



Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows - Katzie

## Community Literacy Committee Quarterly Newsletter

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"Move" at  
Family Literacy Day

## A Little Something for Everyone

Over the last few months elementary students, adults, families, and agencies have all been able to access a little literacy fun or training in our community. From October to January dozens of local elementary students took part in the Literacy Challenge. They replaced screen time with literacy time and recorded the average number of minutes that they spent on out-of-classroom literacy activities. Challenge winners are announced in this newsletter.

Adults who needed money management tips were able to attend public workshops in November to learn about loans, credit cards, and preventing identity theft. Then in January, several agencies that work with families received PALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters) training. This training will allow agencies to teach parents how to support their children's literacy development.

People of all ages were invited to attend two Family Literacy Day events in January at the local libraries. Visitors shared stories, learned about finances, played music, solved puzzles and skipped rope.

All these events show us that

- literacy is more than just reading and writing
- literacy is easy to incorporate into your daily life
- literacy is fun!

(PS - We could not agree on a name for our newsletter. So if you have an original, witty, suitable name for this newsletter, please let us know.)

## COLP

Literacy Outreach Coordinators, literacy practitioners, and other literacy stakeholders from across BC are invited to join Decoda's Community of Literacy Practice (COLP) to share questions, ideas, tips and inspiration. Visit <http://decoda.ca/forums/> and click on *Sign up now*.

### Once Upon a School

Here's an inspiring website on what some people are doing to make a difference: <http://onceuponaschool.org/>

Thanks to SP for sharing this.

# Calendar of Events

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

### January

- Wed Jan 16 Literacy Committee Quarterly Meeting, Riverside Centre  
Sat Jan 19 Family Literacy Day, Pitt Meadows Public Library  
Sat Jan 26 Family Literacy Day, Maple Ridge Public Library  
Tue Jan 29 Parents As Literacy Supporters training

### March

- Wed Mar 13 Literacy Committee Quarterly Meeting,  
Maple Ridge Library

### June

- Wed Jun 19 Literacy Committee Quarterly Meeting, TBA  
Mon Jun 24 Literacy Committee Year End Celebration

*We will add more events as time goes on so check back with us often.*



## Literacy Challenge Winners

- 1st place: *wins a SMART board for their school plus pizza lunch and \$250 worth of books for their classroom*  
1,279 minutes/student, Mrs. Wade's class at Eric Langton Elementary
- 2nd place: *wins \$200 worth of books for their classroom*  
968 minutes/student, Mrs. Johnson's class at Eric Langton Elementary
- 3rd place: *wins \$150 worth of books for their classroom*  
948 minutes/student, Mrs. Ashley's class at Eric Langton Elementary

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Literacy Challenge.

## PRIZES DONATED BY

sharp's audio visual

SMART board SBX885



Projector/installation  
of SMART board



\$600 in books

*Thank You*

# Interesting Stuff

## HEALTH INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE

Did you know there's a place you can go to find all sorts of health-related information? There's even a volunteer on site to help you find what you need.

### 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 coordinated and happen in many parts of our community

### Ridge Meadows Hospital


**Health Information Resource Centre**  
Located near the Main Lobby of the Hospital

Services Provided:

- Health-Related research and information gathering services
- Health-Related DVD's available for viewing
- Access to computers for personal email
- Brochures and information on a wide variety of health-related topics as well as local community resources
- You've Got Mail messages received & delivered to patients & residents

To contact the Health Information Resource Centre:  
Telephone: (604) 463-4111 Local 552719  
Email: [rh.infocentre@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:rh.infocentre@fraserhealth.ca)

To contact Volunteer Resources  
Office Location, Alouette Building  
Basement Level, past Cafeteria, through double doors  
Telephone: (604) 466-7911  
Email: [rh.volunteerservices@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:rh.volunteerservices@fraserhealth.ca)



## INDIGO LOVE OF READING FOUNDATION LITERACY GRANT

Eligible schools can apply for the Indigo Love of Reading grant until February 15, 2013. Visit <http://www.loveofreading.org> for more information.

"The Columbia Institute Awards program is one of the few scholarship programs designed to support the financial needs of adult learners interested in re-training and skills development. The Columbia Institute is now accepting applications for our Awards Program. You may be eligible to receive one of 14 scholarships valued at \$1000 each."  
~<http://www.columbiainstitute.ca/scholarships/lifelong-learning-scholarship>



Katzie Welcome  
Family Literacy Day

## Math Games Online

NCTM

<http://illuminations.nctm.org/>

This website from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics has online activities for K-12.

Cool Math

<http://coolmath.com/>

Information and activities for parents, teachers, students aged 13 to 100.

Coo Math for kids:

<http://coolmath4kids.com>

## Fun Stuff – Magic Squares

See if you can solve this puzzle. Feel free to copy it and share it with your friends or students.

Write the numbers 1 to 9 in the squares so that each row, column and diagonal add up to the same number.

8		
	9	2

## Free Money Management Workshops

You can offer free basic money management workshops to your clients. The CLC has partnered with Credit Counselling Society of BC, Family Services of Greater Vancouver, and Vancity's Each One, Teach One to offer a variety of workshops on basic financial skills. You can choose from topics such as basic budgeting, debt management, loans, and credit cards. Your organization hosts the workshop and the CLC provides funding to cover some of the associated costs. If you would like to host a workshop please contact Angie McLeod, [coordinator@communityliteracy.ca](mailto:coordinator@communityliteracy.ca) 604.476.2447 for more information.





Boris Sichon

# Family Literacy Day

The CLC and Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL) celebrated Family Literacy Day with two local events.

## *Sharing Our Stories*

On January 19 a traditional Katzie welcome kicked off an Open House at the Pitt Meadows Public Library. Visitors played games, listened to storytellers, won prizes and enjoyed complimentary snacks.

## *Family Literacy Fair*

On January 26 visitors to the Maple Ridge Public Library threw balls, solved puzzles, banged drums, nibbled on cookies, sipped coffee and hot chocolate, learned about budgets, and heard a ram's-horn horn.

In other words, both events were a whole lot of fun doing things you don't normally do in a library. Yet telling stories, playing music and developing motor skills all help improve literacy. In fact, doing just 15 minutes of these fun activities a day can help improve literacy. For ideas on how to add 15 minutes of fun into your daily life, visit

[www.communityliteracy.ca](http://www.communityliteracy.ca)

## Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

Just 15 Minutes of Fun a day can help improve literacy. Visit the ABC Life Literacy website for facts, activities, downloads, videos and more

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/fld/fami>



Stories with Paula



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# HELP AND RESOURCES

## The Learning Room

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

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

### Programs at the Learning Room

Program	Day/Time
Women's English Group	Thursdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Tax Filing	by appointment, call 604 721 3738

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

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

## Other Programs / Services

- Financial Literacy Workshops – free basic money management workshops on a variety of topics are available.
- LINK UP Directory - a list of local literacy services and programs. You can download a copy of the winter 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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