



Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows - Katzie

Community Literacy Committee

Quarterly Newsletter

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Helping Adults Learn

Welcome to Lynn Easton who is now managing our Adult Literacy Program.

Many adults find it hard to read, write or do math. Some adults take upgrading classes. You can take some of these classes at Riverside Centre in Maple Ridge. Some adults don't want to be in a classroom. They prefer to work with one person who can teach them exactly what they want to learn. Learners who join the Adult Literacy Program can do just that.

This is how the Adult Literacy Program works.

1. Volunteers apply to become tutors. They must take a tutor training course to teach them how to work with adult learners. There is a tutor training course starting March 3, 2014 (see page 2).
2. Adults who want help learning can call Lynn. She will ask the learner questions to find out what he or she wants to work on. Then she will match the learner with a tutor.
3. The learner and tutor decide when they will meet. They also choose a place to meet that is comfortable and easy to get to, such as a coffee shop or at the library. Learners and tutors usually meet once per week.

Learners have a lot of control over what they learn and how they learn. Working with a tutor is very different from being in a regular classroom.

Please call Lynn at 604.220.5231 if:

- you want to work with a tutor
- you want to be a tutor, or
- you know someone who needs literacy help

By Shanti Ang, LOC

Thank you to Vancity and the CEED Centre Society

Vancity granted \$7,500 to the CEED Centre Society to provide pre-employment training and skills development for local citizens. The Community Project Grant will support the Learning Room, a unique drop-in resource centre for adults with low literacy.

ceedcentre.com/1/post/2014/01/vancity-funds-first-step-to-skills.html

Calendar of Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

February

Sat Feb 22 Newsletter Committee Meeting, Bean Around Books & Tea

March

Thu Mar 13 Literacy Committee Quarterly Meeting, CEED Centre

Mon Mar 3 Tutor Training, Riverside Centre

Sat Mar 8 Tutor Training, Riverside Centre

Mon Mar 10 Tutor Training, Riverside Centre

Wed Mar 12 Tutor Training, Riverside Centre

April

Tue Apr 8 Family Literacy Work Group Meeting

Sat Apr 26 Earth Day, Memorial Peace Park

June

Sat Jun 7 Literacy Day, Haney Farmers Market

Volunteer Tutor Training

March 3, 8, 10, 12
6:30 – 9:00 pm Mon & Wed
9 am – 1:00 pm Sat
Riverside Centre
20575 Thorne Avenue
Maple Ridge

This 4-session course will teach you how to work with adult learners. Trained tutors are matched with adult learners for one-to-one tutoring sessions.

Tutors receive ongoing training and support.

All training is free.

For more info or to register:

Lynn 604.220.5231
AL@communityliteracy.ca

Help Us Find Learners

If you know an adult who wants help with reading, writing, filling out forms, math, etc., please tell them about us. We rely on an informed public to guide learners to us.

Useful Stuff

Legal Information and Publications

Visit clicklaw.bc.ca for an amazing website that provides legal information, education and help in various areas of law. There is a language bar across the top of the page that translates the site and publications to various languages. *Thanks to Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Community Services for sharing this site with us.*

First Nation Health Authority Website

Visit: fnha.ca to check it out!

Family Literacy Day 2014

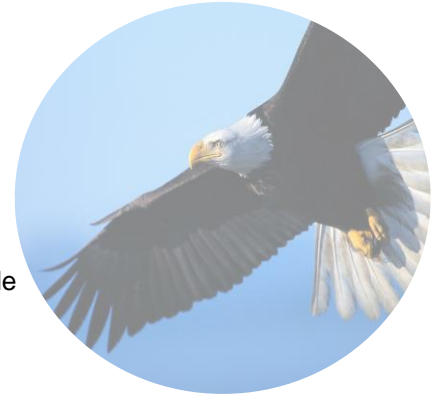
Thank you to all our partners, supporters, donors, volunteers and visitors! We had a fun time at the Maple Ridge Library on January 25 and at the Pitt Meadows Library on February 1. Visit our Facebook site to see photos [facebook.com/MRPMLiteracy](https://www.facebook.com/MRPMLiteracy).

LEARN FOR LIFE

Learning is a life-long activity. On this page we will share writing from learners of all ages.

Forgiven Prayer

Oh Great Spirit above
Give me your forgive love
Help me follow your forgiven rule
Thankful you're in my soul
Helping me to heal
You are forgiven real
Help me follow your narrow way
In the Spirit's name I pray
Helping me to forgive
Thankful I heal to live



By Darrell Stevenson

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.

The Learning Room is funded in part by Vancity and the Ministry of Advanced Education

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. Contact 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 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

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