

Family Literacy Week 2018

Events held Across British Columbia:

Campaign webpage: <http://www.decoda.ca/support-us/events/family-literacy-week/>

Decoda Event:

Vancouver

January 27

10:30 am - 4:00 pm, Britannia Community Services Centre

Come visit Decoda at the Community Science Celebration and explore “What’s on My Plate?” There’ll be science shows, fun activities, local exhibitors and more at the event.

Community Events:

Abbotsford

Pancake Breakfast - Read What You Love

January 27

The Free pancake breakfast is hosted by Clearbrook Fire Hall at 32270 George Ferguson Way. The breakfast will run from 10 - 11:30am. Be sure to visit the 11th Annual Family Literacy Day at the Clearbrook Library and REACH after breakfast!

Family Literacy Day Celebration - Read Together, Grow Together

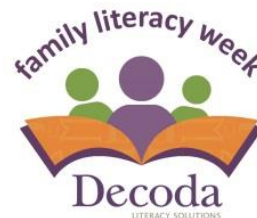
January 27

Be sure to visit the 11th Annual Family Literacy Day at the Clearbrook Library and REACH after breakfast! This event is free and includes story telling, musicians, magicians, crafts, face painting, prizes and refreshments. The event runs from 11 am - 2 pm.

Community Reading Challenge - Read What You Love

January 28 - February 17, 2018

Literacy Matters Abbotsford is holding their annual Community Literacy Challenge, “Read What You Love”. It will run from January 28 - February 17, 2018. Look for flyers in the community; there will be a reading log to complete which will be your entry into a draw for prizes. All you need to do is read for 15 minutes each day. The reading challenge is open to all ages!



Ashcroft

Pizza and Games Party

January 22, 5-7pm

Ashcroft HUB (711 Hill St)

Come make your own pizza and spend an evening playing games with Family and Friends. Lots of great games to play and prizes to be won!

Lego Night

January 26, 5:30 to 6:30

Ashcroft Library

Come use your imagination and see what you can build with Lego! Prizes for everyone who attends.

Family Skate

January 27, 2:45 to 3:30

Drylands Arena, Ashcroft

Come enjoy an afternoon of free skating.

Bamfield

Family Literacy Night

January 25, 2018

Bamfield Community School

Families will celebrate Family Literacy Night by attending a "Family Dinner" provided at the Bamfield Community School. Families will sit down and enjoy a catered meal together to practice eating together. After the family dinner, families are able to work together through stations set up in the gym that outline varying types of literacy. Each student will go home with a goodie bag with items to encourage family literacy.

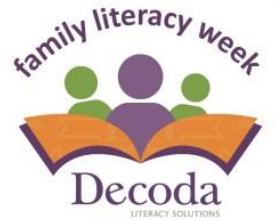
Burnaby

Storytime for 3 - 5 year olds at Tommy Douglas Library

January 25th

Tommy Douglas Library, 7311 Kingsway, Burnaby

Join us for a preschool Storytime! Stories, songs, and fingerplays - perfect for kids who love stories and might even sit still for them! The first 15 minutes is a time to settle in, look at books with your child, play, and meet other families. No registration is required but space is limited. Caregivers must attend with children. Siblings welcome.



Escape the Library Mystery Night

January 26

Cameron Library - 9532 Cameron, Burnaby

OH NO! The library closed and you and your family are stuck inside. Use your mystery-solving skills to escape! Sign up as a group (up to 10 people) or just your family (we might pair you up with another trapped family). Work your way through the closed library using book knowledge, library skills and puzzle logic to escape. Suitable for families with children 8+ years old, enthusiastic younger siblings are welcome but keep in mind the puzzles will be challenging. Treats will be served, whether you escape or not!

Family Story Time

January 27th

Metrotown Library, 6100 Willingdon Ave. Burnaby

For children of all ages and their caregivers. Join us for fun Saturday mornings full of stories, music, action and fun! The first 15 minutes is set aside for families to settle in, look at books together, and meet other families. No registration is required. Come early - space is limited. Caregivers must attend with children.

Play to Learn

February 17th, 10 am to 12:30

Gilmore School, 50 Gilmore Avenue

Family Friendly Activities! Games for Family friendly activities Games for learning Activities for kids Activities

Burns Lake

Fam-Con

January 25, 2018

Burns Lake Public Library

2nd Annual Fam-Con event from 2 - 7 pm as part of Literacy Week. Each child will receive a book, book-mark, pencil, and crafts that they will make as part of the different stations. Lots of fun activities. Draw for families to win a family friendly activity basket with games, puzzles, books, hot chocolate, etc.

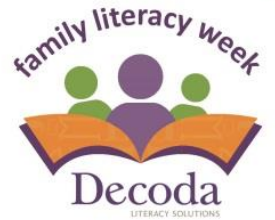
Cache Creek

Pizza and Games Party

January 23, 5-7pm

Cache Creek Community Hall

Come out and make your own pizza and then spend an evening playing board games with friends and family.



Lego Night

January 25, 5:30 to 6:30pm

Cache Creek Library

Come spend an hour creating with Lego! Prizes to be won.

Campbell River

Free Family Swim

Sunday, January 21, 5 - 8 pm

Strathcona Gardens

Join us for this free family swim sponsored by Campbell River Literacy Association as we launch Family Literacy Week.

Parent & Kids Art Class

Thursday, January 25

Campbell River Community Centre - Art Room

Charlotte Deptford- Local Artist will be hosting a parent and child (ages 3-5) art class. Bring your little one, explore colours and create an original piece to take home. Space is limited, please register at the front desk of the Community Centre.

Alex Zerbe - The Zaniac -Free Community Show @ The Tidemark Theatre

Saturday, January 27 2-4 pm

Tidemark Theatre

This third annual show in support of Family Literacy Week is free to the community. Come watch physical comedian Alex Zerbe as he showcases the fun of literacy and science. Tickets are available at the Tidemark box office.

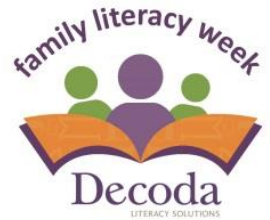
Castlegar

Family Literacy Week Celebration!

January 27

Castlegar & District Public Library

Family Literacy Week Celebration! Sat., Jan. 27th from 12 noon - 2 pm at the Castlegar & District Public Library. Join us for fun activities, songs & stories, art, snacks and prizes! To learn more contact: Corinne Svardfeldt - 250-687-4983 - castlegarcoordinator@cbal.org



Chetwynd

Family Games Night

January 27th, 2018

Chetwynd Public Library

Join us for family games and fun at the public library. Bring yours or borrow ours!. Snacks provided.

Clearwater

Craft Workshop for Elementary School Aged Children

Jan 22

Raft River Elementary School

Free Craft Workshop for school-aged children co-facilitated by Cindy Wilgosh, Aboriginal Engagement Success by 6 Coordinator and Kerry Milner Cairns, Literacy Outreach Coordinator

Connection Circle at Playgroup

Tuesday, January 23

Dutch Lake Community Centre

The Connection Circle supports and promotes the importance of traditional ways of early learning, through play, songs, stories, and the healthy development and well being of children, their families and their communities. This circle will illustrate how learning our identity, culture and language are critical aspects in raising healthy children. The emphasis is on the important roles of grandparents and elders as teachers, mentors and knowledge-holders of how to care for and teach our children.

Teddy Bear Mother Goose Picnic

Thursday, January 25

Dutch Lake Community Centre

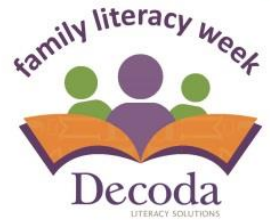
Bring your favorite stuffie or doll to PCMG. This is a special celebration with songs, stories, crafts, and a free lunch! The Teddy Bear Doctor will be onsite too!

Teen Night

Friday, Jan 26

Dutch Lake Community Centre

Special activities and games for youth ages 12-18 to celebrate Unplug and Play week. Free!



Cranbrook

Family Literacy Night

Jan. 24, 6 - 8 pm

Cranbrook Public Library

Crafts, activities, reading and snacks too!

Creston

Little Chefs

January 22nd

Creston Education Centre

Sharing Family Literacy Packages with families Reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar bulletin board set (includes the felt board pieces) during circle time

Storytime

January 25th

Library

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Baby Goose

January 26th

Library

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Dawson Creek

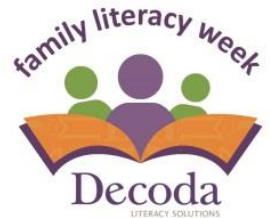
Welcome Baby Party

January 20

Early Learning Hub

The Welcome Baby Party is an annual event for parents and caregivers of babies born in the previous year. It's a big birthday party!! We provide information about local resources, including activities and events, service providers, and an introduction to StrongStart for new parents and newcomers to the community.

Family Literacy Day Book Giveaway



Delta

Family Literacy Day Book Giveaway

January 3-31, 2018

Tsawwassen Library, Ladner Library & George Mackie Library

The public is encouraged to enter a draw to win one of three "food related" books. One prize will be for an adult (Healthy Family Meals), one for a school aged child (Green Eggs & Ham) and one for a little one (Board book - Eating the Alphabet)

Family Games Afternoon

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Tsawwassen library

Unplug and reconnect with your family playing board games. Choose one of the many games provided by the library or bring your favourites to enjoy!

Family Fun Time

February 14, 9:30 - 11:30 am

North Delta Recreation Centre

We are celebrating the family and combining Literacy Day with Valentine's Day. This event is for 0-5 yrs and we'll have arts & crafts, puppet shows, story time, gymnastics, circle time and more and each station will have a poster outlining the skills that activity can develop in a child. Each family will leave with a book, tips on reading to children, nutrition information, community activity calendar and a list of free or low cost family events in the lower mainland.

Delta Amazing Race

February 14, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

North Delta Recreation Centre

We are celebrating the family by hosting this event on Valentine's Day. Families can register to tackle the course together, reading and interpreting all the clues and working as a team. They'll be rewarded at the end with prizes that will represent a "family date day/night" like The Sea to Sky Gondola, Capilano Suspension Bridge, Bowling, Mini golf or visiting Maplewood Farm, the UBC Canopy Wall or the Reifel Bird Sanctuary. Each family will also receive a list of free or low cost places they can visit around the lower mainland.

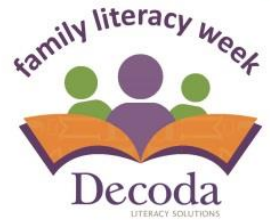
Elk Valley

Family Literacy Week

January 21-28, 2018

Various locations

Pick up "What's on my Plate?" handouts and photo contest information at libraries and Strong Start Centres. There will be a local prize for photo entries from the Elk Valley.



Fort St. John

Library Camp Out

January 27, 2018

Fort St. John Library

Families reserve a spot to set up a tent and spend the night in the Library. They have a campfire, play games, do scavenger hunts ... lots of fun! All ages are welcome and have a great time!

Literacy Classes

Jan 20-26

Fort St. John Literacy Society, 10142 101 Ave

As part of the English classes, Literacy Society students will be reviewing their favorite recipes and going over healthy eating options and ways to incorporate the entire family in to meal preparation.

Fraser Cascade

Agassiz/Harrison Celebrates Literacy

Thursday, January 25

Kent Elementary - Agassiz, BC

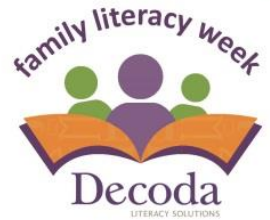
Free books, Family Literacy resources, activities, story time, special surprise guest. Partners: Agassiz/Harrison Hot Springs Early Years Committee, FVRL - Agassiz, Strong Start/Kent Elementary, Sea Bird Island Band, Agassiz/HHS Community Services, Harrison Hot Springs Preschool Event to be held in the Kent Elementary School gym, 500 children, parents, & care givers expected to attend. Organized by Fraser Cascade LOC - Acacia Martin

30 day Family Meal Prep, Recipe Share, & Shopping on a budget Inspirations at Better Beginnings & Family Place

January 22 - 26

Hope Family Place - 434 Wallace St, unit B

Hope Family Place will host a week long 'Family Literacy focused program' running through the regular program hours of Better Beginnings and Family Place. A series of workshops will provide opportunity for parents and caregivers to cook and build food prep skills with children, to take and share healthy meal ideas and recipes, to create a 30 day meal plan with recipes and shopping list's, as well as a workshop focused on shopping for a family on a budget, buying what is on sale and maximizing a points system. Better Beginnings will host a specialized one day Family Literacy Workshop (Monday, January 22 from 12:30pm-2:30pm) focusing on the above mentioned activities geared towards pre & post natal moms and their infants. Partners: Fraser Cascade Literacy Connected, Hope Community Services. Organized by LOC Acacia Martin and Hope Community Services Program Coordinator Kim Paolini



The Great Soup Surprise

Tuesday, January 23

Hope Preschool and Daycare

Parents will be provided with handouts and resources for Family Literacy Week. Each Family will be instructed to bring 1 'Family Recipe' to class to build a cookbook each child can take home. Each child will be required to bring 1 vegetable to class on Tuesday, January 23 to add to the pot and collectively create 'The Great Soup Surprise' children will enjoy the soup together for lunch as well as a Story Time and a Free book from the Fraser Cascade Literacy Committee. A Partnership with Fraser Cascade LOC Acacia Martin & Hope Preschool and Daycare

Golden

Great Big Buddy Read

TBA

Golden Library and Lion's Den

The kindergarten classes will pair up with high school students at the library and the Lion's Den for a giant buddy read (approximately 100 students)! We will also have guest readers from the community to read large print books for the entire group. Snacks will be provided and prizes of books for both age categories will be awarded by random draw.

Big Party for Little People

Tuesday, January 23rd - 10 am - 12 pm

Early Years Centre

We will be hosting a literacy party at the Early Years Centre for little learners and their parents. We will utilize the "What's On My Plate?" activity sheets for newborns, toddlers and pre-schoolers. We will have snacks and book giveaways that are age appropriate as well.

Grand Forks

Family Literacy Day Celebration!

January 27th, 11 am - 2 pm

Grand Forks & District Public Library

Join us for a Pizza Storytime at 11 am. Then Crafts! Book giveaways! Pizza party and at 12:30 a showing of "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2", with popcorn of course.

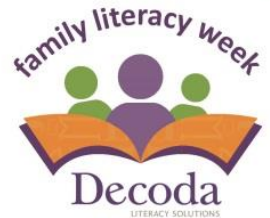
Greater Victoria

Make Your Own Story Glove

Tuesday, January 24th, 10:30-11:30

Saanich Centennial Branch Library 3110 Tillicum Road, Victoria, BC

For young children and their families - children under 3 must be accompanied by an adult. Join us for a storytime and make a simple storyglove to take home. Supplies provided. Registration open now.



ABC Fun

Friday, January 26th, 10:30-11:30

Nellie McClung Branch Library, 3950 Cedar Hill Road, Victoria, BC

For young children and accompanying adult. A is for apple, alligator and astronaut – how awesome! Practice your ABCs with alphabet stories, then create alphabet art with an ABC-inspired collage. Supplies provided. Registration begins January 2.

Owl Tell You a Story

Saturday, January 27, 10:30-11:30

Langford Heritage Branch Library, 102-1314 Lakepoint Way, Victoria, BC

For young children and their families - children under 3 must be accompanied by an adult. Wrap up Family Literacy Week with us! This owl-themed storytime and craft promises to be a hoot. Registration begins January 2.

Kamloops

ABC Family Literacy Day

January 20, 2018

Henry Grube Education Centre

Free, Fun, Up, Up and Away themed activities for families with young children.

Interior Savings Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week

January 20-27, 2018

Community organizations in Kamloops

Local organizations are hosting free activities for families to enjoy throughout the week. These activities are for all ages and include Baby Rhyme Time, Public Skating and Swimming, Music and Coffee House, Family Tobogganing, Teen Bad Art Night, Fun with the Drum, Seniors' Tea, Science Literacy Fun, Book Tasting, Family Yoga, and more. For a Schedule of Events go to www.literacyinkamloops.ca.

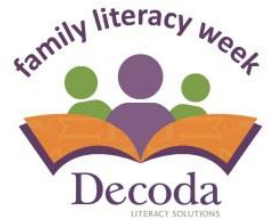
Kaslo/Balfour

What's on My Plate?

Jan. 24, 2018

Harrop Hall, Harrop, BC

"What's on My Plate?" family literacy activities during Parent & Child Time 10 am - 12 pm



Family Literacy Week Scavenger Hunt!

Jan. 26, 2018

Redfish School, Balfour, BC

Scavenger hunt throughout Redfish School! 11:15 am for 0 - 5 year olds & 12 pm school aged children. Prizes!

Family Literacy Week Scavenger Hunt

Jan. 20 - 27

Kaslo & District Public Library

Scavenger hunt throughout the library. Four different levels - preschool, 2 school age & adult. Prizes!

Kimberley

Recipe Exchange

Jan. 22 - 26th

Kimberley Early Learning Centre

What's on my Plate materials will be distributed at our family literacy programs. We will also have a binder featuring healthy family recipes that participants will bring in - and we will make copies of any recipes participants would like to take home and use.

Recipe exchange and cookbook display

Jan. 23rd - 27th

Kimberley Public Library

What's on my Plate materials will be distributed at the library. Bookmarks advertising the event will be placed in each book signed out the week before and during the event. We will also have a binder featuring healthy family recipes that participants will bring in - and we will make copies of any recipes participants would like to take home and use.

Merritt & Nicola Valley

Family Literacy Week Launch

Saturday, January 20th

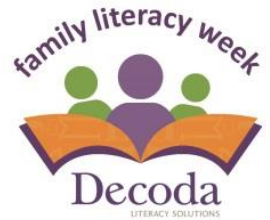
Merritt Library

2-4PM FREE - Guest readers at 2 & 3PM. Prizes, crafts, games.

Interior Savings Credit Union "Unplug & Play" Book-drive

Saturday, January 20th

Merritt Centennials Home Game at the Merritt Arena



Healthy Beginnings

Monday, January 22nd

2975 Clapperton Ave

9:30-11:30AM - 0-6 w caregiver - FREE - Play, songs, crafts & snack. Take home a free book!

FREE Public Skate

Monday, January 22nd

Merritt Arena

6:45-7:45 pm - Free public skating. Helmets strongly recommended. Take home a free book!

Success by Six FREE Swim

Tuesday, January 23rd

Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre

10AM-Noon - Success by 6 FREE Swim - 0-6 yrs w caregiver. Caregivers & children swim for free. Take home a free book!

Family Movie Night

Friday, January 26th

Merritt Civic Centre

6PM - Movie Night - Civic Centre - \$2 pp - LEGO NINJAGO on the giant screen. Enter to win a literacy prize. Take home a free book!

Enter to Win a Family Literacy Gift Basket

January 20th through January 26th

Interior Savings Credit Union - Lower Nicola Indian Band Office - Merritt Aquatic Centre Merritt Centennials Office - Merritt Civic Centre - Merritt Library - Merritt Toys and Games - Nicola Valley Advocacy Centre - Nicola Valley General Hospital

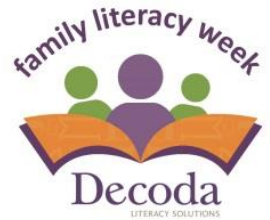
Games, books, puzzles, skating, movie, and swim passes, Cents tix, & more. One basket will be drawn for each day of Family Literacy Week. Draw date January 30th. Enter at these locations, and take home a free book while you're at it!

INTERIOR SAVINGS CREDIT UNION "Unplug & Play " LITERACY BOOK-DRIVE

January 20th through January 28th

Interior Savings Credit Union

The INTERIOR SAVINGS CREDIT UNION "Unplug & Play " LITERACY BOOK-DRIVE will launch at the Cents home game, Saturday January 20th at 7PM. Bring a new or gently used book to donate to the Bright Red Bookshelves and enter to win a family literacy prize. Following the game, donations will be accepted at the ISCU branch until Saturday, January 28th. (Ongoing donations are accepted at the Community Policing Office.)



Mission

Riot of Reading Celebration

February 3, 2018, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ecole Mission Central Elementary, 7466 Welton Street, Mission BC

A free fun filled community event. Opening ceremonies at 11:00, on going centre stage of entertainment including a Magician with a literacy magic show, dancers, zumba, stories, plus 25 tables of community partners with information and activities, face painting, balloon animals, free books. Pizza, coffee and cake! Join us for a Riotous Day.

Nelson

Online Family Literacy Week Photo Sharing!

January 20-27

Facebook ([Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Nelson](#) and [Nelson Public Library](#))

Everyone is invited to share ideas and photos using #FLW2018's theme "What's on My Plate?" There will be a draw for two local cookbooks at the end of the week!

Family Literacy Day Parties (in family literacy programs)

January 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Learning Place, Nelson Public Library

Celebrations will be held in Love 2 Learn, Mother Goose, Storytime and Book Babies programs. Activities, songs, and stories will stem from the "What's on My Plate?" theme. Activities cards will be available for families. Snacks will be 'celebratory' and healthy.

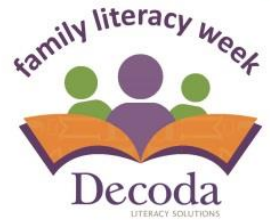
North Shore

Family Literacy Fair

January 27, 2018

John Braithwaite Community Centre, 145 West 1st Street, North Vancouver

January 27, 2018 is Family Literacy Day, an initiative of ABC Life Literacy. Literacy is more than just reading, it's all about the skills we need to navigate our world. Families are invited to join us for a fun day exploring all kinds of literacy, including physical literacy, digital literacy, health literacy and more. There will be storytimes, games, activities and information.



Port Alice

Mother Goose: What's on My Plate

January 20

Port Alice branch - Vancouver Island Regional Library

Songs, Stories, and Crafts with Mother Goose. Make a dry soup in a jar craft. Take home: Recipe & ingredients, activity sheets, a free children's book, Decoda activity sheets, a food colouring book & 4-pack of crayons, brochures about Mount Waddington Mother Goose, Literacy Bus, and Literacy Now programs, and a Literacy is Life grocery bag to take it all home in. Draw for \$25 grocery gift certificate. VIRL displays of books about healthy eating for families. Library donated venue.

Port Hardy

Mother Goose: What's on My Plate

January 27

Port Hardy branch - Vancouver Island Regional Library

Songs, Stories, and Crafts with Mother Goose. Make a dry soup in a jar craft. Take home: Recipe & ingredients, activity sheets, a free children's book, Decoda activity sheets, a food colouring book & 4-pack of crayons, brochures about Mount Waddington Mother Goose, Literacy Bus, and Literacy Now programs, and a Literacy is Life grocery bag to take it all home in. Draw for \$25 grocery gift certificate. VIRL displays of books about healthy eating for families. Library donated venue.

Port McNeill

Mother Goose: What's on My Plate

February 3

Port McNeill branch - Vancouver Island Regional Library

Songs, Stories, and Crafts with Mother Goose. Make a dry soup in a jar craft. Take home: Recipe & ingredients, activity sheets, a free children's book, Decoda activity sheets, a food colouring book & 4-pack of crayons, brochures about Mount Waddington Mother Goose, Literacy Bus, and Literacy Now programs, and a Literacy is Life grocery bag to take it all home in. Draw for \$25 grocery gift certificate. VIRL displays of books about healthy eating for families. Library donated venue.

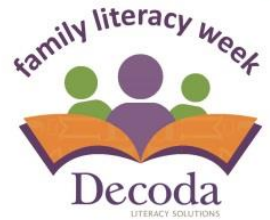
Powell River

Technical Tips Community workshop

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Rotary Makerspace at PR Public Library

Hands on workshop delivering help to basic tech questions



Zine Workshop with Youth

Tuesday, Jan. 31

First Credit Union Community Room at PR Public Library

Zine making with guest artists in an afterschool program style creative, fun session

Oceanside (Parksville/Qualicum)

Stone Soup Kitchen Cafe

January 26, 2018

494 Bay Avenue, Parksville

At our Stone Soup Kitchen, we will be holding a special family snack time to encourage and embrace eating and sharing together. A storyteller will be part of the snack time by reading Stone Soup, and we will share the resource sheets from Decoda.

Quadra Island

"Seuss Fest"

January 22, 2018

Quadra Island Community Centre

"Seuss Fest" A family literacy celebration for children and their families aged 0-5 years. Seuss Costumes, early literacy activities,snacks, story readings by Community Librarian and "Green Eggs and Ham" skit. Free books and information for families

Screen Free Games Day

January 26th, 2018

Quadra Island Elementary School

In school event for students/teachers and community. A celebration of screen free games, games from various cultures and games from "the old days" Each class is sharing a "game" with a younger grade and all students will have time in the gym learning skipping games, and other screen free games. A community librarian will be visiting with resources and information for all.

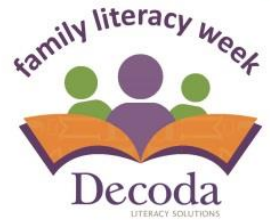
Quatsino

Mother Goose: What's on My Plate

February 10

Old Quatsino School

Songs, Stories, and Crafts with Mother Goose. Make a dry soup in a jar craft. Take home: Recipe & ingredients, activity sheets, a free children's book, Decoda activity sheets, a food colouring book & 4-pack of crayons, brochures about Mount Waddington Mother Goose, Literacy Bus, and Literacy Now programs, and a Literacy is Life grocery bag to take it all home in. Draw for \$25 grocery gift certificate. VIRL displays of books about healthy eating for families. Library donated venue.



Revelstoke

Giggle, Sing and Swim

January 24, 2018

Revelstoke Aquatic Centre

Join the Mother Goose gang for our Giggle, Sing and Swim event from 10am-11am. We will be singing, giggling, and splashing in the pool. Everyone is welcome you do not need to be registered in Mother Goose to attend. This is a free event!

Snack with a Snowman

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Revelstoke Early Years Centre

Join the CBAL gang and early years friends for a story walk, fun snack and great family activities. Each family will receive a new book!

Rosland

Family Literacy Day at the Library

Friday January 26th

Rosland Public Library

StrongStart will be held at the library in conjunction with Books & Babies! From 11:30 am - 2:30 pm, join in the fun with crafts, songs, stories and a snack.

Family Literacy Day at Mother Goose

Thursday January 25th

CBAL Office in Trail (1160 Cedar Avenue)

Join us from 10 - 11 am for songs, stories, rhymes and a snack!

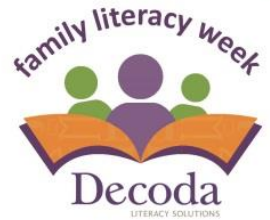
Salmo

Family Literacy Event

Saturday, January 27th

Salmo Valley Public Library

Pre-school story time, crafts, songs - ages 2-5. Exploring STEAM materials and Family Games - ages 6+ Spelling Bee - Adults Family fun for all ages, with the opportunity for families to explore the Library's new STEAM materials. Snacks and prizes throughout the day.



STEAM Activities & Family Games

Thursday, January 18th

Ymir Hall

Families have the opportunity to gather together, play board games and explore the new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) materials that the Library has just acquired.

Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Enderby, Sorrento, Armstrong

Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week

All Week “Jam the GM” Children’s Book Drive > SALMON ARM GM and PICCADILLY MALL > SICAMOUS HEALTH UNIT, ARENA & RESOURCE CENTRE > ENDERBY LIBRARY BRANCH > South Shuswap Library Branch Bring a Book to Work Week > ALL COMMUNITIES Drop-In Story Walk™ > ARMST

Sidney

Saffron the Slug Book Launch

Jan. 23 - 6-7:30pm

Vancouver Island Regional Library

A celebration of our launch and a reading of the book by girls who helped make it! Saffron the Slug was written and illustrated by the Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers and Leaders of Peninsula Shores Girl Guides in Sidney

Family Literacy Week at the Library

Jan. 22-27

Vancouver Island Regional Library - Sidney branch

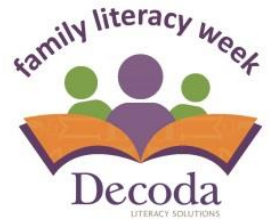
A variety of informal learning stations set up all week throughout the library for you and your children to partake. Some stations include: LEGO building, Dominoes Creations, Barbara Reid inspired Clay People Creations, StoryWalk, Financial Literacy Food Store for kids.

Books for Breakfast on the Peninsula

Jan 27, 10-12pm

GVPL Bruce Hutchinson Library Branch

For young children and their families. Enjoy stories, songs, puppets, a light breakfast snack and take home a book to keep. Drop-in. Offered in partnership with Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood, and generously sponsored by Saanich Peninsula Literacy.



Sointula

Mother Goose: What's on My Plate

January 27

Sointula branch - Vancouver Island Regional Library

Songs, Stories, and Crafts with Mother Goose. Make a dry soup in a jar craft. Take home: Recipe & ingredients, activity sheets, a free children's book, Decoda activity sheets, a food colouring book & 4-pack of crayons, brochures about Mount Waddington Mother Goose, Literacy Bus, and Literacy Now programs, and a Literacy is Life grocery bag to take it all home in. Draw for \$25 grocery gift certificate. VIRL displays of books about healthy eating for families. Library donated venue.

Sooke

Presenting Award Winning Storyteller - David Bouchard

January 28

Edward Milne Community School, Sooke Community Theatre, 6218 Sooke Road, Sooke, BC

Award Winning Storyteller David Bouchard will entertain families with his stories and music.

South Okanagan-Similkameen

Family Literacy Day

January 27, 2018

Cherry Lane Shopping Mall

Literacy Now SO-S will be hosting a family fun day to promote literacy initiatives offered by local service agencies on January 27th, 2018, 10am-3pm, at Cherry Lane Shopping Centre. There will be main stage performances, vendor booths, bouncy castles, face painting, glitter tattoos, clowns, magicians, activity stations and balloon twist artists.

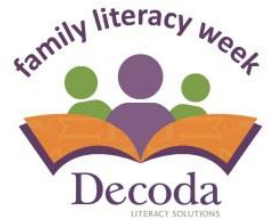
Spences Bridge

Pizza and Games Party

January 24th, 4 to 5:30 pm

Cooks Ferry Hall

Come make you own pizza and play some board games with family and friends.



Squamish

Family Music Night and Potluck

January 26, 2018

Hotspot Community Resource and Welcome Centre

Local band performing with community members joining in.

Growth rings art project session

January 30, 3:30 to 5

Hotspot Community Resource and Welcome Centre

Local artist facilitating session with the immigrant families to contribute to a larger community project

What's on your plate? Family Literacy Day Celebration

January 27, 2018

Squamish public library

Stories games arts and crafts and snacks free event for the whole family.

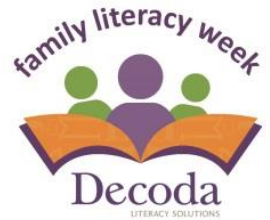
Surrey

Surrey Kids Read

Saturday, January 20, 2018 (11am-2pm)

Guildford Town Centre - Centre Court

Surrey Libraries' fun, free family event to celebrate Family Literacy Day will feature: *Rockin' Children's Entertainer Tony Prophet *Storytelling Magic by Silly Suzie *Special Performance by Norden the Magician (www.magicshows.ca) *Walter and Jazzy appearances *Face-painting, button making and many other kids activities *The following community organizations will be there: Surrey Schools Strong Start, Options, Surrey Nature Centre, FRAFCA, CoS Community Recreation Services and of course, Surrey Libraries. The first 200 families will receive a free copy of the book, "The Reading Tree" which was created by the Vancouver Public Library. Kids can pick up a Colouring Sheet at the event and return the coloured sheet to any branch of Surrey Libraries for a free New Kids Walter & Jazzy book bag! Guildford Town Centre is a venue sponsor for this event.



Terrace

Family Literacy Day

Jan 27th

Skeena Mall

Literacy fair and activities

Tri-Cities - Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody

Family Day Activities

Saturday, January 27, 1:30 to 3 pm

City Centre Branch of the Coquitlam Public Library, Room 137

Come and join us for some fun! Everyone welcome! This program is drop-in, and no registration is required. The activities will focus on words and spelling using Scrabble tiles, Keva planks, glue and glitter, and hand-sized books.

Build a Fort, Read, Snacks

Friday, January 26, 5:30 pm - 7 pm

Terry Fox Library - Fraser Valley

Visit the library after hours for stories, fort building, and reading together by flashlight! Snacks and some fort materials will be provided, if attending bring a flashlight and any other building material you'd like. Please call or visit the library to register.

Family Play & Learn

Wednesday, January 31 - 5 to 7:30

Coquitlam Centre

To celebrate the 10th year anniversary of running Family Play & Learn, we are extending our monthly Family Literacy program. After doing 6 crafts, children will be able to get a free book to take home. There will be additional community partners attending, live entertainment from Will Stroet, each of the 3 libraries will be running a story time and we'll have guest readers - Mayor Stewart and Mayor Moore as well as the RCMP and the firefighters.

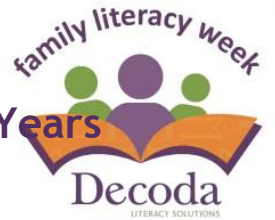
Valemount

Valemount Family Literacy Day Activities

January 27th, 2018

Valemount Public Library

Make pizzelle cookies; create your own comic book with tips and handouts to take home. Play snakes and ladders, and develop your own creative story to share with others.



Vancouver - Refugee Strong Start / Story Time / Early Years Refugee Program

What is on my plate?

Thursday, Jan. 25

Collingwood Community School

Art activity: What's on my plate template. Circle time singing song I am hungry, and reading a book fruit and vegetables.

What's on my plate?

Friday, Jan. 26

Tecumseh Elementary School

Art activity: What's on my plate template. Circle time singing song *Banana Unite* and reading a book about food.

Westshore

Westshore Family Learning Tour

Jan. 27, 2018

Westshore Community

On Saturday January 27, 2018, various businesses and service providers will open their doors to families to experience learning with FREE fun filled activities at each location. Sponsored by Your Literacy Connection Westshore.

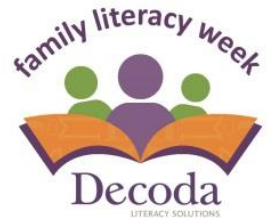
Whistler

Do It Together, Learn It Together

Thursday, January 25th

Whistler Public Library

The Do It Together, Learn It Together Family and Child Education Program is a great opportunity for parents, caregivers and children to learn new life skills through hands-on activities and crafts. During Family Literacy Week, we will be focused on the theme of, "What's on my Plate?" as we make dry soup packages to keep participants warm and healthy throughout the winter season.



White Rock

Book Draw

Month of January

White Rock Public Library

Fraser Valley Regional Library will be holding a system-wide draw for books over the month of January 2018. Family Literacy Day theme this year is Play with your Food and each library will be giving away three books. *Eating the Alphabet: Fruits & Vegetables by Lois Ehlert *Green Eggs & Ham by Dr. Seuss *Canadian Living Healthy Family Meals

Windermere Valley

Edgewater Strong Start Program Family Literacy Day Celebration

Jan 22

Edgewater Elementary School

Parents and caregivers will receive packages containing some information and activities to do at home involving the theme of healthy eating. Each child attending the program receive a free book. There will be a circle time with a variety of activities using the #FLW2018 theme.

Invermere Strong Start Program Family Literacy Day Celebration

Jan 23

Elieen Madson Primary School

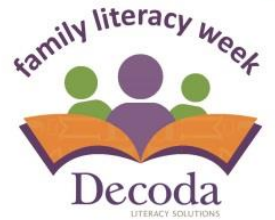
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Canal Flats Strong Start Program Family Literacy Day Celebration

Jan 25

Martin Morigeau Elementary School

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Woss

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