

Family Literacy Week 2017

Events held in British Columbia

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

Decoda Events:

Vancouver

Decoda Literacy, Vancouver Public Library (VPL) and Science World at TELUS World of Science have partnered to hold a Science, Art and Literacy Day on January 28th, 2017, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Families will be encouraged to engage in activities held in the science lab by VPL, and Decoda will have a family literacy activity table to engage families and show the importance of learning together through play.

Partner Organization Events (Alphabetical Order):

Abbotsford

Literacy Matters Abbotsford is holding their 6th annual Community Literacy Challenge, "Read What You Love." The event will run from January 29th to February 18th. Participants take the challenge by reading for 15 minutes each day, above what they already read. The challenge is open to readers of all ages.

The launch for this event will be a free pancake breakfast on January 28th hosted by Clearbrook Fire Hall at 32270 George Ferguson Way. The breakfast will run from 10:00am until noon.

The breakfast and the reading challenge participation last year was just under 400 people each. Literacy Matters Abbotsford partners with the Family Literacy Day event at Clearbrook Library providing information and activities - this event was attended by more than 1,000 people last year.

Arrow & Slocan Lakes

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy will host a community-wide, weeklong Unplug & Play themed event in Nakusp. Contact Lisa Bjarnason (lbjarnason@cbal.org) for information.

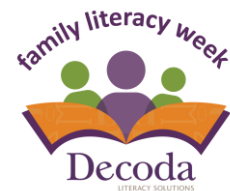
Ashcroft/Cache Creek/Spences Bridge

For Ashcroft, Cache Creek and Spences Bridge, the following events will be held:

January 23rd: Literacy "Survivor" at the Ashcroft HUB from 6:00-8:00pm.

January 24th: Make your own musical instruments with stories and games at the Cache Creek Community Hall from 5:30-7:30pm

January 25th: Games, badminton and crafts at the Cooks Ferry Indian Band office in Spences Bridge from 4:00-6:00pm



January 26th: Cache Creek Library is hosting a craft and story night.

January 27th: Musical instruments and stories from 3:30pm to 5:30pm - location TBA.

January 28th: The village of Ashcroft is hosting a free public skate from 2:30pm to 3:45pm at the Drylands arena.

There will be snacks and prizes at every event with a grand prize draw on Saturday.

Atlin

Atlin will be celebrating Family Literacy Week on Friday, January 27th at the local Teen Centre. Lit Now will be hosting an open house where they will display all of their events and activities from 2016 with photos and entertainment.

The violin group will play and encourage others to try out the violin. The Girls Book Club will have the books which they read on display and will be there to share their experiences with our community. The Community Aunties will have a slide show on display of their different events and activities as well as a sign up sheet for any girls or Aunties who would like to join.

A little wooden library will be on display for guests who would like to help the Lit Now group paint it as well as a sign up sheet for location suggestions. The elder storybooks which they wrote using the program "Storyjumper" will be on display.

This multifaceted event will take place Friday, Jan. 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Tea, coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Balfour and Kaslo

Mr. Mojo, a talented and entertaining children's performer, will be in Balfour at Redfish School on January 27 at 10:00am and in Kaslo at the Kaslo and District Public Library on January 28 at 4:00pm. There will be music, instrument making, singing and dancing.

Boundary

Friday January 27, 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

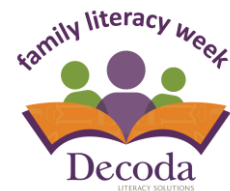
Join us at the Grand Forks and District Public Library for a day of musical fun starting with a Musical Story Time at 10:30 a.m. followed by a make your own shaker craft. Come back at 2 p.m. for a free family movie. Bring your shakers along at 4 p.m. to join in the musical stylings of international children's musician Mr. Mojo.

For more information contact Lizanne Eastwood at 250-442-3944 or Erin Perkins at 250-584-4449, eperkins@cbal.org.

Burns Lake

A Fam-Con Event will be held on January 25th, 11:00am-6:00pm at the Burns Lake Public Library. A children's author will visit; activities include prizes, costumes, swag, books, button making, crafts, etc. Once the participant has completed each activity area and received the various stamps in their book, they receive a free movie pass. special matinee at the local theatre

On January 28th, a special free matinee will be screened at the local theatre for families.



Campbell River

For Family Literacy Week (January 22nd to 28th in Campbell River), the City of Campbell River will hold free drop-in programs at the sportsplex: Sunday Funday, Family Badminton, Busy Bees, The Music in Me, Preschool Sports and Games, Little Scientists, Kid Zone, Girls Inc., Doughy Delights, and Yahoo.

In addition, there will be free family swims, a reading by an author in residence, free family gym, Rotarian read, a free Kerplunks concert, and literacy-related events held at the Vancouver Island Regional Library.

Chetwynd

The Chetwynd Public Library will hold a Family Games Night on January 27th, from 6:00-7:30pm. Participants are encouraged to bring their own board games or borrow ones that belong to the library. Giant Scrabble and Jenga board will be available to all participants.

Cowichan/Duncan

Jan. 25 - Palsson Elementary Family Literacy morning (Lake Cowichan), 9 Grosskleg Way, 68N N Shore Dr, Lake Cowichan, BC

Jan 27 - Bench and George Bonner for a Mother Goose circle in the morning (Bench First then off to George Bonner), Bench Elementary School, 1501 Cowichan Bay Rd, Cowichan Station, BC V0R 1N2 and George Bonner Middle School, 060 Cobble Hill Rd, Mill Bay, BC V0R 2P3

Here is the Family Literacy Day Schedule for participating schools. Events will be held on January 27.

Alexander Elem
Time: 10:30-11:30
Location StrongStart

Maple Bay
9:30-10:30
Library

Bench Elem
Time: 8:45-9:45
Location: Library

George Bonner
9-10
Library

Discovery Elem
Time: 1:00-2:00
Location: Library

Palsson
9:20-10:20
Gym

Drinkwater Elem
Time: 8:45 - 9:45
Location: Library

Tansor
8:45-9:45
Multipurpose room

Ecole Cobble Hill
Time: 1-2
Library

Crofton
10-11
Library

Comox Valley

January 24 - puppet show, storytime and book give away at the Cumberland branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library

January 25 - school visits and book give away Denman Island and Hornby Island community schools

January 26 - puppet show, storytime, and book give away at the Berwick Retirement Community in Comox

January 27 - puppet show, storytime, book give away and interactive tables feature 10 community service providers at the Courtenay branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library

Delta

Delta Literacy will be linking Family Literacy Week to Canada's 150th birthday. The community will be celebrating Family Literacy Week and BC Family Day by encouraging Delta students to write about their family history. Since the Monday after Family Literacy Week is a school pro-d day, the libraries will be set up to encourage families to come in and write their stories together. There will be templates and writing prompts around the rooms to assist students and their families, and staff will be available to assist. The writing project will run between Family Literacy Day (Jan 27) and BC Family Day (Feb 13).

Students will be encouraged to orally present their stories which would be recorded using the libraries' new Green Screen Equipment. A particular family artifact or family photos will be displayed on the green screen behind the student. The recordings will be available for view by the public during Heritage Week at the Delta Museum in April.

Dunster

On January 21st, a family music workshop will be held at the Dunster schoolhouse, designed for children 0 to 6 and their parents, grandparents and caregivers. Activities will include singing, dancing, movement, and learning about rhythm.

Gold River

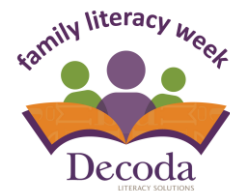
On Friday, January 27th (Professional Development Day), the Gold River Literacy Society is inviting parents and youth to participate in a story and art event based at the centre, on the works of Barbara Reid. Her illustrations are made entirely of plasticine. The organization feels that plasticine is a great medium for children to experience in a group setting and they will be reading her stories while parents engage with their children creating art of their own.

Hazelton

In Hazelton, two events will be held, in addition to launching a challenge for Family Literacy Week.

On Wednesday, January 25th, the Hazelton District Public Library will be hosting a Musical PJ Storytime for Parents and Children from 6:00-6:45pm. Local musicians will come to encourage children and families to sing along to some of their favourite story books and songs.

On Thursday, January 26th, from 2:30pm-5:30pm, The Learning Shop will be hosting a Musical Community Kitchen Night. Local musicians will be invited to bring their instruments and make music



with community participants and learners. The Learning Shop is located on Omineca Street in Old Hazelton.

The community literacy organization in Hazelton will also be kicking off the Cabin Fever Adult Reading Challenge. From January 25th until March 30th, participants can pick up the Cabin Fever Bingo Card, do their best to read as many types of books as they can to fill in their bingo card and bring the completed card down to either the Learning Shop or the Hazelton District Public Library to collect their prize and enter in for the Grand Prize to be drawn at the end of March.

Hope

Fraser Cascade Literacy will celebrate Family Literacy Day with the Hope community on January 27th from 11:00am to 1:00pm, at Family Place, 434 Wallace. The event, called Music and Movement, will feature a potluck, karaoke, piano and guitar playing, crafts, and storytelling.

Houston

Houston Link to Learning will be holding a free Family Literacy Brunch on Saturday Jan 28th from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Houston Community Hall.

Kamloops

Literacy in Kamloops is leading an Unplug and Play School Challenge. More than 5,000 students are already signed up to participate. Family Literacy Day will be celebrated on January 21st, from 9:00am-12:30pm at the Henry Grube Education Centre. As the Family Literacy Week schedule is comprehensive in Kamloops, access the detailed [event schedule here](#).

Kelowna

Project Literacy Kelowna is focusing on Unplug and Play Initiatives in celebration of Family Literacy Week.

The website for the events is www.unplugandplayweek.com. Most notably are the Unplug and Play Kick Off Event (January 21, 10-2pm at Laurel Packing House) and the Lenora Skenazy Free Range Kids Event (January 23, 7-9pm at the Rotary Centre for the Arts). There is also a photo contest for the week.

Kimberley

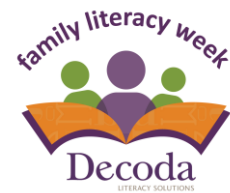
CBAL-Kimberley, Kimberley Community Literacy Planning Committee and the Kimberley Aquatics Centre are partnering to celebrate Family Literacy Week in Kimberley. This celebration will help bring awareness to the importance of literacy and the huge role that family plays in language and life learning.

What: On Family Literacy Week: (Jan 22-28) there will be a word / image mural in the aquatic centre foyer all week to encourage participation from all age groups attending sessions at pool.

Family Literacy Day: (Jan 28): Multipurpose room 2:30 - 4:30pm with 3 activity stations related to movement, water and healthy living. Free swim at the Kimberley Aquatic Centre from 4:00 - 5:00pm sponsored by Skookumchuk Mill.

Where: Kimberley Aquatic Centre

When: Main event - Saturday January 28th.



Lillooet

The Lillooet Area Library Association will hold a Baby Welcoming Celebration on January 25th. This is an event to celebrate all the babies that were born in 2016 in the Lillooet area. The event features a catered dinner, music, crafts and games, free family photos, door prizes and gifts, library tours, and the chance to meet with local service providers.

Maple Ridge

The Maple Ridge Family Literacy Day celebration will be held on January 28th, 11:00am-2:00pm. There are 15 community partners participating in 2017. In keeping with the Family Literacy Week theme of Tuning into Music, the Maple Ridge Public Library will lead educational activities, games, contests and prizes for all ages. Guest performers Team T&J and Showstoppers Academy will perform at 11:00am and noon, respectively.

Marpole (South Vancouver)

Marpole Literacy will be hosting an event for Family Literacy week at the Marpole Oakridge Family Place (8877 Selkirk Street, Vancouver) on Friday January 27 from 10 until 12.

The event is called "Everything in Marpole."

Families will learn about all educational, literacy, settlement, business and cultural resources in Marpole by participating in an activity using an interactive map, which includes all the new developments which have taken place in Marpole. Families will have an opportunity to add their own input to the map. Families will take away a full community guide to Marpole. The Literacy Outreach Coordinator will be available all morning to talk with families and hand out key literacy resources.

McBride

"Jump Down, Turn Around" A Family Music Workshop. January 21 10am - noon at the Dunster Schoolhouse for children 0-6 and their parents, grandparents, and caregivers.

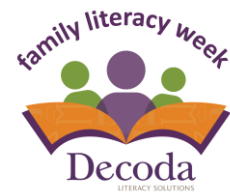
Soup and Buns to follow at the Dunster Hall

Merritt and Nicola Valley

Merritt and the Nicola Valley will be holding events between January 23rd and 27th such as:

Event: COME READ WITH ME
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017
Time: 5:30PM to 7PM
Place: Merritt Civic Centre
For: Grade one parents/caregivers and their grade one student
Cost: FREE
Register: Email literacymerritt@gmail.com or phone 250.378.7844 by Wednesday, January 18th
Free book, snack and fun with your grade one student. Parents learn ways to support their young reader at home.

Event: TECHNICAL LITERACY FOR SENIORS
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017
Time: 10AM to Noon
Place: Merritt Library



For: Senior students and volunteer tutors of all ages
Cost: FREE
Register: To register for this event, ongoing sessions, or to volunteer tutor, email literacymerritt@gmail.com or phone 250.378.7844
Volunteer tutors of all ages support Seniors as they delve deeper into their computers, notebooks, phones, e-readers and more. Ongoing sessions to follow this event.

Event: FAMILY LITERACY FUNFAIR
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017
Time: Funfair 3:30PM to 6:30PM
Parade from Civic Centre to Arena 6:30PM
Place: Merritt Civic Centre
For: Families
Cost: FREE (Accepting new or gently used books by donation for the Bright Red Bookshelves)

A free literacy themed funfair for families. Games, books, face painting, crafting, puppet show, storytelling and more. Soup and sandwiches by donation. Children 12 & under should be on the lookout for the Centennials mascot during the funfair to collect their free game ticket. At 6:30PM the mascot & friends will lead a parade to the arena for game night.

Mission

On January 28th, from 11:00am-3:00pm, Mission Literacy in Motion, together with many community partners, will be hosting the 15th Annual Riot of Reading event at Ecole Mission Central. The purpose of this event continues to be the celebration of Literacy Week in Canada.

The event is diverse: a story telling MC, a Magician with a literacy-based magic act, the entire crowd learning Zumba (physical literacy), Bhangra Dancing, First Nations traditional opening ceremony and an opportunity to learn words and names through a language table. In addition, the gym is filled with display tables of all things literacy in the community from the Fraser Valley Regional Library, School District Librarians, to local children's programs, free books, outreach information and genealogy. Two mascots in costume will be present to engage with the crowd, as well as a clown tying balloon animals of choice and face painting.

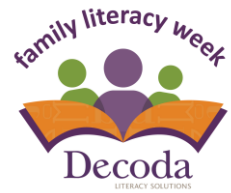
The entire event is free to the public and the entire community is invited. Free coffee, pizza, and cake will be provided.

Nakusp

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy will be holding an Unplug and Play Challenge to reduce screen time for families from January 23rd until January 27th. This event will be similar to the event described under "Salmon Arm/Shuswap."

Nelson

The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy is holding a 'Book-nic' at the Nelson Public Library Friday, January 27th, 3:30-5pm.



New Westminster

The New Westminster Public Library is celebrating Family Literacy Week with a Family Literacy Night. This year's theme is Listen! Make! Move!

The organization will have a short music and storytelling program followed by several drop-in activities for children of all ages. Location: New Westminster Public Library Main Branch - 716 6th Avenue Monday, January 23, 6:00-7:30pm.

North and West Vancouver/Whistler

The Literacy Outreach Coordinator for Whistler will be holding a Team Trivia Challenge event for families, held in support of awareness of the benefits of family learning and to raise additional funds for local literacy programs. Details TBA.

Okanagan-Similkameen

On January 28th, from 10:00am-3:00pm, Literacy Now Okanagan will be holding an Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week event at the Cherry Lane Shopping Centre in Penticton. There will be storytelling, face painting, a bouncy castle, balloon animal making, and a book for each child will be given as a gift. In addition to this event, all elementary school students in Penticton will be participating in a week long Family Literacy pledge (January 22-27th where they can win prizes.

Parksville

On Friday, January 27th, the Parksville branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library and Oceanside Building Learning Together are partnering together to hold an intergenerational "Conversation Café and Live Survey" event on Community Literacy. This process is based on Roger Hart's work and on Heart-Mind Wellness. This event will take place at Family Place in Parksville in the evening. This first event is invitation only and will be attended by about 30 participants.

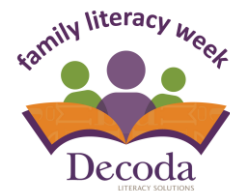
The goal is to have children aged 6 and up as well as adults and seniors with all kinds of backgrounds come together to share stories via a survey about how they experience the local community using the lens of Heart Mind Wellness (getting along with others, feeling calm and secure, etc.). The elders of the community will share how they experienced neighborhood/community when they were young and then will compare stories with other attendees. Each small group of about six people will be witnessed and recorded by "listeners" who are leaders such as municipal council members, indigenous community members, etc.

Port Alberni

Literacy Alberni will be distributing free new books acquired through FirstBook Canada marketplace for early years (0-6) age ranges, providing access to printed copies of the Decoda resources, having interactive learning games and crafts, and celebrating literacy and development with community partners. The date of the Family Literacy Day event is January 28th, event time 10:00am-12:00pm at the Alberni Valley Early Years Centre (3500 Argyle Street, EJ Dunn School).

Powell River

Powell River will be holding Family Literacy Day later - on February 10th - to coincide with the local Professional Development Day and Family Day long weekend. Held at the recreation complex and called Tales on Ice from 1:00-2:30pm, the free event will focus on learning within the arena change



rooms. Activities include interviewing city council members, singing educational songs, name this gear contest, interviews with Kings players plus the Zamboni man, etc.

Quadra Island

On January 23rd, all Quadra Elementary students and children from the Quadra Children's Centre will be bused to a Family Literacy Day event at the Credit Union Showcase. Free books will be circulated to attendees who are between toddler age and Grade 1, and literacy resources will be provided to the Grades 3-5 classes. Artwork created by the students will be showcased in early February.

Revelstoke

The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy will be hosting its annual Giggle, Sing and Swim event (songs and rhymes at the pool). This year's Family Night Out event will be Dinner with a Dino including pasta dinner, family activities, our family trivia challenge, and Storytime provided by the library.

Giggle, Sing & Swim - Revelstoke Aquatic Centre, January 25

Dinner with a Dino - Begbie View Elementary and Revelstoke Early Years Centre, January 26

Contact: revelstokecoordinator@cbal.org or 250-805-2305

Salmon Arm/Shuswap

The Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap will be holding an Unplug and Play Challenge to reduce screen time for families. The organization will hold events such as bowling, theatre games, swimming, a magic show, and more free events. More information for each event, and a detailed schedule, can be found at www.shuswapliteracy.ca.

Sechelt

The Sechelt community will be participating in two events for Family Literacy Week, held on January 20th and 25th. More detailed information about both events can be found at this URL: <http://www.sunshinecoastliteracy.org/family-literacy-week.html>

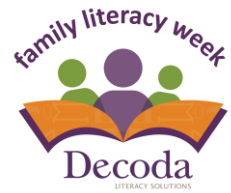
Sidney/North Saanich

From January 27th to 30th, various events will be held at the Sidney/North Saanich Library. On January 28th, from 10:00am-12:00pm, a Books for Breakfast event will be held with stories, songs, puppets, a breakfast snack, and a take-home book for each participant (aged 0-6). On January 30th, to mark the local Pro-D day, a Make Your Own Book event will be held between 10:30am-12:00pm. At the event, activity stations will feature weaving, StoryWalk, LEGO/puzzles, making musical instruments and more.

Slocan Valley

Family Literacy Week in the Slocan Valley will be celebrated with a special free event on Saturday, January 28th from 1:30 -3:00 at Passmore Hall. Join us for Tune Into Music: Listen! Make! Move! We'll make instruments, dance, sing and have musical fun. All ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

StrongStart celebrates Family Literacy Week with information, activities and book draws:



WE Graham Community School StrongStart
Monday, January 23rd from 9:00 - noon

Winlaw School StrongStart
Wednesday, January 25th from 9:00 - noon

Smithers

Community Learning in Smithers has these events planned:

Tuesday, Jan 24-Ground 2 Griddle Community Kitchen Open House

Wednesday, Jan 25-" Breakfast & Books & Music "at Walnut Park Elementary and Pre-school Music Literacy "Ukes & Tykes" on Wednesday afternoon

Thursday, Jan 26 is our "Legendary Literacy Luncheon" held in partnership with Northwest Community College

Sunshine Coast

The Whale's Back Shadow Puppet Show

Mind of a Snail Puppet Co.

Friday, January 20, 2017

Roberts Creek Hall

4:00 to 5:00 pm

Doors open 3:30 pm

Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Heritage Playhouse, 662 North Road, Gibsons

7:00 to 8:30 pm

Doors open 6:30 pm

Surrey

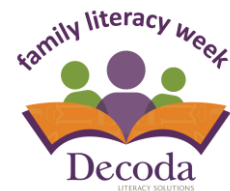
READ Surrey/White Rock Society, in partnership with Surrey Libraries, will host a free family event to celebrate Family Literacy Day at the Centre Court of Guildford Town Centre, January 21st, 11:00am-2:00pm. The event will feature entertainer Tony Prophet, a special performance by The Purple Pirate, storytelling magic by Silly Suzie, Walter and Jazzy Mascots, and face-painting and other family activities.

Tri-Cities (Metro Vancouver)

On January 25th, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Tri-Cities Literacy will be holding a Family Learn and Play event at the Coquitlam Centre mall. Participants will be learning through play and imagination through math, stories, songs, arts and more.

Family Games for Literacy

On January 26 from 3:45 to 4:45 Board games a giant word search puzzle at the City Centre Branch of Coquitlam Public Library. Kids and parents are welcome. Just drop in and join us. The games will be in Rooms 136 and 137.



Valemount

In Valemount, Family Literacy Week kicks off with two great new programs: Tuesdays at the Valemount Public Library from 10am to 12, Telling Our Life Stories- Writing Workshops, and Thursdays at Kinnickinnickers from 10am to 12, ESL Café Drop In- Informal meetings for new community.

Vanderhoof

Family Literacy Information Session

An information session that will focus on the importance of early literacy and language development and the role it plays in how children learn to navigate the world around them.

3 guest speakers 20-30 min

- 1) Speech and language pathologist
- 2) Infant Development Program Consultant
- 3) Library program coordinator

coffee/cake and door prizes

Date: Thursday January 26, 2017
Time 7-9pm
Where: Vanderhoof Public Library

Open to Parents, caregivers, child care workers, community members

Vernon

Junction Literacy Centre (Teen Junction Youth Centre) has a family literacy workshop planned for services providers. The local library in Vernon has a line-up of events which will be on their website. Exact details TBA.

Westshore

January 28: The Westshore Family Learning Tour is a fun interactive event for families.

Location: Juan De Fuca Rec Centre, Westhills YMCA, Royal Conservatory of Music, Langford/Colwood Trolley

Trolley Rides: 10:30 a.m. :Langford Heritage Library Branch

11:30 a.m.: Goudy Library Branch

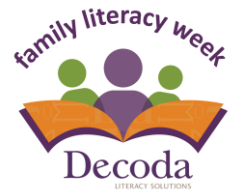
Story Walks: JDF Recreation Centre 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Animal Crafts: Kids Cottage JDF Centre 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Blackberry Painting: Royal Bay Secondary School 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Physical Literacy: Westhills YMCA 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Musical Literacy: Westhills Victoria Conservatory of Music 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.



Williams Lake/100 Mile House

The community of Williams Lake will hold a Winter Wellness Event at Bull Mountain on January 21st, to encourage families to engage in activities together. Based on the idea that children who are exposed to more opportunities to participate in meaningful activities with the family are less likely to engage in drug use and problematic behavior, this event will involve skiing, swimming, and eating locally-produced meals.

January 10 - Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy presents to the City of Williams Lake council asking them to proclaim Family Literacy Week for the community.

January 24 - Puppet Play and music at the Williams Lake Library from 10:45-11:30.

January 22-29 - Family Literacy Display at the library

January 26 - The Moose is Loose in Williams Lake. Sir-Read-A-Lot is the CCPL Mascot. He'll be wandering the streets of Williams Lake promoting family literacy, the work of CCPL, and making surprise visits.

January 29 - Family Fest in the Gibraltar Room at the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex, 10-2. Annual free Family Literacy Event that wraps up Family Literacy Week.

At the same time, StrongStart Centres are focusing on the importance of rhyme. Children love to play, and when they play with words, and the smaller sounds in words, they are developing an early literacy skill called phonological awareness. Recognizing when words rhyme and hearing the beginning sounds of words are parts of this skill set. Attendees at the centres will be playing rhyming games and activities, reading rhyming stories and singing lots of rhymes and songs.