

We will be a community where:

- literacy programs are available to people of all ages and all backgrounds
- all people are encouraged to learn, read and participate
- all learners are valued for all their skills
- all learners feel safe to ask for help and use community literacy services
- literacy initiatives are

## Fun Stuff

### Literacy Games For Adults

The [Northwest Territories Literacy Council](#) has developed a How To Kit of *Literacy Games for Adults*. People of all ages can play games to reduce stress, have fun and make learning more comfortable.

This kit includes instructions and supporting materials. All games can be played in English, French or an Aboriginal language.

Check it out at <http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/resources/famlit/howtokit/games/1.htm>

### Fall Arts Programs at The ACT

Classes for all ages including adults start the week of Sep 23 or the first week of October. Visit [www.theactmapleridge.org/programs](http://www.theactmapleridge.org/programs)

**Thank you to Dan Ruimy of Bean Around Books for supporting local literacy**



# Workplace Literacy and Essential Skills

## Five signs your workers may be struggling with literacy and essential skills:

1. Change initiatives often fail or are slow to be implemented.
2. Employees are reluctant to participate in team meetings and avoid training sessions.
3. Excellent employees continually turn down promotion opportunities.
4. Staff make excuses. For example, "I'll read it later," or "I forgot my glasses," when put in situations where reading or writing is required.
5. Employee absenteeism is high.

[Essential Skills Day](#) is a national celebration created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 2010 to raise awareness of the importance of workplace essential skills training. This year Essential Skills Day is on September 27. The Government of Canada has identified [nine essential skills](#) that we all use in every job. They are the foundation for learning all other skills.

The nine essential skills are:

- Reading
- Document Use
- Numeracy
- Writing
- Oral Communication
- Working With Others
- Thinking
- Computer Use
- Continuous Learning

Why should employers train their workers?

- [Improved productivity](#)
- [Increased workplace safety](#)
- [Enhanced workplace efficiencies](#)
- [More vibrant and engaged workforce](#)
- [More competent use of technology](#)
- [Bolstered Canadian economy](#)
- [Increased competitiveness](#)
- [Enlarged employment opportunities](#)

This material is from the ABC Life Literacy Canada website  
[http://abclifeliteracy.ca/workplace\\_literacy/home](http://abclifeliteracy.ca/workplace_literacy/home)

If you are concerned about workplace literacy, contact the Community Literacy Committee to learn about local literacy support and resources.

[facilitator@communityliteracy.ca](mailto:facilitator@communityliteracy.ca) 604.721.3738

# HELP AND RESOURCES

## The Learning Room

The Learning Room is a drop in resource centre. We offer these programs and services:

- help with reading and writing
- adult and children's lending library
- help with some government publications and forms
- referrals and information
- computer and internet use
- space for learner-tutor meetings
- Women's English Group
- tax filing

Address: At the CEED Centre, 11739 223rd Street, Maple Ridge

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
At other times by appointment.

## Other Programs / Services

- Adult Learner Book Club – Tuesdays 7 pm to 8 pm at the Maple Ridge Public Library. To register call the library at 604.467.7417.
- Financial Literacy – free basic money management workshops and services on a variety of topics are available through partner organizations. Contact [coordinator@communityliteracy.ca](mailto:coordinator@communityliteracy.ca)
- LINK UP Directory - a list of local literacy services and programs. You can download a copy of the Fall 2013 directory at [www.communityliteracy.ca/programs/literacy-link-up/](http://www.communityliteracy.ca/programs/literacy-link-up/)

If you would like to get our quarterly newsletter and other literacy related news, please email: [coordinator@communityliteracy.ca](mailto:coordinator@communityliteracy.ca)

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